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DEATH OF CAPTAIN AYLMER
SITUATION ON ABYSSINIAN FRONTIER

Thanks for message of sympathy.
Submits observations as to the force at Capt. Aylmer's disposal and the work he had to do. Trusts efforts will be made to increase the force on the Frontier and that the trade in arms will be carefully watched.

The previous Paper.

30/3045

Mr. Aylmer Sir G. Fisher

ack receipt

H.R.D. 10.9.13

*This is rather bold but I think it is well
to say so - it is so doubtful whether we
can for some time ^{take} any effectual steps
to control the frontier*

as proposed?

CRS.

My way of making it less. 10/9/13

*asked myself the suggestions and
to be better have already suggested
Harrison's attention twice before to
the same point.*

above P.M. 10/9/13

TELEGRAMS - "AYLMER, RISBY"
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RISBY MANOR,

BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

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Dear Sir,
I write to thank you for
your kind message of sympathy
in the death of my son, on
The Abyssinian Frontier, and for
the documents describing the affair.
From his last letter, lately received,
he appears to have felt much the
difficulties which he and his
comrades in the service there
experienced from want of suffi-
-cient force to keep order and
give protection to the well disposed
tribes on our border.
At the time of his death, I was

he was not only Inspector of
The Frontier, but was acting
for the Commission of the Northern
Province, yet all the men he had
at his disposal to deal with the
raiders, who had killed some of our
people, was an escort of ten men,
and about 20 men at Moyale,
80 miles away.

For many months he had been
continually on the move, being
in the open, in order to keep
in touch with all parts of the
territory, at one time having
seven murders to investigate.

with 5 or 6 police only to help.
That his death may not be
absolutely useless, I would
urge that further grants
should be made to provide in-
creased force, whether soldiers
or armed police, to support the
officials in those districts,
and for the protection of friendly
villagers.

The trade in furs and animal
skin has much increased of
late, requires constant watching
to avoid greater dangers in
the future.

Believe me
Yours sincerely

H. J. ...

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W. H. Holmes Esq.

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11 Sept. 1913

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary
Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 4th of
Sept. and to inform you that
your suggestions relating
to the situation on the
Abyssinian frontier have
already engaged his
attention, and will
continue to receive
his careful consideration.