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FROM
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DATE
22nd April 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION
Mr. *B. Stanley*
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Asst. U.S. of S.
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Part U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

CESSION OF JUBALAND.

Copy of Note Verbale from British Ambassador at Rome to Italian Govt regarding date of cession, boundary delimitation, personnel of Italian section of Joint Commission, and formula respecting Tanaland - Jubaland boundary.

Previous Paper
WO 17665

MINUTES

I concluded on 17/12/25 that the ~~text~~ should be brought up on April 23rd if nothing was heard from FO.

In view of this, it seems of little use to be worried by FO before Monday.

? Get off LFF on 17.19 and 17.100. and receive on Monday by FO.

(Person on 17567/25 can be sent to OAG. later when I reply)

Sgt
25.4.25

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Subsequent Paper
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Please reply to:—
Officer in charge.

GEOGRAPHICAL SECTION,
GENERAL STAFF,
WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

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1st May, 1925.

My dear Mr. Bottomley,

You may perhaps be interested in this intimation on the part of Vachelli that the Italians are getting busy in nominating their Commission for Jubaland.

I have told Vachelli the rough details of our wireless receiving set in order that he may, if he so desires, obtain other lengths himself.

Yours sincerely,

J. Swinton Thomas

Firenze, 11 28 Aprile 1925

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DIRETTORE

Dear Colonel W. Interbotham,

I have just now sent to the Colonies Ministry the names of the officers who should form the Italian Commission for the Jubaland frontier.

As soon as I shall hear about their departure I shall let you know.

With best wishes

I remain

yours truly

W. INTERBOTHAM
Geographical Section
Staff
The War Office

WHITEHALL S.W.1

(Inghilterra)

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. CS 289/1503/22.

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 copies of the under-mentioned papers

Foreign Office,
April 22nd, 1925

Reference to previous correspondence:

Colonial Office letter of April 8th. no. 15749

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From Mr. Ambassador (Rome) no. 322 April 14th	Cession of Jubaland to Italy

Similar letter sent to

No. 222.

HIS Majesty's Representative at Rome presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and has the honour to transmit herewith copy of the under mentioned paper.

British Embassy,

Rome, 17th April 1925.

Reference to previous despatch.

From Foreign Office No. 487 (C 4977/1803/22) of 13th April, 1925.

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Name and Date.	Subject
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Note Verbale to Italian
Government,
17th April, 1925.

Jubaland boundary.

No. 137.

NOTE VERBALE.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy have the honour to refer to the forthcoming session of Jubaland.

His Britannic Majesty's Government have had under consideration the Note Verbale No. 209364/54. E./V^o of the 11th ultimo in which the Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs expressed an earnest hope that the actual session of the territory might not be delayed until the completion of the boundary delimitation. His Majesty's Government, after consultation with the Governor of Kenya, agree that the transfer of the administration of the territory should take place without awaiting a settlement of the points arising out of articles VII and X of the Treaty. It is assumed that as from the date of the session, the administrative control of the whole of the transferred territory will be taken over by the Royal Italian authorities. Great importance however is attached to the fullest possible notice of the proposed date of session being given to the Government of Kenya and it is suggested that the date fixed upon in conjunction with the Royal authorities for the transfer should be such as to permit of at least one clear month's notice being given to that Government.

The Embassy are instructed to enquire whether any information can now be given as to the arrangements of the Royal Government for the appointment of the Italian section

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of the Joint Commission. The British technical staff, consisting of Lieut.-Colonel D.F.H.I. King, O.B.E., R.S., and a sergeant of the Royal Engineers will leave for East Africa on April 18th.

His Majesty's Government have also considered the Note Verbale No. 210865/63, S/V, of the 20th ultime from the Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, relative to the proposed exchange of Notes to define the meaning of the expression "boundary between the provinces of Jubaland and Tanaland" contained in article I of the Treaty of July 15th, 1924, and repeated in other articles of the same Treaty.

It is noted that, in the opinion of the Royal Italian Government, the formula previously suggested by His Majesty's Government does not appear sufficiently precise and upon further consideration, His Majesty's Government are advised that there is room for further doubt as to the suitability of the formula, for the following reason.

The definition of the former Tanaland-Jubaland provincial boundary laid down as the north-western extremity of the boundary the point where the Lak Dera joins the Lorian Swamp. This point has not, however, been precisely determined, and it is understood that the nature of the locality in question will render the determination of the actual point of confluence of the Lak Dera with the Lorian Swamp a matter of some difficulty. While the point of confluence was sufficiently precise for the purpose of describing the boundary between the two provinces of Tanaland and Jubaland within....

within the territory of Kenya Colony, it is considered that it may not be found suitable as a basis for the determination of the International boundary between Italian and British territory.

The following formula is therefore proposed:-

"Having regard to the fact that Ras Kiambone (Dick's Head) and the four small islands which are in its immediate vicinity form part of the territory to be transferred to Italy, it is understood that upon reaching the meridian east of Greenwich which leaves in Italian territory the west of Malberu (or such other meridian west of Greenwich as may be recommended by the Commissioner in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 1 of the Treaty) the boundary southwards to the point of intersection of such meridian shall follow such meridian with the parallel of south Latitude $0^{\circ}50'$ thence proceeding in a south-easterly direction to a point due north of the point on the coast due west of the southernmost of the four islands in the immediate vicinity of Ras Kiambone (Dick's Head); thence due southwards to such point on the coast. The coast shall be defined as the line of mean sea level ordinarily spring tides."

It is believed that such a formula will ensure as closely as possible the same plotted course of the Boundary as is intended in Article 1 of the Treaty.

British Embassy,
Rome,
17th April, 1922.