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3 Feb. rec'd 20 p.m.
Last previous Paper. W.O. 53065

German East Africa

Telegraphic correspondence re
operations.

Mr. Battenby Dr. G. Fisher
Mr. Ross

This message to main Army &
the Legation by -

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

(No. S.D. 1088.)

The enemy has evacuated Kangau.

1st February, 1916, 10.15 p.m.

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Last previous Paper. Gov. 5008 S	

German East Africa.

In view of tel. from C. in C. India (copy enclosed) the A.C. see no objection to the employment of the 180th Baluchi & 46th Punjabis in E. Africa. They have tel'd to G.O.C. accordingly

Mr. Battenberg
Mr. Head, Sir G. Forder

We can only leave this
to the War Office.

? Loo shd. telegraph to
Gov. in copy to his tel'd.
in 5008 explaining the
position and send copy
of tel. to Loo. (cf)

Open 4/4/15

(The tel. for copy, intended to save time.)

Now as we expect to find that they are not
natives or devotees like their comrades, these
they should be entirely employed so that they may
prove their loyalty. It is for General Wetherburn
to decide this with the usual W.D. suggestion.

Next subsequent Paper
W.O.

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All further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

121/4127 (M.O.1)

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War Office,
London, S.W.

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 Maredurft 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. 8.2297, the Council sent instructions to the employment of these troops in South Africa, and that they have telegraphed to this effect to General Wapshae.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. H. Pease
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. Ma.O.161.

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

"I have received from the C.G.S. telegram No. S.1976 with reference to 130th. Maluchis. 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."

Ma.O.1(d)
S.2.15.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

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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.

M.O.1(d).

3.2.15.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

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From C-in-C., India.

To War Office.

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

S.2297

Reference your 201 of January 30th regarding the 130th. Malochin. It seems that you misunderstand the position. The Mahud 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 Wapshere, repeated to War Office.

M.O.1(d).

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to General Wapstone

we have decided

that in view

set forth above

should be discontinued

temporarily as intended

DRAFT Tel. cipher

Governor Nairobi

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10/2/16

Mr. Postmaster 4.2.16

Mr. Head 4

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✓ Sir G. Fiddes.

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German East Africa. Mafia Island.

Administration of Mafia Island.

28/10/25? In Secret Cupboard
(not put by me M.E.A.)

Mr. Biddlesey Mr. J. Anderson
Mr. Read

It seems to me that the currency question may be regarded as separate from that of administering Mafia from Zanzibar. Genl. Wapshere calmly suggests that the Zanzibar Govt. would deal with the currency question, but, of course, the Zanzibar Govt. wouldn't know at all what to do unless we told them.

Currency. The W. African pp. (below)

about the exchange of the mafias are very interesting and help a good deal in setting out the essential considerations. But the question of German mafias differs from the

German East Africa and is not like the mark, legal tender in Germany. The German mark therefore be confined to German E. Africa in any case; the German rupee will not flow back to Germany and if we do let them it can be said that if we keep the exchange value of the German rupee 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 succeed to the obligations as well as to the assets of the present local Govt. It seems to me that if we depreciate the value of the German rupee, we shall be laying up trouble for ourselves in the future. When we got the country we shall also get the available German coin with it, and as I presume, we shall not be able to make the

Special Part: (who will have to 437
German East Africa) take it back at its place value, we shall have to keep it convertible. We should therefore try to keep its value at a minimum for as possible. It may be objected that by maintaining the exchange value of the rupee at its normal level after the war we shall be assisting the Germans in German East Africa. But I don't believe this is really so because what would have been the consequence had the whole of S. Africa resistance been decided in favour of the Boers? Moreover, I assume that there is no communication between India and the mainland. ? Cannot this be fixed by explicit Tel. reading explaining the position as regards to my understanding whether he agrees that the value of the German rupee will be maintained at usual exchange

value. (A. B. Re German rife is from 22%
to 3% less in value than the British rife)

(2) Administration & Garrison

About 30 miles long and 100
acres wide. Perhaps not the
size required.

Have thought it might have
remained in military
occupation but if the Govt
proposes for civil administration
there seems no reason to object.

Two administrative officers and
G. & H. Commissioners
to be able to run it satisfactorily.

I don't believe men can be
recruited from Gibraltar although
not over-tasked but would
be effective this way. We may
send a couple of men either
from Gibraltar or from Eng.
if the time is ripe. I do however
believe we must maintain some military
garrison upon the Island.

Epm 92/15

I send this on advice. I think an
attempt to get Sir H. Belfield's opinion on
both points before making up our minds.
He is an administrator and ought to
reinstate the German rife by running it in strict accordance

for which he reported local rife or 138
a payment of local revenue charges -
which at & perhaps little cost to set
up & other taxes should attract all
the Germans after which one has a hope
for good crops from the land. In addition
such heavy importations we should have to
pay out of road £15,000 a India rife and
face an ultimate loss in impounding
the horses & converting it into, say, one
of the existing colonies, unless to the
end of the day the government recognise
the German & G. rife.

Colb 6/1/15

H. J. R.
6/1/15

In this case I am not in a dilemma
but to make a legal transfer would facilitate
paying for you & not what we had better
do in respect to take over the Stock
& your Indian Rife & G. rife notes in
exchange. I think a special will of
L. d. and K. up to now would meet
the difficulty if considered desirable
this could be redressed later.
Suggest that you telegraph my res
proposed to Sir H. Belfield.

(a. b. 2. 15)

Sir J. B. Simpson (very late letter)
to H. M. Govt.
As proposed by Sir J. Anderson
K. C. 6. 2. 15

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to

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

and the following number quoted:

0165/6765. (14,000)

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 they would be glad to be made acquainted with the views of Mr. Secretary Harcourt on the subject.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

K D Lubbock

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.

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10.45 a.m.
10/12/1912

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Pampatar.

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February 9

Please refer to S.O.S. 5

telegram No 216 P.A. 3

DRAFT. Cypher telegram

q 3rd Feb. to War
Office on subject of
administration of Mafia
and position of Italian

MINUTE.

Mr. Glen 9/2/5

Mr. Bottomley 8/2/5

Mr. Read 8

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

X Lord Islington & at once

Mr. Harcourt.

copy to Mr. (L.M.) -

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garrison are to be
maintained on the
island and that
two administrative
officers (who should
be sufficient for the

