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24th June 1913.

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Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of May 22nd, 1913, covering copies of communications from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and from H. M. Minister at Adis Ababa regarding the political situation in Abyssinia.

2. In the event of the occurrence of such a state of affairs as is foreshadowed in these documents, I apprehend that the principal and probably the only precaution necessary in order to secure the interests of this Protectorate would be the efficient safeguarding of the Frontier from incursions from the Abyssinian side. It would not be possible to effect this by means of the forces at my disposal, as they would probably be fully occupied at such a juncture in maintaining order among our own tribes.

3. Commercial relations between Abyssinia and this country are at present in so elementary a stage that it is improbable that the interests of our trading community would be seriously affected by their temporary discontinuance.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient humble servant,

RIGHT HON.

LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE  
COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

*Stanley Bayard*

GOVERNOR.

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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

In reply to this Letter the following  
Number should be quoted.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1913.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Road's letter of the 23rd instant (24994/13) and its accompanying copy of a telegram from the Deputy Governor of the East Africa Protectorate showing in detail the items of the expenditure of £7,000 on anti-plague measures in Mombasa which was approved by Treasury Letter 14971/13 of the 19th instant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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