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EAST AFR. PROT
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German East Africa -
Somali Ports

States that they should not return
to P. Africa during the war.

Copy to Gov. Ceylon 28th April 1916.

Mr. Secretary ~~London~~
The Head.
This is an unworkable device because
the Gov. takes no notice of the case of
Ahmed Hessi who, according to the
documents forwarded in 49557 appears not
to have been one of the displaced
Somalis at all. {I think the word "any of the
Somali Scouts" was intended to relate
specifically to Ahmed Hessi's case.
But I doubt whether it is worth
while pursuing the matter, and in
sending Gov. Ceylon a copy of this despatch
I would inform him that in view of it
the Somalis must remain in Ceylon for
the present. (To return them to P. Africa
is to keep them shut up in Ceylon all the
time under the most favorable conditions.)
E. J. [Signature] 28/4/16

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APC

18th February 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch dated the 3rd of November and to inform you that the General Officer Commanding is of opinion that it would be most undesirable to permit any of the Somali Scouts now detained in Ceylon to return to this Protectorate during the continuance of hostilities.

2. In view of this expression of opinion on the part of Major General Tighe I am afraid that these Somalis must remain in Ceylon. It is very satisfactory to hear that their conduct there has been so good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

W. Bourne
Draft approved by
The GOVERNOR

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BOMAH LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

CEYLON
CONFIDENTIAL

Lowings Street,

28th April, 1916.

Sir,

with reference to your predecessor's confidential despatch of October 6th, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, relating to the disaffected Somali Scouts from East Africa who are detained in Ceylon.

2. I consider that, in the circumstances, these Somalis should remain in Ceylon for the present.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

(sg'd) H. Bonar Law

RECOR

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, G.C.S.G., F.C.S.

cc., &c., &c.

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Ceylon

28th April 1916

Sir

With ref. to your predecessor's
Confidential Despatch of
October 6th I have etc
to transmit to you the
accompanying copy of a
Desp. from the Secy of the
Cad. relating to the
disaffected Somali Scouts
from S. Africa who are
detained in Ceylon.

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I consider that in
the circumstances these Scouts
should remain in Ceylon
for the present.

I have

(Signed) Bonar Law

DRAFT.

Ceylon Conf.

Ser. Sir J. Anderson

MINUTE.

Mr. Steel 27/4/16

Mr. Robinson 27.4.16

Mr. Collins 28 fs

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Mailand.

Mr. Bonar Law.

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Ceylon Conf.

To: Sir J. Anderson

MINUTE.

- MS 97* 27/4/16
- Mr. Peterson 27.4.16
- Mr. Collins 28 *JS*
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

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Cy J. Bonar Law

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