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Admiralty

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German East Africa.

Reports intention to declare
a blockade of German East Africa
as from midnight 28 Feb. - 1 March next.

Telegrams to Gov. S. A. P. 16 Feb.
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copy of telegrams to Gov. S. A. P. 17 Feb.

Mr Lambert
Mr J. Fildes

This marks an important
departure, but I fear that it
will be a difficult matter to
make the blockade effective.

As to informing Governments

I suppose S. A. P. Uganda will
hear from the military or naval
authorities but I shall be
inclined to telegraph to Nyasaland
and the Gov. Gen. of U.S.A.

Subsequent Paper.
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? Better inform all - including Eger 15/2/15
Caution, Feb. 15 2/15

T. O.

So far as our Part^{ies} are concerned,
? Sufficient to inf: S.A.P. + still
S.A.P. to refer to 3 bar.

* J.R.

15/7/15

We had better inform him

12/15/15

at once

14.15.7.15

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

M. - 01190.

Address letter to the Secretary, Admiralty, Whitehall, London, S.W.

Admiralty,

14th February 1915.

:- Secret & Immediate :-

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Foreign Office, relative to the intended institution of a blockade of the coast of German East Africa.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

W. J. Anderson

for Secretary

14th February 1915.

-: Secret & Immediate :-

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that it has been decided to institute a blockade of the coast of German East Africa.

2 :- The blockade will commence at midnight 28th February - 1st March (local time) and will extend along the whole coast, including the islands, i.e., from Vanga to the mouth of the Rowuma River.

3 :- It is proposed to give notice of this blockade, to permit of the withdrawal of all ships other than enemy ships from the coast and islands blockaded.

4 :- The Senior Naval Officer on the coast is accordingly being instructed by telegraph to declare this blockade on the 24th instant, and I am to request that Sir E. Grey will be good enough to make a simultaneous declaration to neutral powers. I am also to request that the French, Italian and Portuguese Governments may at the same time be asked to inform the Governors of Madagascar, Italian Somaliland, and Portuguese East Africa, respectively, by telegraph.

5 :- Copies of this letter have been sent to the ^{Colonial Office} War Office, and the India Office for their information.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

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sent. 4.30pm

for [unclear]

February 16

Secret. It has been

decided to institute

a blockade of the

coast of German East

Africa including the

islands as from

midnight of 796.28^h

(local time)

March 1910 It is

proposed to give four

days' notice of this

blockade in order to

enable ships other than

enemy ships to withdraw

and notification ^{with} ~~is being~~

made to the neutral

powers accordingly.

DRAFT. Telegram (copy)

- (1) Governor Nairobi
- ~~(1) Governor Johannesburg~~
- (2) Governor General Cape Town

- Mr. Egan 16/2/15
- Mr. Baskin 16/2/15
- Mr. Read 16
- Mr. Lambert 16/2/15 *at once*

- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Copied Adm. J. F.

to (1) "Repeat Zanzibar ~~islands~~"