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Foreign Office	German East Africa
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Feb. 6 ²	Request from Portuguese authorities in
Last previous Paper W.O. 6015 S	S. Africa for information as to ^{the} the ^{some} some ^{concerning} concerning ^{the} the ^{proposed} proposed ^{reply} reply .
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">To go. 4 Feb. 1915</p>	<p>Mr. B. Stanton Mr. B. Stanton Mr. J. Anderson</p> <p>This must be regarded as a matter for the War Office.</p> <p>Reply that Mr. K. concurs in the reply which it is proposed to send but that he assumes that the War Office who, as they are in charge of operations against G.P.O., are primarily concerned in the matter, will be consulted before a reply is sent.</p>
Next subsequent Paper W.O. 6785 S	<p>at once 6/15/15 Egm 8/2/15 H. D. 8/2/15 14 D. 7/15</p>

In any further communication
to the effect, please quote
No. 13647/15.
and address—
The Under-Secretary of State
Foreign Office,
London.

FOREIGN OFFICE

February 6th, 1915.

Confidential
Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit, herewith, a copy of a telegram from His Majesty's Consul General at Lourenco Marques, stating that the Portuguese authorities desire information as to British military and naval movements in German East Africa.

As some doubt must be felt as to the discretion of the Portuguese authorities, Sir E. Grey concludes that only such an answer should be returned as would be harmless if conveyed to the German forces in East Africa. Subject, therefore, to Mr. Harcourt's concurrence, he proposes to reply that Dar-es-Salaam was shelled by His Majesty's Ships on November 28th, and that the British forces are in occupation of Longido. Sir E. Grey would propose to add that all information of interest to the Portuguese authorities for the defence

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I am to observe that this request for information, coming as it does directly after the appeal made to the Portuguese Government to send troops to Nyasaland, may be regarded as drawing attention to the fact that His Majesty's Government are liable, under the terms of the Portuguese Alliance, for the defence of the Portuguese colonies against German aggression.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Eyre A. Crowe

PORTUGAL.

Military.

Decypher telegram from Consul-General MacDonell
(Lourenco Marques)

d. 6.20 p.m. February 4th, 1915.
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Governor-General of Lourenco Marques requests confidentially any information regarding British Military and Naval movements in German East Africa. Native reports state that Lemberg and Taborn re-taken by natives also Dar-es-Salaam bombarded and razed by British.

Apparently this information is required for secret transmission to Officer Commanding Portuguese Expeditionary Force at Porto Amelia.

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11 Feb. 1915

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Mr. [unclear] 17/2/15

Mr. [unclear] 9/2/15

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Piddis.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord [unclear].

Mr. Harcourt.