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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.
No. 536.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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August 25th, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 492 of the 11th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 19th August summarising the events in connection with the Somali unrest in the Northern territories of the Protectorate.

Memorandum

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Handwritten signature: H. Lawley B. Esq.

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 536 of August 25th 1916

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PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING

Saturday, 19th August.

THE DETAILS.

(i) On the 15th a letter dated August 1st was received from Mr. Power. He is informed by Maalim Abdi (vide Precis for week ending February 26th (4) last para) that the Tur Adi Aulihan who are now in the Mohamed Zubeir Country propose to return to the Uaso Nyiro and Tanaland. They are all unfriendly to the Government with the exception of the section under Haji Farah.

(ii) On the 18th a further letter dated Kismayu August 7th was received. In it Mr. Power states that the Aulihan are said to be now divided into 3 parties:

(a) The Rer Ali and Rer Dumal who wish to return to Salaglia. These people were not in the Serenli affair.

(b) A Section towards Wajheir.

(c) Abdurrahman Mursaal and his followers at Bur Wehelia (vide Precis for week ending July 29th I. (iv)) or at Hil Wak. The Rer Afgab are towards Wajheir, the Wafattu on the Dilharah and the Rer Ali probably at Daro and Harbeleh.

Mr. Power has also heard that Abdurrahman Mursaal has failed to obtain a settlement with the Garrah, probably owing to the attitude taken by Hassan Debah, Rer Tuha, Marshan, and that the Mohamed Zubeir have refused watering places to the Rer Afgab.

(iii) On the same day a letter dated August 11th was received from Mr. Lane, Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland, in which he urges the immediate re-occupation of Serenli. He states that the general impression among the tribes is that the Government is frightened to move, that the river will be low in six weeks time, when the Aulihan will re-appear there, in which case the northern part of Gosha will probably become very disturbed. He understands that under certain conditions the Italian Government would permit our men to proceed to Bardera on the Italian

side of the river and thinks 250 men would be enough.

(iv) A letter dated August 9th from the Acting Governor of Italian Somaliland reports that small bands of Aulihan have already been seen at Hagaghabli and elsewhere along the river.

Shirre Jama, Rer Ahmed Wet Marehan has been murdered by the Farah Ugas Marehan. He was violently opposed to the Government.

(v) Sheikh Ali Nairobi, vide Precis for week ending August 5th I.(x), has been ordered into Mogadiscio by the Italian Authorities.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

No change.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES.

Aulihan. Rer Ali on Juba river between Jebir and Salagli.

Rer Afwa and Mumin Wafattu are inland and watering at Das, Harbers, Sagarah, where the Bartiri formerly watered between Salagli and Afmadu. None in Marehan country or near Hil Wak.

Marehan. In their usual places.

IV. ACTION TAKEN.

Haji Hassan, chief of the Mohamed Zubeir at Wajheir, was one of those implicated in the murder of Mr. Jenner in 1900, and was in consequence prohibited from entering any Government boma. As a recognition of the assistance this man has recently rendered in connection with the re-occupation of Wajheir, His Excellency the Governor has provisionally cancelled his prohibition.

N.B. No Precis was issued for the week ending the 12th instant.

Sd/- T. S. THOMAS.

Nairobi,

21st August, 1916.