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PETITION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S SECTION OF ONE KAMERUN,
MODEKA BRANCH, CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION
(T/PET.4/189)

Observations of the Government of the United Kingdom
as Administering Authority

1. Registration clerks were appointed by the Electoral Officers from among persons who were known to have the necessary qualifications for the work. No account was taken of their political affiliations, nor were these inquired into, though persons who were known to be politically active were not appointed. The majority of registration clerks were Cameroonians but in a few instances, where there were large numbers of non-Cameroonians resident, persons of Nigerian descent but resident in the Southern Cameroons, were appointed. The clerk in the Misselele registration district was one of these.
2. There were one or two instances in Victoria Division where applications to register were unexpectedly heavy and the supply of application forms ran out, with the result that registration had to be suspended for a short time while further supplies of forms were sent for. The Electoral Officer received no complaints that anyone who wished to register had been unable to do so for this reason.
3. In the course of registration a complaint was received that the registration clerk at Modeka was refusing to register certain French Cameroonians. This complaint was immediately investigated on the spot by the Electoral Officer who found no instance where a claim for registration had been wrongly rejected. Of the person named in the petition, Cecilia Bernard appears on the voters roll. There is no record that any of the others ever applied for registration.
