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SITUATION IN JUBALAND.

Transmits copy of letter from
Mr SF. Deck with a copy of further memorandum
summarising the events of week ending 11th March.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

March 15th, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 147 of the 6th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. S.F. Deck dated the 23rd ultimo, together with a copy of a further Memorandum summarising the events of the past week.

2. I take this opportunity of confirming the following telegram which I sent to you on the 6th instant:-

• Telegram No. 60 of 6th March.

My telegram March 1st, 54. Report just received from Power dated February 29th indicates that the state of affairs in Jubaland is more satisfactory. I gather that it is unlikely that the Aulihan will receive assistance from other tribes. Am sending his reports by today's mail. Bowring."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

W. Bowring
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, F.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
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In DEPT'S Ho. 171 of March 16th 1916

Copy, H. B. Kittermaster, Esq.

Officer-in-Charge 403

Western Frontier District.

Moyale.

MERTI, February 23rd, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have returned here in accordance with your instructions with Captain Walseley Bourne and his Police. We arrived here February 21st, 1916.

2. I am sending camels with all possible speed to Wajheir to help Mr. Alwellin and Mr. Turner to evacuate that Station as quickly as possible. Fifty five camels have already been sent and 50 more will be sent tomorrow or the day after. I am also removing the transport post from Melka Roba on the Lorian to Merti.

3. I have received information to-day that on February 19th the Aulihan on the Lorian had probably no knowledge of the capture of Serenleh, as they were still paying off the balance of the fine levied on them. Between February 7th, the day we left the Lorian and February 19th, they brought in to Melka Roba Post 303 head of cattle and 390 sheep, making the total pack up to 1200 head of cattle and 1775 sheep.

4. A trading safari from Serenleh arrived here to-day. I attach a statement of the information I obtained from them. The attack on their safari was probably the source of the report from Kismayu that a party of Aulihan had left the Serenleh District to attack the Wajheir. They report that the Wajheir District is quiet and that the Mohamed Subeir will resist.

The Honourable
the Chief Secretary
to the Government,
Nairobi.

will resist the Aulihan if the latter come to Wajneir from Seredien. I think it highly improbable that the Aulihan will attempt to come to Wajneir at present as until the rains break there is a 5 days' waterless stretch ^{between} the two places.

5. I have instructed the Lorian, Sakuye and Ajuran to move back from the district between Merti and the Lorian to the district between Merti and the Uaso Nyiro post, so that they will be covered by the Police garrison at Merti. The few Samburu and Rendili remaining East of the Uaso Nyiro post remain, moved further to the West where there is enough grazing and water for them.

6. The chief difficulty lies in the position of the Lorian, Sakuye and Ajuran at present using the wells of Wajneir. These people cannot move till the rains break and must therefore be left to their fate. They are there in considerable numbers at present and may be able to look after themselves till the rains come when they can get away.

7. I do not anticipate any serious trouble from the Aulihan on the Lorian who are too disunited and lacking in leaders to give much cause for apprehension. The report from Lamu that the Aulihan are trying to stir up the Abed Wak and Abdalia in Tanaland probably arose from the fact that two men of the Djibral Section of Aulihan viz:- Osman Gar and malim Hashi left the Lorian for the Tana immediately after the raid on the Samburu while as I have already reported the Abukr Adde sub-Section of the Turadda Aulihan, numbering possibly 150 people are also living near the Tana and doubtless making efforts to put themselves on good terms with the Abud Wak and Abdaliah.

B. I do not anticipate that 200 men will be required to deal with the situation caused by the evacuation of Wajheir, unless it is intended to take offensive measures against the other Ogaden in the Wajheir District. For defensive purposes 160 would be enough.

I have, etc.,

sd/ S. F. DECK,

District Commissioner.

No. 177 of March 15th 1916PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY MARCH 11th.

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CONFIDENTIAL.I. THE DETAILS.

(i) On March 7th a telegram was received from Lieutenant Rayne addressed to the Officer Commanding King's African Rifles stating that a large baraza was held some days previously near FANGAL by the Mohamed Zubeir, the Maghabal, the Bartiri and the Aulihan but that the result was not yet known.

(ii) On the same day a telegram dated March 4th was received from the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Kismayu saying that ^{unless} additional troops were sent immediately to attack the Aulihan the Mohamed Zubeir would join the Aulihan when the rainy season commences.

(N.B.- This was possibly despatched after the result of the baraza referred to in (i) had become known).

(iii) The Commander of H.M.S. "Thistle" which returned to Mombasa on March 5th states that he was informed by the Italian Resident at Giunbe and by the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Kismayu, that it was reported by spies that the Aulihan contemplate no further action at present unless the Herti are used against them.

(iv) On March 6th Mr. Power telegraphed that the Arab Rifles were an undisciplined mob and that the tribes were beginning to think that they were all the troops available, that Abdurrahman Mursaal had obtained one load of ruses, besides merchandize, at Serehli and was endeavouring to gain adherents by bribes. The immediate despatch of troops would defeat his

his plans, but delay would probably mean their success. He also said that the Sultan of the Mohamed Zubair stated that the Tur Adi section of the southern Aulihan would join their northern brethren.

(v) Abdurrahman Murzaal is said to have spread reports to the effect that Nairobi and Mombasa are in the hands of the Germans and that British supremacy was over.

(vi) On February 23rd Mr. Deck wrote saying that steps were being taken to evacuate Wajheir, that on February 19th the Aulihan on the Lorian had probably no knowledge of the capture of Serenli as they were still paying off the fine imposed for the raid on the Samburu. He did not think it likely that the Aulihan would attempt to go to Wajheir until the rains broke, but had moved back the tribes in the district so that they might be covered by the garrison at Merti. The Aulihan near Wajheir are too disunited and lacking in leaders to give much cause for apprehension.

(vii) On February 24th Mr. Deck wrote saying that he anticipated no serious trouble from the Wajheir and Lorian Districts or from the Tana, and asked the Officer Commanding Police Service Companies to bring only 100 men to Merti for the present, leaving 100 at Archer's Post.

(viii) A safari of mules on the way to Wajheir from Serenli was attacked by the Aulihan, most of the stock being taken and 10 of the party killed.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

No change from last week's précis.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALIS.

The Aulihan section of the Tur Adi Aulihan are living near the Tana. They number about

150.

No change elsewhere.

IV. DECISIONS ARRIVED AT AND ACTION TAKEN.

The telegrams referred to in I(iv) above were repeated to the General Staff Officer (1) who replied that it is impossible to spare any further troops for Jubaland at present.

175 Martini-Henri rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition, together with 25 Mauser rifles and 18,000 rounds of ammunition, have been sent to Mombasa for shipment to Lamu.

23 Aulihan Somali have been arrested in the settled areas and the proceeds of the stock sale at Naivasha due to them, amounting to Rs.7,000, are being held by Government.

Nothing has been received from Lamu during the week.

84/- T. S. Thomas.

Nairobi,
13th, 1916.

NOTE.- Since writing I(iv) above, the Tur Adi are reported to have left Afmadu to join the Aulihan.