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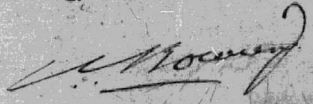
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In continuation of my despatch No. 240 of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 29th April summarising the events in connection with the Somali unrest in the Northern territories of the Protectorate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
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PRINTS FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY

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APRIL 29th

(i) On the 28th a telegram was received from Lieutenant Kayne dated the 23rd to the effect that the Juba River was now high and that after consultation with Captain Cure he considered that the re-occupation of Sorelli could be accomplished without difficulty. He therefore proposed to move immediately.

(ii) On the same day a telegram in similar terms was received from Mr. Power, who added that he did not consider the proposed action advisable unless additional troops were sent.

N.B. The proposals made by Lieutenant Kayne regarding the re-occupation of Sorelli referred to in I (iv) of last week's précis were in the meantime considered by the General Officer Commander in Chief and General Hoskins. The view of the General Officer Commander in Chief is that Sorelli should not be re-occupied until we are in a position to deal thoroughly with the disaffected tribes, the reason being that if the move were not an unqualified success, some further assistance might be imperative and it is essential to avoid any action which might detract from the force operating against German East Africa. Instructions have therefore been sent to the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Kiimayu, that Sorelli must not be re-occupied pending further instructions.

(iii) On the 29th a telegram dated the 28th

was received from Mogadiscio, presumably from the Governor of Italian Somaliland, stating that Abdurrahman Mursaal has applied to the Mullah, Mohamed Abdullah, for assistance, and recommending the military occupation of Serenli.

These three telegrams will be referred to General Hoskins who has arrived in Nairobi.

(iv) No news has been received from the Northern Frontier District or Tanaland.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

It is understood that Mr. Deck is personally supervising the re-occupation of Wajheir.

Mr. E. B. Horne has left Nairobi en route for Meru.

Captain Porcelli has returned from Moshi and proceeds to Kisumu by first opportunity.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES.

No change reported.

IV. DECISIONS ARRIVED AT AND ACTION TAKEN.

(i) Forty six Somali, recruited by Ibrahim Aden Effendi for the Armed Constabulary, have left for Archer's Post. They have the 50 mules referred to in IV (iv) of last week's precis.

(ii) Mr. Kerna has arranged for the transport of the material required to construct the telegraph line from Post Kenia through Meru to Archer's Post. There will also be telephone connection between the two latter stations.

(iii) The Commissioner, Berbera, has been requested to recruit 300 Somali for the Northern Frontier District and Jubaland Armed Constabulary.

(iv) The Secretary of State has been asked if it is possible to proceed with the scheme -

originally sanctioned but postponed owing to the

for - of establishing wireless telegraph stations at Kismayu, Wajheir, Moyali, Serenli, and Sankuri.

(v) The proposals made by Captain Porcelli regarding military matters in Jubaland are to be dealt with while General Hoskins is in Nairobi.

Nairobi,

Sd/- T. S. THOMAS.

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