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German East Africa

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Asks whether Co. have any objection to a FO being ^{requested} asked to send a telegram to H. M. Ambassador at ^{Paris} asking for French assistance ^{for} Madagascar against German East Africa

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Mr Robinson (Mr) Anderson
Mr Reid

This letter was brought over by hand from W.O. yesterday & sent by Resident Clerk to Sir J. Anderson. Mr Robinson tells me that Sir J. Anderson discussed it with the S. of S. this morning, as a result of which he (Mr Robinson) telephoned to W.O. to say that we had no objection to the FO being asked to send the 8ft telegram desired. Sir J. Anderson wishes Sir J. to telephone message to be confirmed.

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To W.O. 23 Nov. 1914

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Sir J. Anderson

Mayor Guest brought this letter over from the W.O.
yesterday afternoon. He said they would like to
know whether the C.O. concurred, as soon as possible
this morning. In view of the urgency I have sent it
direct to you.

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Any further communication on this
subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

November 1914.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward
the enclosed copy of a note which it is proposed to send
to the Foreign Office. I am to ask whether Mr.

Harcourt sees any objection to the telegram to the
French Government being sent.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H B Curitt

The Under-Secretary of State
for the Colonies,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.

The Secretary of the Army Council presents his compliments to The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. With reference to Sir F. Bertie's telegram No. 199 of August 10th, in which he informed the Foreign Office that the French Government proposed to furnish an Expeditionary Force from Madagascar to operate against German East Africa, Lord Kitchener would be much obliged if Sir Edward Grey would send the following telegram to the French Government :-

"In view of operations now being undertaken on the mainland in East Africa His Majesty's Government would be greatly obliged if the French Government could lend them one French Colonial and one Senegalese Battalion, also one Field and one Mountain Battery, from Madagascar to assist in operations on mainland. His Majesty's Government would arrange transport."

War Office.

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The Secretary

his Office

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Mr. Egerton 23/11/14

Mr. Belding 23/11/14

Mr. Brad 23

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Sir G. Fiddes

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,

I am etc to adv.

re. of your under

mentioned and

under letter (received

in his office on

November 22nd) in

which you ask whether

he w^d have any

objection to a

telegram being sent

to H. M. Ambassador

at Bordeaux asking

for such assistance

from Madagascar

for operations against

German Postal Office

and wishes to report

in form of a

confirmation of a

telephone message

from this Dept,

that he has no

objection to the

telegram, of which

a draft is enclosed

in your letter under

acknowledgment

being sent to Su

F. Barrie

HJR