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Inauguration of Italian Somalis
into Jubaland

Send despatch from Rome ref proposed agreement
for Italian Somali ports for regulation of -
Suggest that necessary arrangement be effected
by exchange of notes for ports of Italian
Somalis

Copy No 373
Spec. copy forwarded 21 April 15

For G. Fisher

Re: despatch 23/3/15

The condition that we will take effective
steps to prevent our marches from
crossing the river into Italian territory
is more than we can accept off-hand

I copy to Gov with ref to despatch 23/3/15
and authorize him to discuss the matter
with the Gov of Italian Somaliland and
to complete an agreement if possible by
an exchange of notes in French
and in copy of despatch to Gov. in that
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The Office Secretary of State
Foreign Office,
London

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April 13th, 1915.

Sir:-

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With reference to your letter, 31384/1914, of the 13th September last, regarding emigration from Somaliland to Jubaland, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome on the subject.

Sir E. Grey concurs in the proposal made by the Italian Government to authorise the Governments of British East Africa and Italian Somaliland to effect the necessary arrangement by an exchange of notes; and I am to enquire whether Mr. Secretary Harcourt agrees to this course being adopted.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
Humble Servant,

E. A. [Signature]

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office..

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Commercial

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 244 of September 15 1914 I have the honour to transmit to you herewith translation of a Note which I have received from the Italian Government agreeing in principle to the conclusion of an agreement between the Italian and the British Governments for the regulation of the emigration movement from Somaliland to Jubaland and suggesting that such agreement should be embodied in an exchange of Notes between the Governments of British and Italian Somaliland.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

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The Right Honble
Sir R. Grey Bart K.G.M.V.
etc etc etc.

Translation of
Note from Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

In the note of September 22nd last, Your Excellency was good enough to ask me whether the Royal Government would be disposed in view of the inconvenience which is occasioned by mass emigration from Somaliland to Jubaland, to conclude an agreement on this subject with the British Government.

My colleagues of the Colonies whose favourable examination of the matter I have invited, informs me that the migration of Somalia into British territory on the right bank of the river Juba takes place in two distinct ways:

a. in the passage of smaller groups and individuals to the South of Bardera and specially in Gocchia. This is primarily a movement of an economic nature.

b. in the periodical transmigration of considerable ethnical groups which, crossing the High Ganasso and Derra from the region North of the Sobi Gashelli, transfer themselves to the territories of Jubaland and of the Marchan district, a transmigration which

is principally occasioned by family ties with the Cahila and of the existing interests between the Ogadan and the Abilan, who occupy the Southern territories of Ethiopia bordering on the Italian colony.

On the basis of the above-mentioned facts I should find no difficulty in coming to an agreement for the regulation of the above-named emigration movement in the region of the river Juba, which goes from the Corei mountains to the river-mouth, provided the British Government are prepared on their side to ensure their effective co-operation against the perpetual attempts at incursion which the Berberan of the right bank make which the river is low against our populations on the left bank.

As however it is a question of prescribing measures based on purely local requirements and conveniences, which may on that account need modification from time to time in their application, it would be more advantageous that the agreement should be drawn up between the Governors of the British Colony and Italian Somaliland by means of an exchange of notes under authorization from ^{the} respective Governments. I have the honour to beg Your Excellency to inform me of the views of the British Government on this question.

I avail myself of this opportunity to remain

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21 April 1915

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secy. Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of Apl, 1915, and to transmit to you, for the inf. of Secy. Sir L. Grey, the accompanying copy of a dispatch to the Gov. of the U.K. on the subject of immigration into Nataland from African Somaliland

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To Mr. G.
FO.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Harcourt 17/4/15
- Mr. Balfour 19/4/15
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

To Mr. G. (copy to Harcourt)

(Signed) HENRY LAMBERT,

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21 April 1915.

Sir,

With reference to my
despatch No. 874 of the 12th
of Sept last I have the honour
to ~~inform you that~~ transmit
to you the accompy
copy of a letter from
the FO with its
enclosures on the
subject of ~~the~~ immigration
into Jubaland from
Italian Somaliland,
and to inform you
that I approve of

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to Mr. Harcourt

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your discussing the matter
with the Govt of Italian
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an agreement if
possible by an exchange
of notes as suggested by
the Italian Govt.



Signed L. H. ROGUE.