A copy of this despatch is being addressed to His Britannic Lages y's Minister, Adis Ababa.

I have the honour to be,

Your humble, obedient servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

of the northern Garrison is reported to have, himself, killed two of the four Abyssinian leaders and thirty-seven others. The riders were unable to remove all the stock they had captured and about helf was left behind in Dodoso. Casualties among the Northern Garrison amounted to two killed and two wounded.

- 4. Later reports received from native sources have led Captain Rayne to believe that the losses sustained by the raiders on May 17th were much heavier than those previously reported. In particular, the death of four more Swahili outlaws is mentioned.
- 5. It would thus appear that the Abyssimian reiding force only escaped pursuit with the loss in killed of more than a quarter of its effectives, and with nearly half of the remainder wounded. Mr. A. C. Turpin, Officer Commanding Northern Garrison, Loroto, proceeded to Dodoso immediately on receipt of news of the raid and followed the retreating raiders as far as Mount Pelegech, but was unable to overtake them as they were some three days ahead of him.
- 6. Reports have been received from the Sudan that Abyssinians are being instigated by Germans to peach elephants. The Officer Commanding Torit is reported to have accounted for seven Abyssinians, and to have captured, between Torit and Opari, 26 tusks of ivory and some German correspondence: The reports received are, at present, vague, but I will communicate with you further on receipt of fuller information on this point.

AST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

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CONFIDENTIAL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

June 26th, 1917.

Sir,

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In continuation of my Confidential despatch.

79354 No.95 dated the 12th instant. I have the honour to
inform you that further information has been
received from Uganda respecting the reid by the
Abyssinian force into Dodosc.

- 2. The raiding force consisted of some 400 Abyssinians and outlaws armed with rifles, and is said to have possessed a maxim gun and twenty boxes of armunition. On or about May 15th, the raiders entered Dodoso, killing some sixty natives, and capturing a number of girls and a quantity of stock. They then attacked a detachment of the Northern Garrison, numbering 45 rifles stationed at Loyoro Post, Dodoso. Fighting continued for two days and on their fourth day in Dodoso, the raiders descended to the Turkene plains to be met by Captain Rayne as described in my previous despetch.
- 3. Casualties among the raiders in Dodoso seem to have been severe. Fifty two Abyssinian corps s were left on the ground and the number of their wounded is estimated by a reliable native witness, an escaped prisoner, at more than eighty. Sergeant Suleman Muse,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNLING TREET.