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JUBALAND

CESSION OF TERRITORY TO ITALY

Reports on Italian allegations re driving back  
of the Marehan and the unfriendly attitude of  
British Officers towards Italians.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Arnold
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Bond
- Sir G. Piddar
- Mr. Wood
- Mr. Churchill

Previous Paper

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*Mr. Bostwick*

*The Party had to  
be met by Mr. Sterling  
It was a reference to  
a copy to 30 of 1921*

*MRS*

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*Overlooked 230807 -*

*See now app. a 70/3-190 -*

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CONFIDENTIAL.

31st May 1921.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you your Confidential despatch of the 25th inst. and a memorandum from the Italian Ambassador on the subject of the demarcation of Officers' territory shortly to be demarcated. I have the honour to make the following observations:

The first allegation is that an attempt is being made to drive back the Marehan from the area which is to remain British into the area to be ceded. This, as suggested by the Secretary of State in his reply, was the foundation in fact. The Marehan have never had any share of right to any of the area which is to remain British. On the other hand, the territory to be ceded is by rights the Marehan's country which is being given up so that they may now have the use of it. This has given constant trouble to the Marehan and has driven them further into the British country.

Yours faithfully,

WINSTON CHURCHILL, K.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.,

country but they have always been warned that they must go back. Early in 1919, before the possibility of cession had been communicated to the Officers administering that part, a meeting was held between the Officer-in-Charge of the Gurre and the Officer-in-Charge of the Marehan and the previous policy was reiterated, the Marehan being told quite definitely that Melka Re was their absolute limit westward. The boundary line proposed was drawn specifically with this object that it should take in no Marehan country. There has never been any question of any of the Marehan being left in the territory which is to remain British. To allow them any footing beyond this proposed line would be to perpetrate the grossest injustice on the Gurre.

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3. In this connection I would invite your attention to the alteration suggested by the Italian Government in the draft of the Convention of Cession forwarded here under your Secret despatch of April 14th. The Italians request for the "most easterly well of practical utility" in the Eil Wak area makes it obvious that they are hoping to secure part of that area for the Marehan. As I pointed out in my reply to that despatch dated 26th May, this claim should be strongly resisted.

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4. With regard to the allegations of the unfriendly attitude of the British Officers now in Jubaland towards the Italians, I have nothing to add to the reply which you have already made to the Italian Ambassador. He has been misinformed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Edward Northey*

GOVERNOR.