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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
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NO. 9268. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS FOR THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE STAFFING, ADMINISTRATION AND TRAINING OF THE POLICE FORCES OF MAURITIUS. PORT LOUIS, 12 MARCH 1958

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The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Port Louis to the Prime Minister of Mauritius

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION

Mauritius, 12th March 1968

My dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the request of the Government of Mauritius made in accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement on Mutual Defence and Assistance signed at Port Louis on 12th March, 1968,² for the provision by the Government of the United Kingdom of assistance or advice in connection with the staffing, administration and training of the police forces of Mauritius and to propose the following arrangements regarding the manner and extent upon which such assistance shall be provided.

The armed forces of the United Kingdom stationed in Mauritius in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement on Mutual Defence and Assistance may include a detachment of volunteers from those forces (to be known as "The British Detachment") under the command of a British Officer who will be responsible to the Government of the United Kingdom through his service superiors for the command, discipline, efficiency and administration of the British Detachment. The duties of the British Detachment will be, to the extent of the establishment and equipment available to them, to render such assistance to the authorities of Mauritius in commanding, assisting, training and developing the police forces of Mauritius as may be agreed between the British authorities and the authorities of Mauritius. They shall carry out these duties in co-operation with the authorities of Mauritius. Members of the British Detachment will be selected as individuals, having regard to the requirement of the Mauritius authorities and may, where agreed between the British authorities and the authorities of Mauritius, serve in executive capacities in such police forces. The Government of the

¹ Came into force on 12 March 1968, by the exchange of the said letters.

² See p. 3 of this volume.

United Kingdom may withdraw the services of all or any members of the British Detachment after consultation with the Government of Mauritius. Members of the British Detachment shall remain for all purposes members of the armed forces of the United Kingdom and under United Kingdom command and shall accordingly not be subject to any disciplinary or other regulations applicable to such police forces nor to the jurisdiction of any authority, court or tribunal deriving its constitutional power under such regulations.

In its application to members of the British Detachment the Annex to the Agreement on Mutual Defence and Assistance paragraph 4 shall be amended as follows:

Sub-paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) (c), (5) (b), (6) and (7) shall not apply to members of the British Detachment and the following shall be substituted for paragraph 4 (1)—

“4 (1) (a) The British Armed Service Authorities shall have the right to exercise in Mauritius all criminal and disciplinary jurisdiction conferred on them by the law of the United Kingdom over members of the British Detachment under the Service Law of the United Kingdom:

(b) the Courts of Mauritius shall not exercise any criminal jurisdiction over members of the British Detachment.”

The cost of meeting claims arising out of acts or omissions of members of the British Detachment done or omitted in the course of their service as such shall be borne by the Government of Mauritius and accordingly the following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (2) if paragraph 5 of the Annex to the Agreement on Mutual Defence and Assistance in the application of that Agreement to members of the British Detachment—

“(2) The Government of Mauritius will keep the Government of the United Kingdom its authorities and persons in its service including members of the British Detachment indemnified against all claims in respect of the activities of members of the British Detachment or the acts or omissions of such members and all such claims will be investigated and settled by the Government of Mauritius except in the case of claims made in the United Kingdom which shall be dealt with by the Government of the United Kingdom and shall in all cases be settled or otherwise disposed of at the cost of the Government of Mauritius.”

In all other respects the provision of the said Annex shall apply to members of the British Detachment and their dependants.

The apportionment of the cost of the provision of the British Detachment or the contribution thereto as between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Mauritius shall be as mutually arranged between them from time to time while these arrangements remain in force.

The provisions regarding the terms of service of members of the British Detachment shall be those set out in the Appendix to this letter.

I have the honour to propose that if these arrangements are acceptable to the Government of Mauritius this Letter together with your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall be deemed to enter into force on 12th March, 1968, and shall continue in force until determined by the giving by either Government to the other Government of written notice of