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for information as to situation
in German East Africa

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Mr. G. Fuller.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for
Belgium and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office,
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November 15th, 1915.

Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to transmit to you, herewith, for the consideration of the Army Council, a copy of a Note from the Portuguese Minister requesting that the General Officer Commanding the British forces operating against German East Africa should exchange information of mutual interest with the authorities in Portuguese East Africa.

Sir Edward Grey does not consider that there would be any objection to acceding to the request of the Portuguese Government, provided that the information communicated to Mozambique is confined to the actual facts of the situation in the German colony, and he would suggest that General Light should be instructed, if the Army Council see no objection, to use his discretion in keeping His Majesty's Consul General at Laurence Marques informed of whatever news may be considered of interest to the authorities at Mozambique.

Sir Edward Grey would be glad to be furnished with an expression of the views of the Army Council on this suggestion, in order that he may be able to return a reply to the Portuguese Minister.

The Secretary

to the Army Council.

I am at the same time to refer you to my letter of the 6th of February last which deals with an analogous request from the Portuguese Authorities.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Colonial Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

J. Dunsen

PORTUGUESE LEGATION,

4th November, 1915. 513

Sir:-

By the wish of my Government I have the honour to approach Your Excellency in order to suggest whether it would not be convenient that the Commander of the English column, operating against German East Africa, should be in communication with the Commander of the Portuguese forces of Mozambique for the purpose of exchanging information which may be of mutual interest. I should be much obliged if Your Excellency would let me know the opinion of His Majesty's Government on the subject.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. M. Teixeira Gomes.

The Right Hon.orable

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., K.G., M.P.

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