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GERMAN E. AFRICA

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Last Balance

German East Africa

1915

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Gives his title as of the situation.

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See G. Fiddes.

Based on Lord Selkirk's letter to her Lord of 17 August. The Lord has received on papers, now in circulation, Lord Selkirk's own the Governor's draft of instruction in the case and its effect on the settlers, and a telegram has been sent to the Governor asking if anything can be done to break things up.

As regards this letter,

(1) Wherever the Governor is, he will not have control of military policy so long as Imperial troops are employed, unless of course a military officer of sufficient ranking to take actual command of the forces were selected. ~~but~~ ^{does not suggest this.}

(2) It is hardly to be assumed that H. M. East is in need of the personal influence of any one man in order to secure South African assistance, and our inf. points to that assistance being forthcoming whenever it is asked for.

(3) Sir P. Goreauk seems admirable. Without going into details, his administration in E. Africa left much to be desired both as regards military foresight and as regards the longer and administrative. No doubt he had much influence with the settlers, but it was gained by an Africanist policy which was strongly criticized by the S. Sp. So far as Sir H. Polfield looks that influence is because he had had to clean up after his predecessor.

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to be forwarded
to the Gov.
to the Governor

out of the question

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to further
the 4/18/2
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Sir G. Fiddes.

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Further letter from Lord
Delamere attached. The "hoaxing"
articles will be found in the Leader's

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5.6.15 p. 20 "Co-operation"

References to them are

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do not seem to have
Royal Family's articles
then

It seems evident that someone has been
told off by Lord Tigh to write these articles
in order to stimulate the reader, that they
have at least some as good.

W. G. 29.15

One does not take Lord Delamere very
seriously at any time, and to us who know
the reasons for the "apathy" with regard to
the E. Affair his letter is simple rubbish.

P.M. 29.15

AM 7.9

Aug 17. 1918.

Pettypool.
Sanduway
Cheshire

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Dear Mr Read.

I fear there is
no chance of any good
being done now in East
Africa by halfhearted
measures. I believe that
nothing Sir Henry Belfield
does now will make people
believe he is really the

East interested in the War
or anything to do with it.
A good deal of the blame
is at present put on the
Colonists and to a certain
extent we deserve it but
if we deserve it what
about the Governor and
Government of British
East Africa which allows
things to go on as they
are and yet must believe
that there is a risk of
what degree of gravity you
probably know better
than I. East Africa is

close to Abyssinia, the
Soudan - Somaliland ¹⁷⁵
and is in constant
communication with India
and I cannot believe it
is wise to leave matters
as they are. On the other
hand the war has got to
be lost or won on the looking
of Europe and it is evident
that the War Office does not
want to send the good
troops required by the
G.O.C. in East Africa to
finish the campaign.
If they cannot safely send

The hoops required surely
the only other alternative
is to make use of the
prices available in Africa
(South Africa as well as
other parts). I am
convinced that with
the right man as Governor
a very great deal might
be done in fact that
G. E. A. could be the new
center of the worst
came to the worst that
our prestige could be
really upheld and
that the slur would be
removed of having native

tribes raided and the
Railway damaged ¹⁷⁵
If the War Office cannot
spare the hoops from
other war areas than
am sure that the Colonial
Office (in agreement
with the War Office) ought
to send out a man as
Governor and Commander
in chief who could arrange
for local help and troops
from the Union and from
any other part available.
We all know that
Sir Percy Quonaid could
do that. I am personally
confident that the

campaign could be
finished if he were
gone - L. C. of E
Africa without calling
on the War Office for
the large number of
first class troops at
present wanted.

There seems no reason
why, necessarily, it
should interfere with
the General in the field.
Sir Percy Grainger knows
all the Ministers of
the Union, he knows

East Africa well and
has great influence ¹²⁷
there. And after all
he is a man who was
thought good enough
to precede Mr Lloyd
George at Crumlin
House. No one minds
being blamed if all
goes well and we
E. A. Colonists do not
worry about that.
But supposing things
went wrong in Africa
what would he send

When it was known
that the Germans
have only 2000 (about)
White troops and
10,000 trained and
partially trained
black troops against
say ~~our~~ our 6000
available ~~troops~~
troops and that owing
to the upathy of the
Colonial Office, the
Forces and the Colonies
of Africa no sufficient
effort could be made

in combination with
the other Colonies ¹⁷⁸
on the borders of
G.E.A. and also with
the Coups holding so
many ^{German} troops on the
Coups border, to take
German East Africa
out any chance of
danger.
You ^{perhaps} as R why Sir
Perey Gerouaid.
I say because he is the
only man I can think

of who would fill
 the post and who is
 probably available.
 I feel very strongly about
 this and I shall be
 grateful if you will
 forward my views
 on to the Secretary of
 State for the Colonies.
 I feel it my duty
 after being 2 years in
 East Africa under
 present conditions ^{to say}
 that it seems to me

dangerous to leave a
 patch like E. Africa
 surrounded by ^{States} than
 can be helped in the
 middle of Africa, and
 that it is my belief
 that a first class Government
 with nothing else on his
 mind could bring about
 the fall of German Africa
 with such troops as are
 available and such as
 could be collected or
 at any rate would
 make things safe
 and restore our prestige

in Africa.

This of course is provided
the War Office cannot
give the troops instead of.

Some
promising
Belamere

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Petty pool
Sunderway

Aug 18. 1915. Cheshire

Dear Mr. Read.

There are
two points I forgot
to add. One that
of course every day
the German position
gets stronger as they
train men while we

with a hundred
times the resources
in Africa do nothing
like they that the
Dutch ^{and South African} Element in
British East Africa
would be brought
into line and the
Dutchmen in G. E. A.
prevented from giving
their best help to
the Germans if

the more against G. E. A.
was in concert with
South Africa and with
the help of S. African forces
for a man 7

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De la me.

Sept 1, 1916.

Petty Pool
Sandiway
Cheshire.

Dear Mr Read.

I spoke in my
letter of the apathy of
the Colonial Office, the
Governor and the Settlers
in B.E.A.

No one can possibly deny
that Sir Henry Belfield
is apathetic about the
war. It seemed to

me that the colonial
office must be upstated
to allow the present
state of affairs to
continue.

With regard to the
settlers they were as
keen and patriotic
as men could possibly
be when the war
broke out and held
the border with the
K.A.R. till the Expeditionary
force arrived from

Judia. After that ¹⁸⁸³
for a time every effort
was made by the
authorities to get the
settlers to go back to
their farms and they
had no difficulty
whatever in getting
undisciplined men,
who saw little hope
of success under the
conditions at that time,
to go. Immediately
afterwards the

General Wapshare
wanted more men
called for them and
then with drew his
appeal saying he had
been misinformed
and the men were not
available. Both he
and General Stewart
publicly stated that
the country had done
splendidly. On the
top of this and when
the Governor has also
complimented the

Country a series of
articles signed 184
"Montezuma" appeared
in the local papers
accusing the country
of apathy. The
country is apathetic
now with regard to
the local war because
under present conditions
it seems hopeless that
any successful advance
can take place.
And this is due and
the failure of the

campaign is due to
The fact that there is
no man out there
in a position to
really do anything
The Governor who
does not, General
Tyke is short of troops
and only a first class
administrator who
can organize local
and other African
offense can't straighten
things out.

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you saw that the
second Commandant
of the Rocusberg had
fetched up in ^(captured) there
on his way to forward
I understand that Messager
Shoving up the Chief
of the Seminoles in North
Africa had been sent
across by the Kaiser.
The Germans are
undoubtedly doing
all they can to stir
things up in Africa.

Without a firm and
nucleus this would
seem a hopeless business
for them. How much
the more reason for
frustrating with the
paltry opposition
in G. E. A. and getting
all German power
absolutely stamped
out in Africa.

If the War Office can
spare the men that
is best. But surely
at this moment it

can hardly be expected
that they can. If not
an organizer to beat
up what forces are
available in Africa
is what is wanted.

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Please don't imagine
I care one iota what
Belfield goes or says.
If the Colonial Office
put a Governor General
over the colonies fighting
against G. E. A. and
left Sir Henry where
he is I should be

quite pleased while
the war is on, as
long as something
is done.

But I am quite
confident that simply
sending out orders
to the Organisation
at present there is
useless.

General Botha, who
may not have done
as he should about
the future of G. W. Africa

if he had entered ⁸⁷
into ^{other} engagements with
the Imperial Govt. yet
showed a splendid
grasp of what had to
be done and did it.

The Governor in a Crown
Colony takes the place
of Ministers in a Self
Government Colony and
is responsible beyond
anyone else if he is
not in touch with
the people of the country

and the force in
action and the campaign
is a failure. The
General in the field
in ^{minor} operations in
a country like E. Africa
is terribly dependant
on the Governor.
As this letter explains
my attitude with
regard to the ^{present} apathy
of the Colonists in E. Africa
I shall be obliged if
you will pass it on
to the Secy for the Colonies

with the rest. 186

I am, Sir,

(C) [Signature]

P.S. The Governor takes
the part of the Ministry
and ^{being in the} anyone else in the
country ^{takes the place} of the Opposition.
You will see the Opposition
can do nothing and wish
to do nothing to embarrass
the Governor. There is in
E. Africa no ~~any~~ means
of communication between

governor, a colonists and
no one knows how
far East India has done
its duty.

The Governor, General
Wapshare and General
Shewart have complimented
the Country.

The "Montezuma" letters
have accused the
country ^{a colonists} of apathy.
I agree rather with
Montezuma but
consider this apathy

to have been brought
about by the absolute
apathy shown ^{by} the
Governor ⁱⁿ the failure of fully military movements
in any case
both sides cannot be
right.

And Montezuma's letters
were written evidently
with General Tipes'
approval

(K)

Copy

Thursday

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Haywards, North

Summit

20 August 1885

Dear Lord Belmont,

I have been away from the Colonial Office
since last Saturday but I find that your
letter of the 17th a post has been duly
received and laid before the Secretary of
State.

Believe me

Yours sincerely
S: J. Read

DRAFT

MINUTE.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Biddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.