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has Robert

Mr. Wm. L. Wainwright  
Lafayette, Pa.

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SECRET.

*From General Sir H. Smith-Dorrien to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.*

(No. S.D. 1088.)

1st February, 1916, 10.15 p.m.

The enemy has evacuated Kasigau.

East Africa Prot.  
~~NYASALAND PROT.~~

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*Handwritten signature*

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Gov.  
 5008 S

German East Africa.

In view of tel. from C. i. C. India (copy  
 enclosed) the A. C. see no objection to  
 the employment of the 130 in Baluchistan  
 46<sup>th</sup> P. in P. Africa they have tel<sup>d</sup> to  
 G. O. accordingly

Mr. B. B. B. B.  
 Mr. B. B. B.

Sir G. F. F. F.

We can only leave this  
 to the War Office.

? We sh<sup>d</sup> telegraph to  
 Gov. in reply to his tel<sup>r</sup>  
 in 5008 explaining the  
 position and send copy  
 of tel. to W. O. (C.F.)

E. F. 4/2/15

(The tel. for cons. submitted to save time)

There are no signs to prove that they are not  
 numerous or dangerous like their cons. There  
 they could be easily employed as that they may  
 prove their loyalty. It is for Genl. D. D. D.  
 decide this with the usual W. O. objection

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W. O.

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at present

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And to be plain to the public

Mr. 4. 15

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SECRET

Any further communication on this  
subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary

War Office,

London, S.W.

and the following number quoted

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War Office,  
London, S.W.

121/4127 (M.O.1)

3rd February, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 5008/Secret dated 2nd February, 1915, I am commanded by the Army Council to forward for the information of Mr. Secretary Hareourt copies of the telegraphic correspondence which has passed between the Commander-in-Chief in India and the War Office on the subject of the 130th Baluchis and the 46th Punjabis.

I am to acquaint you that in view of the Commander-in-Chief in India's telegram No. S.2297, the Council see no objection to the employment of these troops in East Africa, and that they have telegraphed to this effect to General Wapshare.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*H. P. Kelly*  
For the Secretary

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
LONDON, S.W.

C O P Y.

SECRET.

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From War Office.

To G-in-C., India.

31st January 1915.  
(11.50 a.m.)

No. 2925 cipher. M.O.161.

We have received the following message from  
Major-General Wapshare:-

"I have received from the C.G.S. telegram No. S.1975 with reference to 130th. Baluchis. I wish to point out that there is a large Mahomedan and Arabic community already in British East Africa. All the enemy native troops are Mussulmans as are a considerable part of the force in the country, especially the K.A.R., and to introduce disaffected and apparently half mutinous regiment into the protectorate will not only fail to strengthen me in any way, but will, on the contrary, add very much to my difficulties. I most strongly recommend that neither the 130th. nor the 46th. should be allowed to land in British East Africa."

M.O.1(d).  
3.2.15.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

SECRET.

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From War Office.

To C-in-C., India.

No. 1665 1st. February Please send early any remarks regarding my 2925 cypher of 31st January.

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M.O.1(d).  
3.2.15.



COPY OF TELEGRAM.

SECRET.

From C-in-C., India.

To War Office.

2nd. February 1915.  
(6.10 p.m.).

S.2297

Reference your 201 of January 30th regarding the 130th.

Baluchis. It seems that you misunderstand the position. The Mahand element which was involved in the murder of Major Anderson and the men who were guilty of mutinous conduct at Rangoon have been altogether eliminated. About four-fifths of the men are Punjab Mahometans and the rest are Pathans, both unconnected with either of these affairs and perfectly loyal so far as is known.

As regards the double company of the 46th Pathans, from most regiments there have been numerous desertions, and we have no reason to believe that this double company is anything but loyal.

As now constituted the 130th contains excellent fighting material and should give you very good service indeed. It is considered by the C-in-C. very essential that they should be disembarked and actively employed as soon as possible. From every point of view it will be harmful politically if this is not done.

Addressed to General Wapshare, repeated to War Office.

M.O.1(d).  
3.2.15.

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John cypher tel.

February 13th

Please refer to telu

No 5. 1297 of 2 Feb.

of Maitland of the same

from C. in C. 2. 3. 2.

to General Wapshare

who have decided

that in line

set for the troops

should be distributed

employed as intended.

DRAFT Tel. cypher

Governor Nairn

MINUTE.

Mr. 4/2/15

Mr. Robertson 4. 2. 15

Mr. Reid 4

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X Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. J. J.

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East Afr. Post.

Zanzibar

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W.O. 2491

(occupation of Mafia)

German East Africa Mafia Island

Administration of Mafia Island

28/10/25? for Secret Cupboard  
(not put by me etc)

Mr. Bellamy Mr. J. Anderson  
~~Mr. Bellamy~~

It seems to me that the currency question may be regarded as quite <sup>separate</sup> ~~distinct~~ from that of administering Mafia from Zanzibar. Genl. Wapshare calmly suggests that the Zanzibar Govt. w<sup>d</sup> deal with the currency question, but, of course, the Zanzibar Govt. wouldn't know at all what to do unless we told them.

(1) Currency. The W. African pp. (below) about the exchange of the mark are very interesting and help a good deal in setting out the essential considerations. But the question of German annexation differs from the

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W.O.

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Tel. to Gov. 20. Feb 9.  
Copy for. from O/A Feb 10.

German East Africa and is not,  
like the mark, legal tender in  
Germany. The latter mark therefore  
be confined to German E. Africa  
in any case; the German paper  
will not flow back to Germany  
and I do not think it can be  
said that if we keep the exchange  
value of the German paper at its  
normal rate, we shall be bolstering  
up the credit of the Govt. of Germany  
though we may be bolstering up  
the credit of the Govt. of German E.  
Africa. Now it is hoped that  
we shall eventually take over German  
E. Africa and if we do this, we shall  
succed to the obligations as well  
as to the assets of the present  
German Govt. It seems to me that  
if we depreciate the value of the  
German paper, we shall be laying  
up trouble for ourselves in the  
future. When we get the country  
we shall also get the available German  
coin with it, and as I presume,  
we shall not be able to make the

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Imperial Govt. (who will have to  
German East Africa) take it back  
at its face value, we shall have  
to keep it ourselves. We should  
therefore try to keep ~~the~~ its value  
at ~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> normal level for as long as possible.  
It may be objected that by  
maintaining the exchange value of  
the paper at its normal level although  
we shall be assisting the  
Germans in German East Africa.  
But I doubt whether this is  
really so. It seems to me that  
these people comprised fully two  
wholes of E. Africa whatever the  
decide in Africa will hardly  
affect them. Moreover, I assume  
that there is no communication  
between Africa and the mainland.

? Cannot be helped by explain-  
ing, explaining explaining the position  
as we see it, and asking whether  
the paper mark the value of the German  
paper should be maintained at normal exchange

value - (W.B. the German paper is from 2 1/2% to 3% less in value than the British paper)

(2) Administration - Zanzibar is

about 30 miles long and as large as Pemba. It has been in military occupation but if the 2000 troops for civil administration were sent no reason to object.

Two administrative officers appear to be able to run it easily.

I doubt whether even men for 4000 from Zanzibar would not overtake it but I would send a couple of men either from Zanzibar or from E.A.D. if the time is fit. I presume they will maintain some military garrison on the island.

Edin 5/2/15

I send this on at once. I think we ought to get Sir H. Balfour's views on both points before making up our minds. He as a politician could only be expected to German paper by receiving it in direct exchange.

I don't suppose the management of the three is better than office!

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for especially important local revenue changes -  
which at a perhaps a little early to set up. In the case we should attract all the German paper, which one does in Zanzibar or could more from other sources. The British such as in Zanzibar, we should have to lay out some £15,000 a India paper and have an ultimate loss in changing the coin home & converting it into, say, one of the ordinary notes, unless in the end of things we permanently reconvert the German paper into A. paper.

Edin 6/2/15

H. J. R.  
Edin 7/15

we must be prepared to make a difficulty but to make a legal tender would facilitate buying for goods and what we had better do is to take over the stock of gold Indian Rupees or E.A. notes in exchange. I think a special issue of E.A. but Rupee notes would meet the difficulty if considered desirable. They could be redeemed later. Suggest this by telegraphing as proposed to Sir H. Balfour.

Edin 6.2.15

Lord. Shapton (any case later)  
L. Harcourt

As proposed by Sir J. Anderson  
Edin 6.2.15

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subject should be addressed to

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted

0165/6765. (M.O.D.)

War Office,  
London, S.W.

February 1915.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward to you  
a copy of a telegram received from Major-General Wapshare,  
Commanding the Troops in British East Africa.

I am to say that the Council concur in the suggestion  
contained therein that arrangements should be made as early  
as possible for the Civil Administration of Mafia Island, and  
that you should be made acquainted with the views  
of Mr. Secretary Harcourt on the subject.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*K. B. White*

Under Secretary of State for  
the Colonies,

Colonial Office.

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Copy of a telegram dated 3rd February 1915, from General  
Wapshare to War Office. -----

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No. 216/A/3 of 3rd February. Lieut-Colonel Mackay report from  
Mafia that Indian merchant refuse absolutely to trade with  
German money. This means practical cessation of all trade.  
Estimated that there are two lakhs rupees German money in  
circulation in the Island. Island is at present under military  
occupation. Would suggest that it should be civilly administered  
by Zanzibar who could then deal with the question which I am  
unable to do. Matter is urgent.



5878 S

La P.

Jaup'bar.

10.45 am  
Rm 11110

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February 9

Please refer to S. O. C. S

telegram No 216 A.S

of 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. to wa

Office on subject of

administration of Mafia

and position of German

interests as regards

former point I presume

that some military

garrison will be

maintained on the

island and that

two administrative

officers (who should

be sufficient for the

DRAFT. Cypher telegram

Governor Nairobi

MINUTE.

Mr. S. L. 8/2/5

Mr. Bottomley 8/2/5

Mr. Read 8

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

X Lord Selkirk. 8 at once

Mr. Harcourt.

Copied to Mr. (R) at



purpose) could be  
sent by the bank  
Sanction in S.A.P.  
Question of currency is  
a difficult one but I  
incline to view that  
to make German notes  
legal tender w<sup>d</sup> facilitate  
buying for S.P.A. and  
in India  
that, best course, would  
be to take over the  
existing stock and to  
give Indian notes or  
S. African notes in exchange  
Special issue of S. African  
notes one rupee notes might  
meet the difficulty & if  
considered desirable such  
notes might be redeemed  
later.

Telegraph news on  
both points as soon as  
possible. Transmitted.

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A. L. W. Ritch

States reasons for deportation - as  
reasons appear rather cruel than  
military he would be glad to leave  
make in hands of C.O.

Dr. B. B. B.  
Dr. F. F. F.

2 p.m. R. that [the W.O.  
state that the grounds on which the  
order of deportation was based appear to be  
settled with the military & that they  
therefore leave the matter in the hands of  
the S. of S. for the future - & that  
that case.] he must await the report  
which the S. of S. are preparing to  
22<sup>nd</sup> of Jan? 1915

H. J. R.  
2/2/15

I will say any more to this R. until he  
tackles the subject in the afternoon

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W. O.  
2/2/15