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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

I thank you for your letter of 24th December, which I found awaiting me on my return from Cochin.

I discussed your letter with Mr Kellman yesterday. He has already written to you in the matter. I personally do not expect that the English Rabbinate could help us much. It would definitely be an important matter, if Rabbi Silas came on behalf of the English Rabbinate. I am sure he would be able to achieve much.

I have not written to Rabbi Silas as yet. I am thinking about it. Though you feel, that financial matters may be best left for last in this case, but the point is what can I offer him. If the Fort Synagogue had the money, I would not hesitate. The present Hazan is drawing Rs 320/- and there has been a deficit in the last two years. Notwithstanding that I have suggested Rs 800/- and I do not see how to raise the figure. Rs 800/- at the commencement may possibly be Rs 1000/- after sometime, but this will not help as it seems, he need Rs 1800/- to maintain his position.

I shall be glad to hear of Haham Gaon's feeling in the matter, and your meeting with the Overseas Commission of the U.O.J.C.A.

In the meantime, if we decide on anything new, I shall write and tell you.

With our warm regards and all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Shmuel