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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
~~Nairobi~~ Mombasa,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

SECRET

20th November 1916.

Sir,

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With reference to my Secret despatch of the 20th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's War Diary from October 7 to October 29 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Frederick B. ...

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

A. BONAR LAW, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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