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From
KING OF COL. S.S.

Date
1st October 1926.

JUBALAND BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

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1. _____ Lt. Col L. N. King _____ 16 Oct, 1946
Submits his fourth report on technical work of the Comm.

2. _____ Lt. Col L. N. King _____ 16 Oct, 1946
Raises certain points in connection with the demarcation of the boundary and requests revision.

(a)

(Review as to 1.)

2. The question raised by Lt. King is as follows:-

a. The Treaty (Art. I para 2. ~~ad fin~~)

provides that the boundary shall run due southwards to a point on the coast due west of the southernmost of the four islets in the immediate vicinity of Ras Miamlone (Dick's Head).

b. In an later international agreement (referred to in Art. III's para. 2) ^{the object of} which

points ^{more precisely} further defined ^{a more inland} portion of the boundary, the word "Coast" was defined as the line of mean sea level ordinary spring tides.

Copy with maps, annexed.

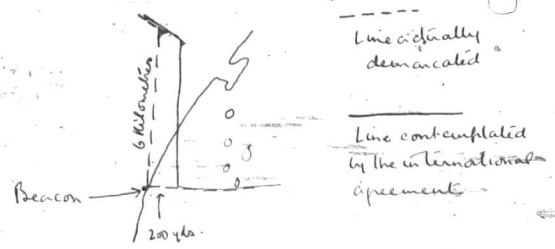
NB. There have since turned out 5 sheets.

Copy in 31676/30

The draft memorandum on 15149/25

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 that the Italian Govt. similarly agree.
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W. Steel
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 saying that after consulting 30 + 20
 the Staff agrees that this boundary ^{line} works
 remain as demarcated; that it is
 presumed that he has no objection &
 that there is now the necessity to
 inform Col. King accordingly as soon as
 possible

J. Miller

30/11/26

C.S. 30/11

J.M.C.

- 3. Tel. to Govt. 1 Dec 1926
- 4. To F.O. (10/copy 2 & 3) ^{9/11/27} ✓ 2 DEC 1926
- 5. To Learmonth S.O. ✓ 8 DEC 1926
 (10/122 in orig. 2 copy 3 & 4)

~~Refer to the Staff.~~

6 — 4.6 — 3 Dec., 1926
 send copy tel. to Mr. H. Peffer at
 home requesting him to hasten reply of Italian Govt.

This refers to F.O. X.6908/26 Kenya
 Noted: B.U. Dec. 20th ✓
 J.S. 11.11.26
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whether SgS. for F.A. agrees that approval of the decisions recorded in the Technical reports, including this new one, may now be conveyed to Col. King.

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GSteel

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To F.O. (w/copy 101) cons. }
To D.M.O. (w/copy no 1, SPN) } 18 DEC 1926

9 - 4.6 - 7 Dec, 1926

Enc. copy letter to R.M. Ambrose at Rome.

Nothing about " as soon as possible" in the F.O. letter.

B. U. Dec. 20. as directed on 6

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17 Dec, 1916

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Action also required vide memo on N.P.6

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2 copy to F.O. ref. 90 previous comm. w. ref. letter to W.O. on D.L. 15749/25 Sub. comm. relations to the app. of Lt King as Senior British Member of the Commission

I say that subject to their orders. SJS proposes to reply to the Gov. that, provided that he is satisfied ^{that} ~~as regards~~ the assistance of a political officer is not essential to the interests of the Gov., there is no ^{will be raised} objection to Mr. King acting alone. Ask for a reply as early as possible, & tell each that we have written to the other. Now. as to G.

S Deel 20.12.26.

J Allen 20/12/26

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Recd to Mr Secl.

11 To F.O. } w/copy to C.O. 22 DEC 1926
12 To W.O. }

13-----Foreign Office-----23rd Decr 1926
Concurs in the proposal to convey to Lt Col King official approval of the decisions recorded in reports transmitted.

14-----Foreign Office-----24th Dec 1926
Concurs in proposal to authorise Lt Col King to act alone in the forthcoming discussions with the Italian section of the Commission.

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Copy of the afr. to go to FO. LF up. ref. 4 on X.1000/27 to S.O. LF up. ref. the 3/16 Dec. on this file

14- Await W.O. reply to 12.

Also ask F.O. in short draft ref. 4.

No. 6. Whether a reply may shortly be expected from the Italian Gov. regarding the proposals for the procedure of the Commission after the completion of the field work, which were put forward in the memo. enclosed with C.O. letter X.5200/26 of the 9th Sept. S Deel 20.11.26. J Allen 21/12

See minute on X.1000/27

Recd in colour with it at arrival

See now X.1000/27 arts this

15 War Office 29th Dec 26

(no objection to Col King acting alone at forthcoming discussions with the Italian Section)

Then we can reply as we proposed - dfr. tel here with. Copies of the tel. to So to $\frac{W.O.}{F.O.}$ L.F. inf. re $\frac{15}{14}$. Later, but first review for the drafts authorized overleaf.

SD 31.12.26 at once.

16 Tel to Gov. 31st Dec. 1926.

To King (no ansd) 6 Jan. 1927 ✓

To Gov 31 (w/copy 17) 12 Jan '27 ✓
see on X1000/27

To W.O. (w/copy 16)

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To D.M.O. 29 (w/copy 17) 21 JAN 1927 3 PM

Handwritten notes: Copy 17 to ... Copy 16 to go to ...

Am F.O. in short draft whether

King has ^{been} yet heard anything from the Italians in reply to encls. 69

SD 24.1.27 at once 19/2

23 To F.O. (no ansd) cons. 29 JAN 1927

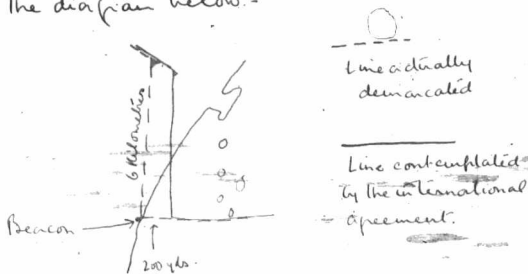
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J. Steel

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1 Day 1920

4 To F.O. (w/copy 2 & 3) ^{9/11/21} cont. ✓ 2 DEC 1920

5 To Learmonth S.O. ✓
 (w/122 in orig. & copy 3 & 4) - 8 DEC 1920

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6 — 7.6 — 3 Dec., 1926.

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This refers to FO. X6908726

Noted: B.U. Dec. 20th

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W. Allen

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18 DEC 1928

g - G.P. 6 - 7 Dec., 1926

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17 Dec., 1916

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J Steel 20.12.26.

W Allen

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See minute on X1000/27

Reconc. in column when arranged

See now X.1000/27 into this

11 To G.O. } 21/127
12 To W.O. } w/c copy to 10 cases. 22 DEC 1926

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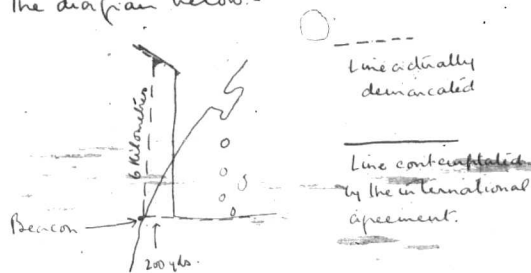
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To F.O. (w/copy 201) cons.
To D.M.O.I. (w/copy no 1, SPN) } 18 DEC 1926

9 - 49.6 - 7 Dec, 1926

Two copy letter to R.M. Ambler at Rome.

Nothing about "as soon as possible" in the F.O. letter.

B. U. Dec. 20. as directed on 6

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Recd. to
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If action as follows
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as per 8 above

Am FO. without draft whether
they have yet heard anything from
the Italians in reply to encls. 69

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- 23 To F.O. (no ansd) cons. 29 JAN 1927
- To King (w/copies 8 & 4) 24 MAR. 1927 on X1000/27 Ken

29 January 1927

X.F.8025/26

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to refer to your memorandum No.C.12664/689/22 of the 7th of December and to enquire whether any reply has yet been received to the despatch which was sent to His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome on the 6th of December regarding the demarcation of the Angle-Italian (Jubaland) boundary in the immediate vicinity of the Indian Ocean coast.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Mr. ~~Ward~~ 26/1/27.
Mr. Seel - 26.1.27 p.

X F 8025 / 26
Kenya

- Mr. G. J. Harding.
- Mr. Strachey.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Earl of Clarendon.
- Mr. Amery.

Unsel
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29 January, 1927

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Sir,

I am etc. to refer to

your memo. No. C. 12664/29/27

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the U.S.S.,
Foreign Office

of the 7th. of Dec. & to enquire
whether any reply has
yet been recd. to the desk

which was sent to ~~the~~

to Mrs. ^{Ambassador} ~~Representative~~ at

Rome on the 6th. of Dec.

regarding
~~as to the attitude of the~~

Ref: - XV 8025/26

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Director of Military Operations and Intelligence and, with reference to his note - M.I. 4/R/75 - of the 16th of December last, is directed to enclose herewith, for information, a copy of a letter addressed to Lieutenant Colonel L. N. F. I. KING, O.B.E., R.E., regarding the work of the Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission.

6.1.27.

21 January, 1927.

6 January 1927

X.F.8025/26. *Ken*

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th of October, in which you furnish a further report on the technical work of the Jubaland Boundary Commission, and to inform you that with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to whom copies of the reports have been communicated, Mr. Amery approves the decisions taken by you as Senior British Member of the Commission, as recorded in your reports dated the 4th of January 1926, the 4th of February, the 8th of May, and your letter under acknowledgment.

2. I am also to refer to the message addressed to you by telegraph through the Governor of Kenya on the 4th of January 1927, and to enclose for your information and guidance, the accompanying copy of a note from the
Foreign

0.1.1.27
LIEUTENANT COLONEL L. R. F. J. KING, O.B.E., R.E.

Foreign Office, with enclosures, intimating the acceptance by the Italian Government of the proposals as to the completion of the work of the Commission, which were set out in a memorandum enclosed with the letter from this Department to the Foreign Office dated the 5th of October, 1926, No.X.6744/26. A copy of that memorandum was communicated to you on the same date.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN.

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Mr. Cuffe. 5.1.27
Mr. Bell. 5.1.27

- Mr. E. J. Harding.
- Sir C. Strachey.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Earl of Clarendon.
- Mr. Amery.

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6 January 1927

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F.I. O.B.E.
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Lieut-Col. L.N. King

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From F.O. 1.1.27 (10001/27)
Enclosures

(has communicated)

Copies without seals to F.O. & P.M. Off. See minutes

to inform you that
with the concurrence of the S. S. for Foreign
Affairs, to whom copies of the reports have
been submitted, the Secretary approves the
decisions taken by you
as Senior British
Member of the Commission,
as recorded in your

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Dept. to the F.O. dated the 5th of Oct. 1926,
No. 76744/26. A copy of that
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by me on the same date.

Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies
to the Governor of Kenya.

Sent 5.45 p.m 31st December, 1926.

31st December. Your telegram 17th December 428
Provided you are satisfied that the assistance of a
political officer is not essential no objection will be
raised to King acting alone in discussions with the
Italians.

AMERY.

Mr. Seel 31-12-26 atona.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. E. J. Harding.

Mr. Strachey.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Sir C. Davis.

Sir S. Wilson.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Earl of Clarendon.

Mr. Amory.

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Important
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Tel. No.—Vict. 9400.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office,
London, S.W. 1,
and the following number quoted.



THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

29th
December, 1926.

P/6771/6(M.I.4).

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30 DEC 1926
COL. OFFICE

Sir,

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In reply to your letter No.X.F.8025/26 dated 22nd December, 1926, I am commanded by the Army Council to state that they have no objection to Lieut-Colonel L.N.F.I.King, O.B.E.,R.E., acting alone in the absence of a political officer of the Kenya civil service at the forthcoming discussions with the Italian section of the Jubaland Boundary Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Dawson

for
Permanent Under-Secretary of State.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

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The War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

16th December, 1926.

The Director of Military Operations and Intelligence presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and begs to acknowledge receipt of Colonial Office letter No.X.F.8025/26 dated 13th December, 1926, transmitting the fourth report of the Senior British member on the technical work of the Anglo - Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission.

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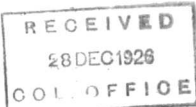
but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State,"
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

S.W.1.

24th December, 1926.



Immediate.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. X.F.6025/26 of December 22nd, relative to the Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission, I am directed by Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain to state that he concurs in the proposal to authorise Lieutenant-Colonel King to act alone in the forthcoming discussions with the Italian section of the Commission.

2. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the War Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. Howard Smith,

The Under-Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote

No. C 13145/689/22.

and address—

not to any person by name,

but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State,"
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

S.W.1.

23rd December, 1926.

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24 DEC 1926
COL. OFFICE

Sir,

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With reference to Colonial Office letter X.F. 8025/26
of 13th December relative to the work of the Anglo-
Italian Jubaland Boundary Commission, I am directed by
Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain to state for the
information of Mr. Secretary Amery that he concurs in the
proposal to convey to Lieutenant Colonel King official
approval of the decisions recorded in his report enclosed
therein and in the previous reports already transmitted to
this department.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. Howard Smith

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

22 December 1926

X.F.8025/26. IMPORTANT

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.12664/689/22 and to previous correspondence relating to the work of the Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain, the accompanying copy of a telegram which has been received from the Governor of Kenya, intimating that Lieutenant Colonel King has requested ~~me~~ to act alone, in the absence of a political officer of the Kenya civil service with recent personal knowledge of Jubaland, at forthcoming discussions with the Italian section of the Commission.

2. Subject to any observations which Sir Austen Chamberlain may have to offer, Mr. Amery would propose to inform the Governor that, provided that he is satisfied that the assistance of a political officer in these discussions is not essential, no objection

will

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOREIGN OFFICE.

17th Dec:

will be raised to Lieutenant Colonel King acting alone, and in view of the Governor's request for an early reply to his telegram, he would be glad to learn at an early date whether Sir Austen Chamberlain concurs.

3. A similar letter is being addressed to the War Office.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Mr.
Mr. E. J. Harding.
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Sir G. Grindle.
Sir C. Davis.
Sir S. Wilson.
Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
Earl of Clarendon.
Mr. Agnew.

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X.F. 8025/26 Kenya

Important 22 December
Sir

(With reference to your

letter No. C. 12664/689/22,
and to previous correspondence
relating to the work of the
Anglo-Italian (Jubaland)
Boundary Commission,)

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① The U.S.S. v/211
FO. Amd 13 (No. 9)
② The U.S.S. v/172
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Don San Kenya. Vol. 17 Dec.

② (With reference to the
letter from this Dept. No
15149/25 of the 8 of April,
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1925, and to subsequent

corres^{ce} relating to the appointment

of Lt. Col. L.F.N.I. King, D.B.E., R.E.,

as Senior ^{British} Member of the Anglo-Italian
(Jubaland) Boundary Commission,)

I am etc. to request you to transmit
to you the Card before

Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain,

The Army Council.

The accompanying copy of a telegram
which has been received from
the Governor of Kenya, intimating
that Lt. Colonel King has requested
~~for~~ authority to act alone, in
the absence of a political officer of the

Mr.

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Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Mr. Amery.

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Foreign



(Signed) H. T. ALLEN.

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TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Dated 17th December, 1926.)

(Received Colonial Office 5.1 p.m. 17th December, 1926.)

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COL. OFFICE

No. 428. 17th December.

Your telegram of 1st December Jubaland Boundar

Hope invalidated and no other senior officer with recent personal knowledge of Jubaland available to assist King. Latter requests authority to act alone in discussions with the Italians which begin early in January regarding outstanding political questions. Telegraph reply earliest.

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Copy to { F.O. }
 { S.O. }
Ann d Tel. 31st Dec. 26.

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote
No. *B. 12604/689/22*
and address—not to any person by name, but to
"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

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

Foreign Office,
Dec 7th, 1926.

RECEIVED
8 DEC 1926
COL. OFFICE

No. 4

Reference to previous correspondence
Colonial office letter no. X.F. 8025/26
of Dec. 2nd.
Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p><i>To. Mr. Ambassador,</i> <i>Rome.</i> <i>no. 1406. Dec. 6.</i></p>	<p><i>Work of Anglo-Italian</i> <i>(Gibaland) Boundary</i> <i>Commission.</i></p>

Ans. 29 JAN 1927

Similar letter sent to

No. 1706.

(C 12664/689/R2)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

6th December, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 1455 of October 23rd on the subject of the Anglo-Italian Jubaland Boundary Commission, I transmit to Your Excellency herewith a copy of a further letter from the Colonial Office.

2. I request you to take action as indicated in paragraph 3 of the Colonial Office letter.

I am with great truth and respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Signed) ORME SARGENT

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

Sir Ronald Graham, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Rome.

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Mr. Whitehead 70/12
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- Mr. J. Harding.
- Mr. Stradhey.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore.
- Earl of Clarendon.
- Mr. Amery.



And 2/5/26

13 Dec., 1926.

The Under Secy. of State for

the Colonies presents his compliments

to the Director of Military Operations
and Intelligence and, with
reference to the note from the

C.O. No. X5298/26 of the 20th

of July, begs to be a copy

of a letter, dated the 1st. of
Oct.

DRAFT. 3. p.m.

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Mr. Col King - int. b. 1.
(No. 1)

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Downing Street,

13 December, 1926.

X.F.S⁰25/26.

Sir,

With reference to the third paragraph of the letter from this Department No.X.5750/26 of the 23rd of August, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain, the accompanying copy of the fourth report on the technical work of the Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission, which has been received from the Senior British Member of the Commission.

2. Mr. Amery will be glad to learn whether Sir Austen Chamberlain agrees that approval of the decisions recorded in this Report, and the previous Technical Reports mentioned in the letter under reference may now be conveyed to Lieutenant Colonel King.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN.

for Under Secretary of State.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOREIGN OFFICE.

1st October

- Mr. Whitehouse 10/12
- Mr. Seel 10.12
- Mr. J. Harding.
- Mr. Strachey.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Sir C. Davis.
- Sir S. Wilson.
- Mr. Ormaby-Gore.
- Earl of Clarendon.
- Mr. Amery.

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The U.S. of S.,
Foreign Office

Dept. No. X5750/26 of the 2nd

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Secy. Sir Austen Chamberlain,

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I am etc.

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN.
for Under Secretary of State.

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Reports ^{mentioned in the letter under reference} (may now be conveyed to ^{Dr. Col.} King.
I am etc.

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN.

for Under Secretary of State.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. *6 11176/689/22.*

and address—*not to any person by name, but to—*

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to *the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies* and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of ~~the~~ **RECEIVED** under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

Dec. 2nd, 1926.

RECEIVED
6 DEC 1926
COL. OFFICE

Reference to previous correspondence: *7.6.762/26*

Foreign Office letter no. 11176/689/22.

of Oct. 26th.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<i>Telegram to H.M. Ambassador, Rome. no. 277 Dec. 2.</i>	<i>Procedure in connection with completion of works of Anglo Italian (Gubaland) Boundary Commission.</i>

Similar letter sent to

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COPY

(C 11176/669/22)

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Code telegram to Sir R. Graham, (Rome),
Foreign Office, 4 p.m. 2nd December 1926.
No. 277. (R).

My despatch No. 1455 (of October 23rd: Jubaland
Boundary Commission).

Please endeavour to hasten reply of Italian
government.

Downing Street.

3 December, 1926.

KF 8025/26

Dear Learmont,

I now return the papers which you left with me on Tuesday about the demarcation of the "short meridian" portion of the Anglo-Jubaland boundary, with many thanks for allowing us to use them. We have now received the originals from Colonel King, with the exception of his private letter of 16th October to Colonel Winterbotham, and with the latter's permission I propose to retain with our records a copy of that letter which I have had made.

I enclose also copies of the telegram which was sent to Kenya on the 1st of December and of the letter sent to the Foreign Office on the following day. These will show you the action which has been taken, in consultation with the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) G. F. Seel

Col. K. to Col. W.
18 Oct.
To Col. K. to G.O.
18 Oct.
do 1 Oct.
Map

To Gov. Kenya tel.
1st Dec.
To F.O. and Dep.

LIEUTENANT D. A. LEARMONT, R.A.

Mr. Seel 3/12 fs.

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Mr. E. J. Harding.

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Mr. Ormsby-Gore.

Earl of Clarendon.

Mr. Amery.

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3 Dec '26

Dear Learmont

S.O. for my sis.
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Lt. D. A. Learmont, R.A.
(N.I.-4. was O.K.)

I now return the papers which you left with me on Tuesday about the ~~referred~~ demarcation

of the "short-meridian" portion of the Anglo-Italian boundary, with many

thanks for allowing us to use them. We have ^{now received} the originals from Lt. Ken^{ington}, with the concept of all these ~~except~~

of his private letter of 16 Oct. to Lt. Winterbotham with the latter's permission which I propose to retain

with our records a copy of

<p> Lt. Kenington to Lt. Winterbotham (S.O.) 16 Oct. do 10 CO. 16 Oct. do 1 Oct. Map to Gen. Kenyatta. 1st. 1 Dec ✓ to P.O. 2 Dec ✓ Recd. - as to (1) on file </p>	<p> Originals copies keeping as folded loose in file. Keeping copy ✓ G.H. </p>
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to Kenya on the 1st of
December of the letter sent
to the F.O. on the following day.
These will show you
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taken, in consultation with
the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) G. A. Seel

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Jubaland Boundary Commission,

c/o G. P. O.

MOMBASA,

KENYA COLONY.

16th October, 1926.

Dear Winterbo'

I am sending you herewith a copy of my fourth Technical Report and of a letter which I have since written to the Secretary of State.

The former hardly requires amplification at this juncture, but a few words anent the latter may not come amiss. I cannot imagine that you were wittingly agreeable to the special definition of the words "coast line" since it is so manifestly unreasonable, and since you made no mention of it in your warning letter to me. Had I spotted this at the time I would most certainly have cabled home at once.

In this little sketch, the blue line represents the latest instructions, whereas the red line is what we have actually done. I did not mention to the C.O. that the greatest difficulty was experienced in cutting this "Short Meridian". The bush was of such a close nature that much ingenuity had to be exercised in the disposal of the debris. About 700metres a day was the rate of progress as against a normal 2 kilometres elsewhere! If you could use your influence with Bottomley in favour of what has already been done, you will have the gratitude of all concerned.

If all goes well with our programme, the British Commission should break out on the coast by about December 7th. I myself hope to be in Kismayu on that date for

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the ~~the~~ purpose of finishing off the outstanding political questions, leaving Clifford to complete the field operations. However, as I propose to evacuate the Commission from Port Durnford to Kiamayu, and as it will benecessary to make preliminary arrangements for one of the coastal steamers to call at that port, the ver earliest news from the C.O. will be awaited most eagerly. I cannot arrange a steamer contract until I know if the Kiambone work has to be altered.

Yours etc.,

(sd) L.N.King.

IMPORTANT.

2 December 1926

L.F.8025/26

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.C.11176/689/22, of the 26th of October, and to previous correspondence relating to the work of the Anglo-Italian (Jubaland) Boundary Commission, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain, the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from the Senior British Member of the Commission, explaining that owing to an oversight the portion of the boundary where it intersects the coast of the Indian Ocean has been demarcated along a line some two hundred yards west of the correct alignment prescribed by the Treaty of July 15th, 1924, as defined in the Notes exchanged between the Italian Government and His Majesty's Government on the 16th of June, 1925. Copies of these Notes were enclosed with your letter No.C.8978/1803/22 of the 11th of July, 1925, and

Jubaland
Boundary
Commission
16th Oct. '26.

the

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

the definition of the coast line referred to in paragraph 2 of Colonel King's letter was contained in the last sentence of the Notes.

2. The Geographical Section, General Staff, War Office, to whom Colonel King communicated a copy of his letter semi-officially, have recommended that the line actually demarcated by the Commission should be accepted, and have urged the importance of informing Colonel King accordingly without delay, in order to enable him to make arrangements for leaving Ras Kiambone area immediately on the termination of the work in that area, which is expected about the 7th of December. It was ascertained semi-officially from your Department that there would be no objection to Colonel King being informed by telegraph that His Majesty's Government would be prepared to accept the line actually demarcated, provided that the Italian Government also agree, and a telegram was therefore sent to the Governor of Kenya on the 1st of December, requesting him, if he saw no objection, to inform Colonel King accordingly. A copy of the telegram is enclosed herewith.

To Gov. Tel.
1st Dec.

3. Mr. Amery would be glad if steps could now
be

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be taken to obtain the assent of the Italian authorities
as soon as possible to the acceptance of the boundary
as demarcated by the Commission, in order that final
instructions on this point may be sent to Colonel King
at an early date.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. T. ALLEN.

for Under Secretary

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With reference to your letter No C. 1176/1689/22 of the 26th of October, and to previous correspondence relating to the work of the Anglo-Italian (Fubaland) Boundary Commission, I am glad to testify on the Board before Sec^y Sir Austen Chamberlain in the account of a letter which has been received from the Senior British Member of the Commission, explaining

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2. The Geographical Section,
 General Staff, War Office,
 to whom Col. King communicated
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 have ^{advised} ~~expressed the opinion~~ recommended
 that the line actually
 demarcated by the Commission
 should be accepted, and
 have ^{they} ~~have~~ urged the importance
 of informing Col. King
 accordingly without delay,
 in order to enable him to
 make arrangements for the
~~evacuation~~ leaving of the Kas. Kianbore
 area immediately on the
 termination of the work in that
 area, which is expected about
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Telegram from the Secretary of State for the
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Sent 11.40 a.m. 1st December, 1926.

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Jubaland Boundary Commissioner,
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KENYA COLONY.
16th. October, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you as under and to request instructions as to what action I should take.

2. After completing my fourth Technical Report, Major Nepitane informed me that we had both been in error in our demarcation of the "Short Meridian" near RAS KIAMBONE, both having overlooked the fact that in the last international agreement the definition of the coast line had been changed from the contour of high water to the contour of mean-sea-level. I very much regret my oversight in this matter.

3. As at present demarcated, the boundary runs northwards from a masonry pillar built due west of the most southerly island and about 15 yards inland from high water mark, and I humbly suggest that the line be accepted for the following reasons :-

(a) A parallel through the most southerly island would intersect the contour of M.S.L. at a point distant about 200 yards from H.W.M., and most unsuitable as the site of a beacon. The meridian through this point would strike H.W.M. possibly 600 yards further north. The boundary between territorial waters would therefore contain a right-angled change of direction, and even if demarcated by a system of beacons, it would present difficulties to mariners.

(b) As at present demarcated, the marine portion of the boundary is straight, both ends are clearly visible to mariners, and the change of direction occurs on dry land.

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4. It is possible that , without alteration of any work already accomplished , demarcation will be complete by December 7th. , and I shall be greatly obliged if you will cable me regarding this matter at your earliest convenience , in order that I may have sufficient time to arrange special sea transport for the evacuation of the British Commission from the region of KIAMBONE .

I have the honour to be ,

Sir ,

Your obedient servant ,

L. N. King

Lieutenant-Colonel R. E.

Senior British Commissioner ,

Jubaland Boundary Commission .

The Under-Secretary of State ,
Colonial Office ,
LONDON , S.W. 1 .

Copy to His Excellency the Governor of KENYA COLONY .

Jubaland Boundary Commission,
c/o G. P. O., MOMBASA,
KENYA COLONY.

1st. October, 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward this my fourth report on the technical work of the Jubaland Boundary Commission.

2. My last report left the combined operations at RAS KIAMBONE in suspense. In due course Major Napolitano completed his astronomical observations, and the British and Italian fixations of the control point on the headland differed by 00.05" in longitude and 00.91" in latitude. The position of RAS KIAMBONE is approximately correct as shown on the Treaty Map.

3. In strict accordance with the convention, the boundary should run due north from that point where a parallel of latitude tangential to the most southerly Italian island strikes high-water-mark on the coast. It was found, however, that high-water-mark was situated on the crumbling edge of a slightly elevated sand terrace, and the terminal pillar was actually built some fifteen yards further west.

From this point the Italian Commission cut a corridor along the "Short Meridian", which proved to be approximately seven kilometres in length, and on intersecting a line drawn by the British Commission from the RAS KIAMBONE control point in the correct direction towards the interior, they continued to cut the corridor in this latter direction for an additional distance of 1 1/2 kilometres.

As the control points at either end of the "Short Meridian" figured in the local triangulation scheme, their geographical co-ordinates were readily deduced from those of the main control

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the main control point on RAS KIAMBONE .

The above operations being completed by May 24th. , the whole party set sail from KIAMBONE in dhows and reached KISMAYU two days later after a very stormy passage .

4. On arrival at KISMAYU it was found that , owing to heavy rain in the vicinity , Captain Erskine had been unable to utilize motor transport between that place and ARMADU , and that the advanced base at DIEFF had consequently been only partially stocked by hired camels . As the Italian Commission was also not yet ready to resume active operations, it was jointly decided that the period of unavoidable delay should be filled by a trip to ZANZIBAR , a measure that was urgently dictated by the low state of health of all concerned . The British participants in this trip were Captain Clifford , Captain Erskine and myself , and the voyage lasted from June 2nd. - 8th .

5. On June 13th. the British Headquarter party left KISMAYU and reached ARMADU by camel "safari" on June 16th. , and was rejoined by the Italian Commission a day or two later . In the course of this journey I had the misfortune to contract a severe abscess in the jaw , and was compelled to return to KISMAYU from ARMADU for proper treatment . I therefore instructed Captain Clifford to proceed to DIEFF with Captain Erskine and Mr. Kane and , in conjunction with the Italian Commission , there to fix a control station at the point where the main caravan route from ARMADU to WADHIER crossed the boundary . I , myself , returned to KISMAYU on June 20th. and rejoined the party at DIEFF on July 13th. , and I take this opportunity to record the kindness afforded to me during this period by the Italian Medical Authorities at KISMAYU and by Mr. Dick , H.B.M. Consul .

6. On my arrival at DIEFF I found the situation as follows:

The British party had left AFMADU on June 22nd, and had reached DIEFF on June 28th., whither they were followed a few days later by the complete Italian Commission .

The British N.C.O.s , having cut the boundary and mapped the topography from MALKA RE to a point about one hundred kilometres south of EL SHAMA , had rejoined Headquarters for economic reasons , and I found their health very greatly impaired .

Lt. G.D. Holmes had succeeded Lt. C.B.G. Watson in command of the K.A.R. escort and this officer reported to me on my arrival .

The water question was extremely acute , the supplies available for the British Commission being small quantities in the pools of DIEFF and HORALI , a larger quantity in the pool of BANANE , and a small quantity in the wells of WAJHIER BOR , and all these sources were rapidly falling through evaporation and seepage . Captain Erskine saved the situation by digging deep pits on the fringes of each pool , filling these with water and covering them with brushwood ; and at WAJHIER BOR he rendered one well properly serviceable by sinking it some ten feet deeper .

Our complement of transport camels had been reduced by about 90% through disease and overwork , and Captain Erskine was experiencing much difficulty in making fresh purchases .

The Italian Commission depended on a very precarious supply of water from WORTA DJIRMA with some assistance from our pits at DIEFF .

Captain Clifford with the assistance of Mr. Kane had completed the astronomical observations at that station , and the British and Italian values for the position of the control point differed in longitude by 00.15" and in latitude by 07.58" . The

by 07.58". The discrepancy in latitude is regrettable . Captain Clifford obtained seven values resulting from observations to fourteen stars , the extreme range of these seven values being 00.7" . The Italian values were very inconsistent , but Major Napolitano considered that it was unnecessary to make further observations , as he maintained that the position of the boundary was fully determined by the longitude . It was found that DIEFF is wrongly shown on the Treaty Map , its true position being only a few hundred yards within British territory and about eighteen miles towards the south .

The Italian Commission was reorganised in two demarcation parties , one of which was equipped for astronomical work .

7. At this stage Major Napolitano and I arranged a programme of work which it was hoped would carry us to the completion of all field operations .

The astronomical fixation of control points was to be effected as follows . Both Commissions were to participate in the fixation of the point where the boundary cuts the parallel of South latitude 0° 50' ("ZERO CINQUANTA" Control Point) . The British Commission was to fix control stations at the point where the N.C.O.s had broken off work about one hundred kilometres south of EL SHAMA (GARSE Control Point) , and at some reasonable point between the "ZERO CINQUANTA" Control Point and RAS KIAMBONE (WUMIEDO Control Point) . The Italian Commission was to fix a control point in the neighbourhood of the Equator (GULOLA Control Point) .

The responsibility for demarcation was to be as follows . The British party was to demarcate southwards from the GARSE Control Point until it met an Italian party working northwards from DIEFF . It was then to demarcate from the "ZERO CINQUANTA" Control Point to the point where work was broken off near RAS KIAMBONE . The Italian parties were to work northwards from DIEFF until the British party was met , and

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southwards from DIEFF to the "ZERO CINQUANTA" Control Point .

8. On or about July 22nd. the two Italian demarcation parties began cutting north and south of DIEFF .

9. On July 21st. the British Headquarter party , with the exception of Lt. Helmes , left DIEFF , and with a short delay at WAJHIER BOR reached the site of the GARSE Control Point on July 29th. By August 5th. the fixation of this point was complete , two independent values of the longitude differing by $00.12''$, and five values of the latitude , depending on observations to ten stars , having an extreme range of $04.44''$. On this date the British N.C.O.S , who had been resting at DIEFF , reached this camp and resumed the survey and demarcation of the boundary towards the south on the following day .

The British Headquarter party began their return journey on August 8th. , and after a halt of some days at HORALI reached DIEFF on August 24th. .

10. Major Napolitano visited my camp on this latter date and reported that , owing to transport difficulties , he had withdrawn his southern demarcation party after carrying the boundary forty-eight kilometres south of DIEFF , and that he had decided to continue operations with a headquarter party and only one demarcation party . I then proposed as a slight amendment to our programme that the Italian Commission should fix an additional control station at the point where the TUBHI - LIBOYI road crosses the boundary , and to this Major Napolitano agreed .

11. On August 25th. Major Napolitano and Captain Marino left for ARWADU and ordered Captain Bertacchi to rejoin him there for a refit as soon as he had effected a junction with the British

the British demarcation party .

12. The British Headquarter party , with the exception of myself , left DIEFF for TUBHI on August 28th. , and Captain Erskine put into operation the establishment of a depot at the latter place .

13. On August 28th. I proceeded northwards from DIEFF to inspect the work of the northern Italian demarcation party, which was still active , and on August 31st. I witnessed their junction with the British demarcation party . The boundary was then through from MALKA RE to a point forty-eight kilometres south of DIEFF , and at the date of this report no further progress has been made in the actual cutting of the boundary . (Vide Sketch map attached .)

14. The British N.C.O.s then proceeded to BANANE with instructions to make a compass survey of the LAK DERA over distances of about forty miles on either side of the boundary , and ^{then} to rejoin Headquarters at TUBHI . Lance-Sergeant Higson reached the latter place on September 24th and Sergeant Foster and Corporal Keleher on September 28th

I myself rejoined my Headquarters at TUBHI on September 9th. to find that the establishment of the depot was well in hand . The water-pool of TUBHI received good rain last season and should retain water until the end of November .

15. On further consideration of the programme last arranged at DIEFF , I decided that the British Commission should participate in the fixation of all control points , and I informed Major Napolitano to this effect .

16. In anticipation of the arrival of the Italian Commission from

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ion from ARMADU , Captain Cliford , Mr. Kane , and I fixed the position of the LIBOYI Control Point between 13th. and 18th. September , returning to TUBHI on completion . The two British independent values of the longitude differed by 00'75 and seven values of the latitude resulting from observations to fourteen stars covered an extreme range of 05.28" . In addition to this work , a few hundred yards of boundary were cut and a series of pegs were placed accurately in the meridian .

The Treaty Map was found to be greatly in error in this region . DOBLE falls within Italian territory by approximately sixteen kilometres , and LIBOYI is only just within British territory .

17. On September 23rd. Major Napolitano , Captain Marino , Sergeant Brance , and Sergeant Prieroni reached TUBHI , but this party was unable to start operations until Captain Bertacchi should arrive with transport and supplies from ARMADU .

18. Major Napolitano agreed to accept the British fixation of the LIBOYI Control Point , but expressed his decision to participate in the fixation of all the remaining control points , viz. GULOLA , "ZERO CINQUANTA" , and WUMIEDU .

19. At the date of writing this report there is water in the GULOLA region , but none near the boundary in the region of WUMIEDU . However , the "short" rains appear to have broken and there is every prospect of finding water towards the south at an early date .

20. The water difficulty is however overshadowed by the transport difficulty . During the rainy seasons this southern country is infested by the "Baal" fly , the bite of which is fatal to camels , and porter transport is impossible

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However, a camel is capable of working some thirty days after infection, and I have decided to sacrifice my camel transport in batches.

21. The programme of work, as again slightly amended, is shown graphically on the attached sketch map, and for full accomplishment is dependent on the existence of water in the region of WUMIEDU. The joint Headquarters parties will fix the control points in the following order: GULOLOA, WUMIEDU, "ZERO CINQUANTA". The British demarcation party will commence operations southwards from the GULOLOA Control Point, when fixed, and as soon as the WUMIEDU Control Point is also fixed, they will transfer their activities to the region of that point. The Italian demarcation party will work northwards from the LIBOYI Control Point until they meet their old cut, and will then work southwards as convenient.

22. Captain Erskine has already begun the establishment of a depot at WUMIEDU, stocking it from TUBHI and from PORT DURNFORD, to which latter place stores have already been shipped.

23. From the commencement of operations on this Commission, the frequent incidents connected with transgressions of the frontier had made me increasingly anxious that the boundary should be demarcated in such a manner that it would be perfectly clear to the natives. I considered the following as reasonable desiderata: that the general vista along the cut corridor should be so open and regular that it could not be mistaken for an ordinary caravan track; and that the ~~marking~~ corridor should be sufficiently wide and free of obstructions to encourage the driving of stock along it, thus tending to perpetuate it.

perpetuate it . Moreover , I had found that from experience that the extra labour necessary to thus improve a corridor cut solely for the purpose of survey was not excessive . Of the work done in the north by the N.C.O.s up to July , 1926 , I had only been able to inspect the portion between HIL WAK and FINO , and I was satisfied that the corridor cut in this length was sufficiently good . I was not , however , certain that the subsequent cutting of the corridor was of the same nature , especially as Sergeant Foster had increased his rate of progress considerably . I therefore took the opportunity , when at the GARSE Control Point , to order an inspection of a considerable length of corridor in that region , which Sergeant Foster described as typical of his later work . This inspection was conducted by Captains Clifford and Erskine , and resulted in my conviction that a broader and clearer corridor was desirable . I therefore requested the D.C. at MANDERA to improve the corridor from MALKA ER to FINO with a few local porters and at the expense of the Commission , and also arranged for the despatch of a few of my own porters to improve that portion between HIL WAK and the GARSE Control Point .

24. This principle of demarcating by means of a corridor cut through the bush has perhaps been the most discussed question before the Commission . The Italian higher control looks upon it with disfavour , presumably for financial reasons , but the actual Italian Commissioners definitely share my view that a materially marked line is essential in this flat , practically featureless , and bush covered country .

The agreement reached at KISMAYU for the general conduct of field operations , which was detailed in my last report , stipulated that the corridor along the boundary should be cut as lightly as possible consistent with accuracy of survey but I am glad

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but I am glad to be able to report that the Italian Commissioners have been compelled to cut more thoroughly for the purpose of communication, and that the resulting corridor does not fall far short of my ideal specification.

The Italian Commissioners, in spite of instructions to the contrary from higher authority, have un-officially consented to map the topography whilst cutting the boundary corridor.

25. I have pleasure in reporting that the relations between the two Commissions continues to be most satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

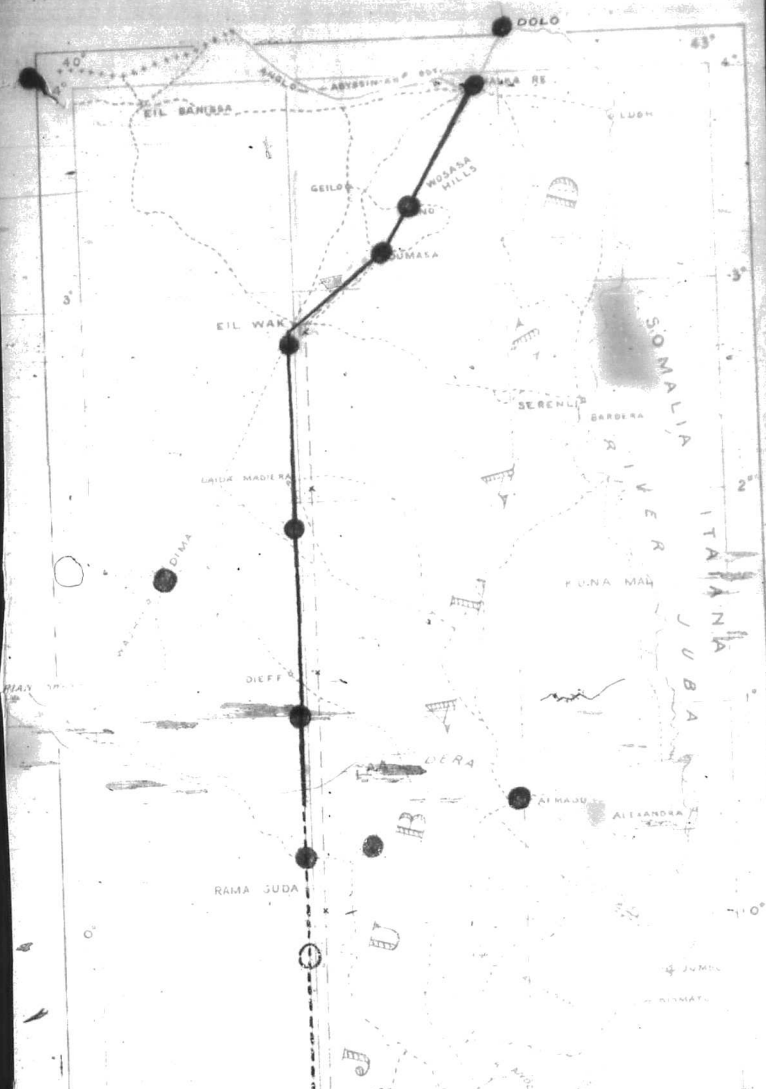
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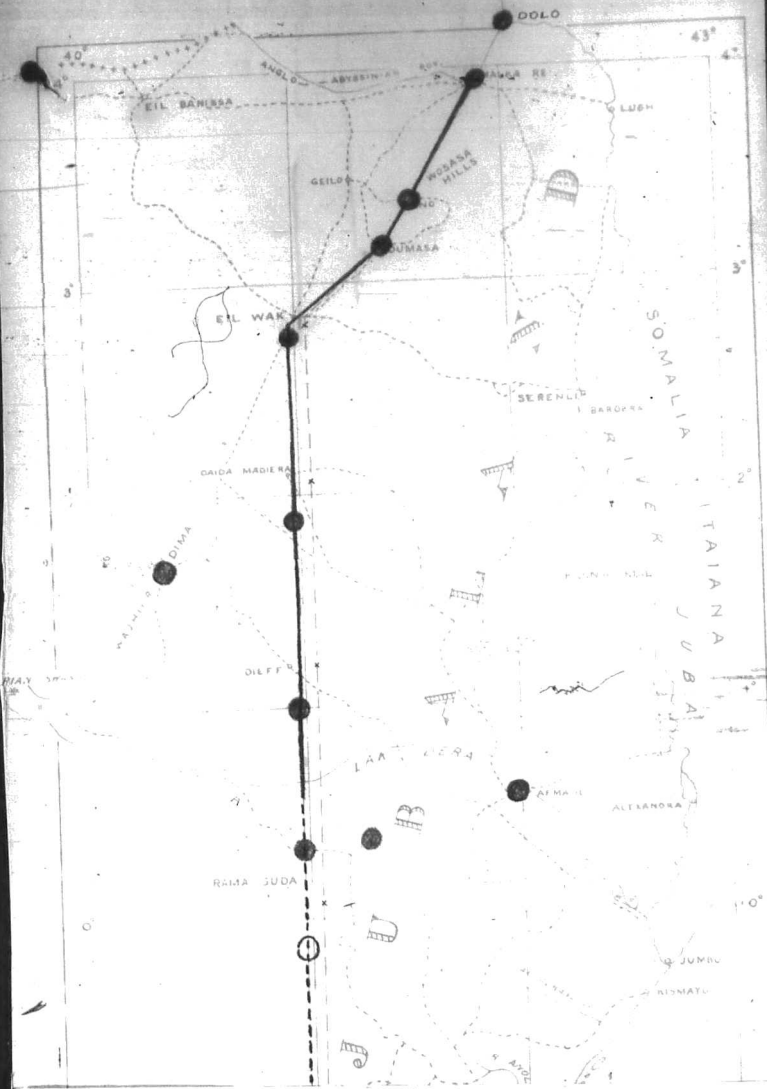
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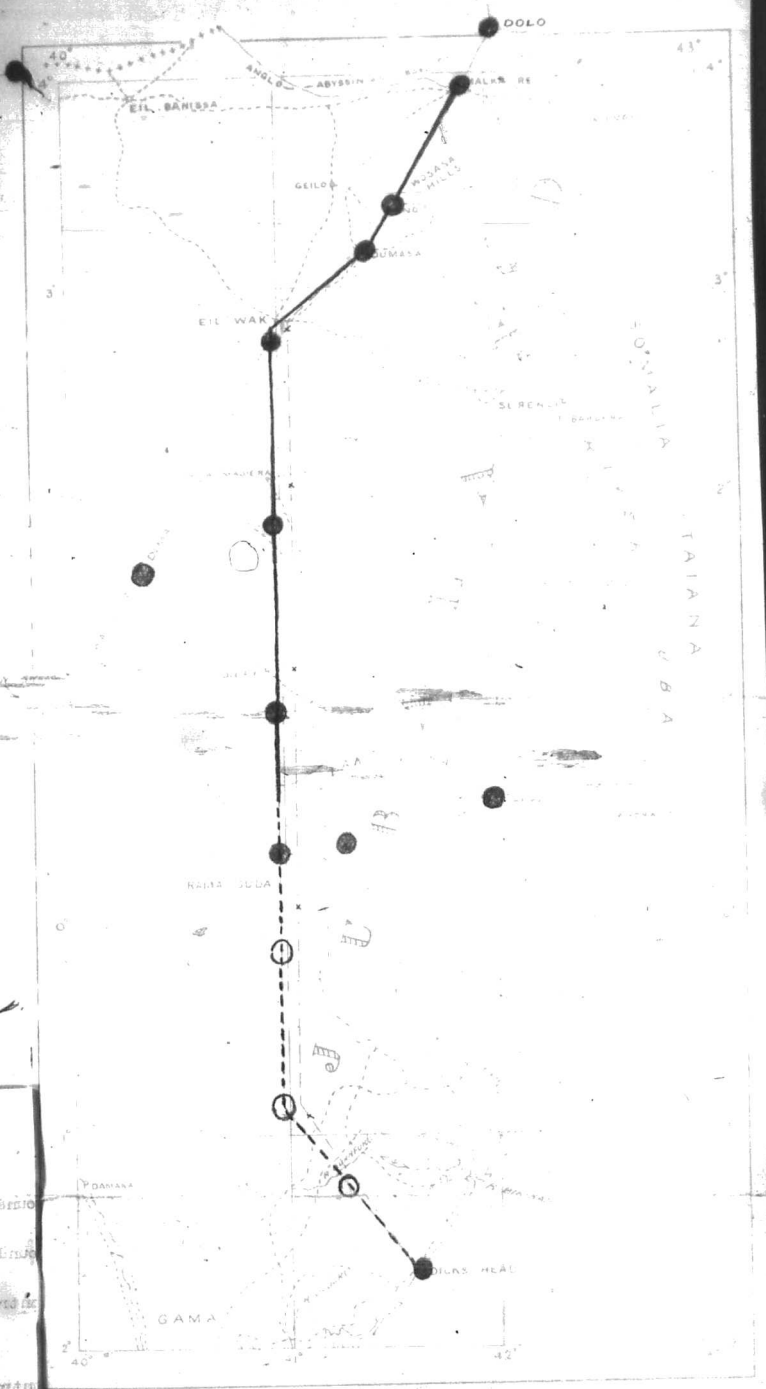


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