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MOTOR ROAD BETWEEN KISMAYU AND SERENDI

In circumstances prepared to agree construction should for time being be suspended but expressed opinion will situation in area regards upon early completion satisfactory road communication and urge completion road between Afmahu and Serendi irrespective of financial factor so soon as staff and labour are again available.

Mr Robinson
Mr Bottomley

I think we may accept the views in their entirety?

If so the way lay out in
After that after consultation with
the A.C. the P. & G. is prepared to
agree that in the interim the
construction of the road shall be
suspended for the time being, but
that it is considered that as the
military situation in the land depends
on the early completion of satisfactory
road communication the completion of
the road should be a priority.

Approved 15/04/18
C. G. Taylor

CO
4443

It is proposed as soon as
sufficient supporting shaft &
labor are again obtainable.

and copy tel. to Geo. L.P.

8/27/18

Sir H. Reed

So proposed, but we could
altogether overlook the financial
factor

Geo. 28/3/18

atome

H. J. R.

28/3/18

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196 War Office
MAR 27 1918

London, S.W.

0165/8786.(M.C.2.).

25th March 1918.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 12650 of March 23rd, on the subject of the construction of the motor-road between Kismayu and Serenli in Jubaland.

In reply I am to state that in view of the representations of the local Administration and of the Commandant, Kings African Rifles; the installation of wireless telegraphy at Serenli; the approaching delivery of river-craft from India, and the prospect of the Juba River being navigable between September and November, the Council are prepared to agree that the construction of the road should for the time being be suspended.

I am, however, to express the decided opinion of the Council that the military situation in this area depends upon the early completion of satisfactory road-communication, and to urge that the completion of the road between Afmadu and Serenli be put in hand, irrespective of the financial factor, as soon as sufficient supervising staff and labour are again obtainable.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office, S.W.1.

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
the Officer Administering the Government of the
East Africa Protectorate.

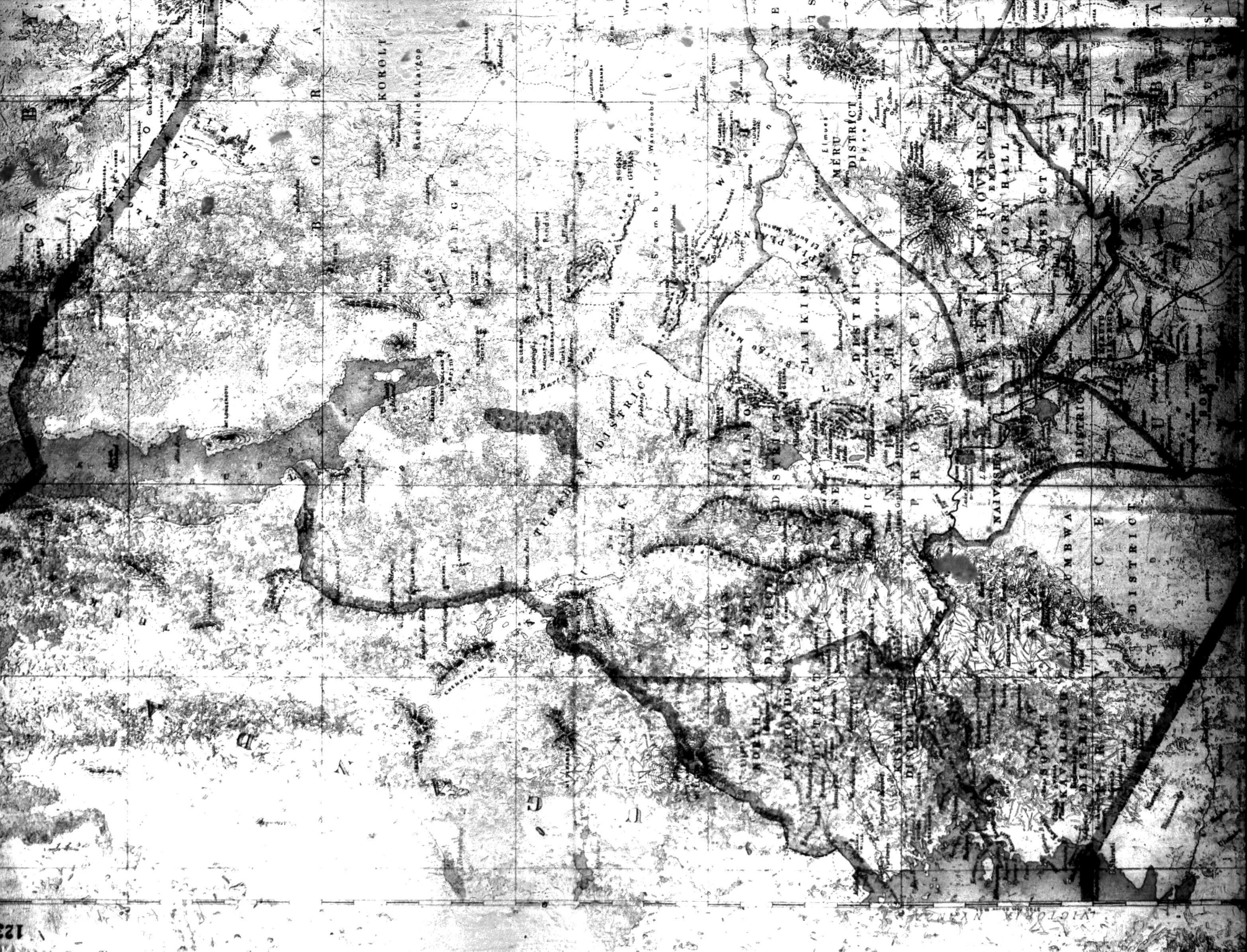
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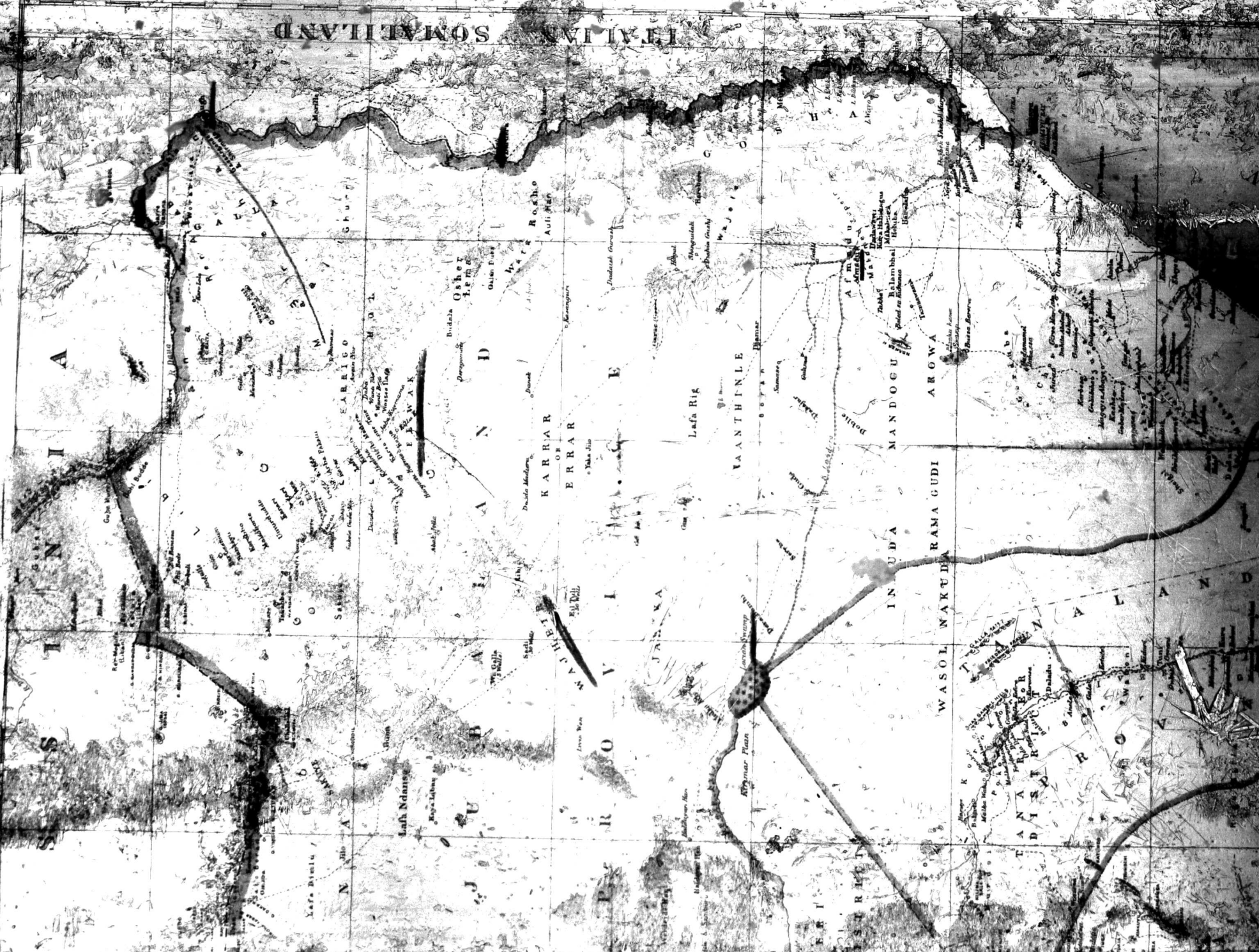
With reference to your despatch of 27th
November 693 and to your cypher telegram of 10th
March I have consulted with the Army Council, and I
am prepared to agree that, in the circumstances,
construction of the road should for the present be
suspended. It is however, considered, that as
military situation in Jubaland depends on the com-
pletion of satisfactory road communication at an
early date, the road between Afmadu and Serenli
should be completed as soon as sufficient labour
and supervising staff are obtainable again.

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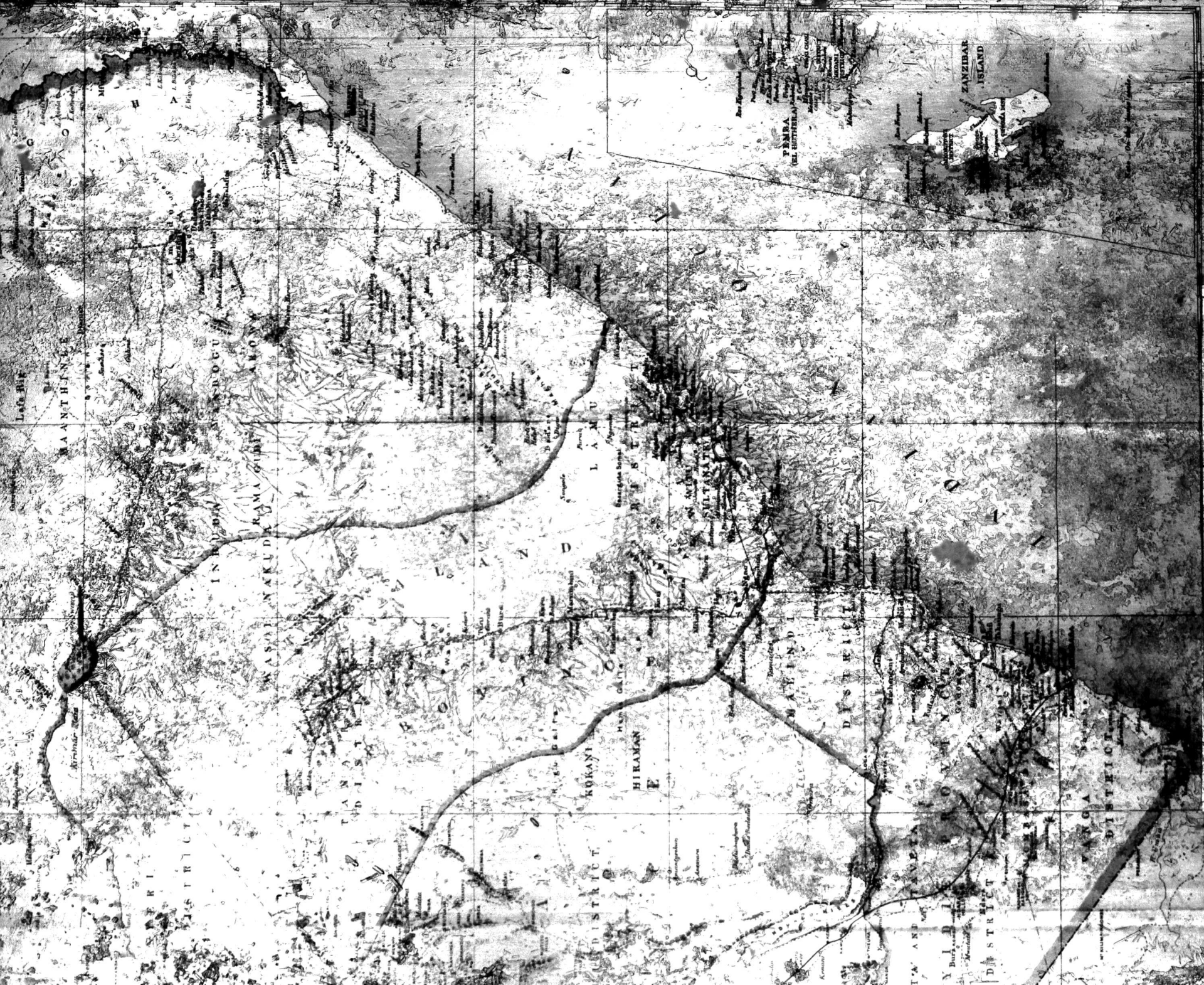
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OF
EAST AFRICA
PROTECTORATE

Scale 1:500,000 or 1 inch = 15.75 miles

REFERENCE

-  International Boundary
-  Protectorate Boundary
-  District Boundary

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