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MARSHAN DISARMAMENT

States as to issue of ultimatum. O.C. has been authorized to proceed and is arranging with Uganda for a Company to proceed Serenli. Earnestly requests orders to Hickson be modified so as to give him free hand if he cannot effect disarmament peacefully. If this cannot be done progress he should make no movement whatever until I. G. has considered question on spot.

See G. Reader

See his letter telegraph for repetition of the under-mentioned groups

As regards the ultimatum to Governor Edeas, only in force, O.C. that the Marshal must mean to (1) that the O.C. must consider the question of disarmament. It would appear that a line must be drawn for disarming. O.C.'s views - as all matters heard of them 13 days after the ultimatum had expired.

The telegram of 30570 allows peaceful disarmament & prohibits fighting. The Maroon, though he sees no prospect of peaceful fighting, finds these instructions in conflict - i.e. there is nothing for it but seems to take the opportunity

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I am much inclined to agree to the proposal in the last para: but one, & in any case we must wait for the despatch?

? Telegram to cypher

Your cypher tel 5/9/9 left, must await your despatch. Detachment of O.C. Troops undecipherable please repeat.

- & return at once for despatch to be drafted

WCS 10/4/13

No Harcourt

If there is no reason to apprehend any considerable fighting" your instructions on 30.5.13 cover the field. I considered it unnecessary to choose, on the O.C. notes, between a free hand to the O.C. and a positive prohibition to do anything.

The whole thing smacks of counterintelligence officialdom, & is somewhat exasperating.

I do reply as in Dr. Currie

10.9.13

quite agree

11.9.13

Under your  
idea we  
wait for  
the despatch

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PARAPHRASE

TELEGRAM

The Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 11.24 a.m. 10th September, 1913)

[Answered by No 31670]

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9th of September. Have received your telegram of September 6th. I am sending a despatch enclosing a memorandum by the Officer Commanding the Troops. This should reach you by September 17th. The ultimatum was issued in consequence of the order which was quoted in my confidential despatch of July 19th paragraph 5.

Officer Commanding the Troops has been authorized to proceed <sup>with purchase of mules and camels</sup> (~~to groups undesirable~~) and I am arranging with Uganda for a Company to proceed Berakli.

I earnestly request that orders to Hickson be modified so as to give him free hand if he cannot effect disarmament peacefully. If he were not permitted to enforce disarmament after being reinforced position would be very difficult. There is no reason to apprehend any considerable fighting or extensive operations though attempts to evade disarmament may prolong activities of the troops.

If you cannot agree I propose that Hickson be ordered to make no movement whatever until the situation has been considered by the Inspector-General on the spot.

Substance of above is agreed to by Officer Commanding the Troops.

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Substance - 1/11/13  
See ahead and not  
to 30/11/13 (2/9/13)  
W.S.D.

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For

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MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes, 10.9.13
- Sir H. Jant
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Emmott
- X Mr. Harcourt, 11.9.13

Your telegram of 9 Sept. \*

Repeat three words after  
"authorized" "proceed".

At present I see no

reason to vary by instructions

On the facts stated in your  
telegram a prohibition to do  
anything shall prove more  
embarrassing than the limited  
discretion given by you which  
shall not present serious  
difficulties to a judicious  
officer on the spot. I shall  
await your despatch referred to  
by you

Harcourt

\* No 31670.

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