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SUDAN - OCCUPATION OF SUDAN.

Has agreed to re-occupation on recommendation of military authorities with concurrence of General Smuts by Arab Coy from Kiisayu and Govt of Italian Somaliland has been asked for facilities for use of roads, military propose to send troops by river if this cannot be arranged; gives reasons for assenting to re-occupation.

Mr. Butler

Mr. Read

Mr. Bonar Law

I must say I am surprised at this. Was it not that Gen. Smith said in the proposal, I was told that we have thought that to attempt to occupy Sudan with a single company was a hopeless proceeding.

The fact that this proposal was initiated by the military authorities transfers a part of the responsibility in the matter to the WO, and we must ask for their views. Capt. Russell has asked by telephone that WO may be fully consulted.

? Was it not WO at all small

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