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PERMANENT MANDATES COMMISSION

Geneva, September 26th, 1932.

IRAQ

Letter, dated September 21st, 1932, from the Government of the United Kingdom (I) transmitting a petition (II) submitted by Bishop Yuwalaha and other Assyrians to the Prime Minister of Iraq for transmission to the Secretariat of the League of Nations, together with a memorandum (III) containing the observations of the Government of the United Kingdom thereon (1)

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I.

To the Secretary General.

London, September 21st, 1932.

With reference to Foreign Office Letter No. E 4531/23/93 of September 8th, relative to a petition dated June 17th last from certain Assyrian leaders in Iraq, I am directed by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you herewith the original, and a translation, of a petition submitted by Bishop Yuwalaha and other Assyrians, together with thirty copies of a memorandum containing the observations thereon of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to communicate these documents to the Permanent Mandates Commission.

(Signed) G.W. Rendel.

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(1) Only thirty copies of the memorandum (No. III) were received by the Secretariat.

Translation of Petition addressed to His Excellency Nuri Pashi, the Prime Minister of Iraq, for transmission to the Secretariat of the League of Nations through His Excellency the High Commissioner for Iraq.

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As Mar Shamun and certain Assyrians who do not represent the Assyrian Community are seeking nothing but personal advantages in the name of that Community, we represent the following in order to reveal the truth and true facts: We the Assyrians in Iraq both refugees and original inhabitants are very grateful to the Iraqi Government and admit her kindness towards us. She has assisted us very much in our settlement and in employing us in Government appointments in medical treatment and exemption from taxes and similar privileges. Now we are living under her justice in complete peace, prosperity, safety and tranquility, nor is there any difference between us and our Iraqi brothers, and the guarantees concerning minorities which the Iraqi Government has furnished to the respected League of Nations are sufficient to safeguard our rights. In view of these our statements the demands of Mar Shamun have therefore no value as we do not consider them because they are based on unsound principles and founded on his personal aims and wishes as they have not been made at the request of the Assyrians. He made these demands for his own benefit and those of his relatives and friends. He is moreover an ecclesiastic having neither connection with other affairs nor any right to dispose at will of the destinies of the Assyrians. He only represents a small number of his relatives and his own family and we represent the communities and people mentioned against our respective signatures. We submit this document and request that Mar Shamun's demands should not be taken into consideration and that we be permitted to live in peace and tranquility under the Iraqi flag.

Signatories

Bishop Yuwalala of Barwari Bala, etc.  
Iskharis Georges representing 30 families of Barwari Bala  
Darwish Daoud representing 20 families  
Yaqoo Shino representing 20 families  
Shlimun Shlimun representing 25 families  
Yokhanan Odish representing 20 families  
Madmo Odish representing 20 families  
Tawar Israel representing 15 families  
Shlimun Yaqu representing 40 families  
Marbina Kanji representing 30 families  
Chawshino Adam representing 100 families Tiari Sher Lizan  
Rais Khoyo representing 300 families Ashut  
Mirza Gilyana representing 35 families of Barwara Bala  
Jaji Eshu representing 20 families  
Saia Hanna representing 20 families  
Esha Oraham representing 15 families  
Slaiman Georgis representing 14 families  
Khamis Shammoo representing 10 families  
Keine Oraham representing 25 families  
Zaia Aziz representing 15 families  
Lazar Hakko representing 10 families  
Zaia Homa representing 10 families  
Yekhanna Yusif representing 15 families  
Shabi Eshaya representing 30 families  
Tiyari Jajjo Dinkha representing 50 families  
Kasran Horez Shammun representing 15 families  
Daoud Shiba representing 17 families  
Yukhannis Mannoo representing 8 families  
Kannoo Bakkoo representing 16 families  
Georgie Daniel representing 54 families Kaaran  
Tooma Yusif representing 17 families  
Sada Shmoel representing 60 families  
Khoshaba Shamoon representing 22 families  
Yusif Enwia representing 87 families  
Khoshaba Yokhanna representing 52 families  
Khamro Anto representing 16 families  
Nissan Polis representing 14 families  
Mooshi Enwia representing 30 families  
Ashut Barcham Warda representing 16 families  
Sliwo Mirza representing 12 families  
Khoshaba Warda representing 32 families  
Mushi Haido representing 17 families  
Hommi Mushi representing 36 families  
Goriel Zomala representing 8 families  
Lazar Goro representing 7 families  
Toma Marogil representing 12 families  
Daoud Zaia representing 24 families  
Kako Narsi representing 30 families  
Yaqu Yusif representing 40 families of Nerwa  
Rais Shmoel representing 40 families Sapna  
Rais Oraham representing 16 families Nerwa  
Gilyana Mirza representing 50 families Nerwa  
Rais Yokhanna Dargeni representing 40 families Nahla  
Sultan Eshu Gawani representing 12 families  
Rais Khoshaba Rowil representing 40 families  
Deri Malik Mazud Lawand representing 200 families Beni Gippa  
Rais Benjamin Cholo representing 70 families Beni Gippa  
Zaia Malik Nimrud of Jilo representing 400 families.

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