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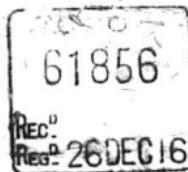
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East Africa Protectorate.

No. 970.



September 15th, 1916.

Sir,

*Yours
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In continuation of my despatch No. 560
of the 7th instant, I have the honour to transmit
herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the
week ending the 6th September 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,

Sd/- C. G. BOWRING

GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING

Saturday, 9th September.

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I. THE DETAILS.

(1) Mr. Butler in a letter dated Moyale August 9th reports that the Garreh have now cleared their country of the Dagedia after constant inter-raiding since Mr. Glenday's departure in March.

In the first attack the Garreh lost 62 killed and the Dagedia 52. In the second attack the Garreh lost 4 killed, the number of the Dagedia casualties is not known.

After this second attack the Dagedia ran east along the river Daua and are said to have finally crossed into Abyssinia at Guduria and Jirimi beyond Melka Daua.

It is thought that there only remain in the Garreh District one village of the Murullah section of the Dagedia, and three villages of the Dusal section, a sub-section of Gibrael.

The loot divided was as follows:-

1050 Camels to the Abyssinians who assisted the Garreh to the number of about 70.

1000 Camels to the Garreh and

5000 Sheep and goats to the Abyssinians.

It is also thought that the Garreh raiders made off with about 1000 other camels.

(2) Mr. Butler also learns that since the attack on Seremli the Marhan have only made two or three small attacks on the Aulihau. The Hahr Suliman also had a collision with the Aulihau near Salagli, 3 Aulihau and 1 Hahr Suliman being killed.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS. No change.

III. DISPOSITION OF NOMAD TRIBES. Mr. Butler hears that the Marhan, Ray Hassan, have left for the North East. The Marhan are in their own country but are not using the Daua River.

IV.

DECISIONS ARRIVED AT AND ACTION TAKEN.

(1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief has agreed to the re-occupation of Serenli. No reply has yet been received from the Government of Italian Somaliland to the telegram mentioned in IV of last week's Precis.

(ii) His Excellency discussed the general question of the Northern Frontier District and Jubaland on September 6th with Colonel Llewellyn, Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. H. Barret, Mr. H. D. Pittman, and the Chief Secretary. It was agreed:

(a) That the garrisons at Moyale and Tajhair should consist of 50 and 100 rank and file respectively until better transport arrangements should be made. The total strength including Armed Constabulary of the troops in the Northern Frontier District will be 350.

(b) that one of the Police Service Battalions now at Tajhair should be immediately disbanded and should move into Nairobi with Major Bigby for that purpose.

(c) that the half company of the King's African Rifles now at Moyale should remain there until they could be replaced by trained men of the 5th Battalion.

(d) that 50 men from Moyale, either Constabulary or partly King's African Rifles, should proceed as a patrol to the neighbourhood of Mudde to check the Dagedin raids and to assist in checking the retreat of the Aulikan into Abyssinia.

3d/- F. S. THOMAS.

Nairobi,

11th September, 1916.

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Sd/- T. S. THOMAS.

Nairobi,
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