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August 28rd, 1917.

Sir,

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In continuation of my Confidential despatch No.131 dated the 10th instant on the subject of the unrest in Turkana, I have the honour to inform you that reports have been received giving further details about the Abyssinian leader Aparas. These details were obtained from a Turkana native, captured during a recent patrol in Tarash, who has been working for Abyssinians and Swahili outlaws during the last two years as a guide and hunter.

2. The information obtained is to the following effect:-

Aparas is an Abyssinian Chief, whose headquarters are at Machu, a town some four days

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days north of Laburr, and better known to us under the name of Maji. He has been known to the Turkana for some years but it is only within the last two years that he has made a post at Lomogol, near Laburr and within British territory. Reports received from various sources show that Apará and his followers have had a large share of the cattle captured from the Suk and Karamojo in the recent raids and the greater part of this stock has now been removed to Abyssinia.

He has been administering, in his own way, the Laburr area for some two years, has introduced money and clothes, and collects tax at the rate of two dollars per annum from all Turkana in the area. As far as can be ascertained he is an official appointed to the area by the Abyssinian Government.

3. Apará is now said to be at Machu with all his followers, and he announced his intention of attacking Lokiriama in the near future, but, unless he has received reinforcements, it is doubtful whether he will set out on this venture.

4. Reports have just come in respecting two raids, the one conducted by a large body of Abyssinians into Dabosa, and the other by Turkana

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Turkana under Ebbe into Samburu country. It is understood that this latter raid proved a failure. The District Commissioner, Kacheliba, is establishing a fortified post at Napass on the Turkwell River, and the occupation of this post will tend to prevent further large raids south of the Turkwell.

5. A copy of this despatch is being sent to His Britannic Majesty's Minister, Adis Ababa, who is being asked if steps can be taken to recover the captured stock said to have been removed into Abyssinia, and if any further information can be obtained about Apari.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.