

Italian Govt. must fulfill
 the conditions necessary
 to secure an extension
 to sixty six years &
 the lease of the
 Kismayo concession

EAST AFR. PROT.
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 Recd
 15 JAN 15

Foreign Office	Belgian Operations against German East Africa.
1915	
Jan. 14 ^c	Transmits memo as to military position drawn up by W.O. for transmission to the Belgian Govt. Asks for co concurrence.
Last previous Paper. No 1495 S	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> Dec. 19 1915 1915 </p>	<p> Mr. B. Lambert 15/1/15 Mr. Lambert Sir G. Fiddes. </p> <p> This is the memo provided in 1137. </p> <p> I can see nothing in the memo. to which objection can be taken as regards facts. I observe however that the note implies full co-operation between our forces & the Belgians in the Kivu region. I understand that cooperation with the Belgian forces had been accepted as regards Rhodesian and </p>
Next subsequent Paper. No 3446 S	

High Commission can't spare that the
present circ's to go to N. Rhodesia.

Besides we cannot leave out Nyasaland,
which is not under the High Commission,
and we don't want to connect the U.K.
and ourselves to anything more than
we can help so far as Rhodesian forces
are concerned.

Full cooperation has already been
proposed by us to the Belgians so far as
Rhodesia + Katanga is concerned
and we do refer to that.

I have suggested a revision of
the last part of the memo at
these points.

Ull. 15.1.15

La Jolla, California

My dear Mr. [unclear] I have
 been able to find out [unclear]
 what you & [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 decided to say [unclear] [unclear].
 [unclear] [unclear]

Mar. 9
 1879

My dear [unclear]

~~The enclosed [unclear]
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]. Have the
 latter copied [unclear] to the
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear].
 I do not understand why~~

The W.S. memo makes
no refer to the fact
we have already arranged
for full cooperation
regard to defence on
Khadras & Katalanga.

It tho certainly be refer
to the lake insects.
See my proposed all
the rest is harmless &
unwarranted to not think

Except that of Mallinson
the Belgians at Kivu think
move across the lake
the latter wd help they
may arrange for it.

Jan 16. 1. 15

Mr. [unclear] of 17/1/15

Cooperation between British
& Belgian forces in E. Africa

Lord Kitchen's Private Secretary
has just rung me up to
say that Lord Kitchen did
discuss this with Lord
Baldern yesterday; but
that Lord Baldern, not
being acquainted with
the papers said that
he would go & look them

up. I gather that
Lord Kitchener's view
was that it would be
difficult to refuse
to cooperate.

In Edward Grey,
I understand, will be back
^{on Monday}
~~tomorrow~~, and he will
no doubt consider the
matter then.

all
16/1/15

In any further communication
on the subject, please quote

No. 3770/15.

FOREIGN OFFICE

January 14th, 1915.

Secret and Immediate.

Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, a copy of a letter from the Army Council enclosing a memorandum for communication to the Belgian Government regarding Anglo-Belgian co-operation against German East Africa.

In view of the last paragraph of this letter, Sir E. Grey will be glad to learn at Mr. Secretary Harcourt's earliest convenience whether he has any objection to the communication of the memorandum to the Belgian Government and whether he is prepared to issue the necessary instructions to the High Commissioner of South Africa to confer with the Vice Governor of the Katanga as suggested in the last paragraph.

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I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

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Eve A. Howe

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Copy.*

0165/6735 A. (M.O.I.)

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3. In British East Africa there is further a considerable force with Headquarters at Nairobi, distributed along the Uganda railway, from Mombasa to Nairobi, with out-post troops along the Anglo-German frontier.

4. During September and October several attempts were made by the Germans to destroy the Uganda railway line, but these attacks on each occasion were repulsed with considerable loss.

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7. No further operations of any kind have as yet been undertaken, but the presence of some British forces on the German frontier probably has the effect of keeping the main body of the enemy in the Gashara district. In the opinion of His Majesty's Military Advisers this renders it improbable that the enemy will undertake offensive operations on a large scale, either on Lake Tanganyika or on the borders of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, as, in order to do so, he would have to draw upon his main forces which are now believed to be principally on his northern borders. Such operations in these distant theatres will be all the more improbable if the measures now being planned in British East Africa can be successfully carried out.

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so far as Nyasa land borders are
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before the proposed conference
The late Gov. Gen. of Northern Rhodesia
No. 1011/12 of the 20th inst. has upon which such
co-operation is to take place.*

2281 / S. A. P.

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Levent & Tansdale

19 January 1915

DRAFT.

Sir,

W. S. J.
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MINUTE.

- Mr. Tail 18/1/15
- Mr. [illegible]
- Mr. [illegible]
- Mr. Reed 18
- * Sir G. Pades. 10
- * Sir H. Just. 18/1/15
- * Sir J. Anderson. 19/1/15
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

I am glad to see the receipt
of your letter no 5770/15
of the 14th instant forwarded
a copy of a memorandum
prepared by the L.C. on the
subject of the High Collyer

C. [illegible] [illegible]
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