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15 Feb.  
previous Paper.

Italian Commercial activity  
in Abyssinia.

<sup>for details</sup>  
Send deep. Adis Ababa resp. appl. of  
Commercial agent at finis, making five agents in  
all besides the legation at Adis Ababa. Proposals  
are being considered for a wireless Tel. Station at  
Adis Ababa linking up Harar at Massowah + Mogadishu

Sir G. Fiddes.

Send copy to the fr<sup>nd</sup> of the  
S.A.P. for his views - + inf: the F.O.  
What has been done?

It would be a great thing if we  
could properly develop the trade  
along the Jubba + would probably  
do more than anything else to  
solve our military problems there, as  
the Somalis are great traders -  
Our Minister at Adis Ababa is  
alive to the importance of these tactics  
+ is trying to develop a trade between  
Abyssinia + the S.A.P. with

For. reminded 4/31, 23 July 12  
Gov reminded Oct 1, 30 Oct 12  
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subsequent Paper

a view to quieting the abyssinians.

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

and address No. 5888  
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The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

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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, for any observations he may wish to offer.

Foreign Office,

February 15, 1912.

Reference to previous letter:

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Major Daught, Wylie No. 5. January 20.	Italian Commercial activity in Abyssinia.

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REC'D  
16 FEB 12BRITISH LEGATION,  
ADIS ABABA,

20th January, 1912.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to report that it has come to my knowledge that the Italian Government has established a Commercial Agent at Ginir in Dejaz Nado's country about eight days to the South of Adis Ababa and about the same distance from Harrar. This Agent is, I am told, an ex-naval officer. Signor Cora, the Italian Chargé d'Affaires, in reply to my questions told me that the trade with the Benadir ports of Mogadishu and Brava is rapidly increasing.

The only practical trade route in the usually disturbed state of the country near the Webbe Shebeli, is from Ginir by the banks of the Ganale river to Dolo and <sup>u</sup> Lfch.

Dolo is one of the places which I have suggested as suitable for a joint Anglo-Abyssinian custom house on the

model

E. Grey, Bart., M.P.,

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model of the custom houses on the Sudan frontier. It would seem that geographically and in the absence of bounties or other special advantages, all trade which arrives at Dolo ought to go to Bardera the head of navigation on the Juba River.

Unfortunately this Legation knows nothing of the southern trade or of the Juba River. It would appear to me well, with an eye to the future of Kismayu, to study the trading methods of the Italians, their routes, facilities, etc. The East African frontier officers might be able to do so.

The Italians are commercially very active in this country. This officer at Ginir is the fifth agent they have in Abyssinia, besides the Legation at Adis Ababa. The other four are at Adowa, Dessie, Gondar and Harrar. I hear that the Dessie agent has managed to foster a trade by Assab on the Red Sea. Gondar and Adowa trade to Massowah.

2. Marconi stations being now established at Massowah and Mogadishu, the Italian Government has desired that an intermediate station at Adis Ababa should be constructed.

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constructed.

Signor Cora informed me yesterday that the concession has been granted in principle, but that the details remain to be settled. A wireless station here would render the land line unnecessary, and it would be discontinued. At present the wireless connexion between Massowah and Mogadishu works well by night only. It might be found that there are atmospheric difficulties in the way of a station here.

This information appears to me to be worth noting in view of a possible linking up of the Sudan and East Africa with this country by telegraph wireless or otherwise.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. H. Doughty-Wylie.

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- Mr. Fiddes,
- Sir H. Just,
- Sir J. Anderson,
- Lord Emmott,
- Mr. Harcourt,

Sir,

I have to transmit to you the accompanying letter, with its copy of a ~~deep front view~~ envelope, from the F.O. ~~Card at Adis Ababa~~ on the subject of the Italian commercial activity in Abyssinia.

2. I shall be glad to receive your observations upon the ~~matters mentioned~~

Major Dargatz Wajkies despatch  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> of Jan.  
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Sir,

I have retransmitted  
to you the accompanying  
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~~Consul at Addis Ababa~~

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March 1. 1912

Sir,

I am a to ask the  
receipt of yours No 5888  
of the 15th of Feb. & to  
request you to inform  
see Sir E. Grey that a  
copy of the letter and its enclosure  
~~of Major Douglas~~  
~~by his desk~~ has been  
sent to the 'O.A.C.' of the L.N.O.  
for his obsvns.

J. Grey

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