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(contd)

Govt. is displeas'd. A Force is now going to Dablah. Afterwards
this a Force will visit you. If you/ fine has not then been
paid the Govt. will take it by force.

These words by Govt. Orders.

Garba Hare

1-5-14.

(Ed)Elliott

Correspondence between Govt. and Rer Ahmed Wed.

To all the Rer Ahmed Wed Their Elders and Bobto

After Salaams with Gods Mercy.

The Chief Elme Harouf came today to Govt. and asked for peace for the Rer Balleh Ahmed Wed.

Dear now all of ye the Orders of the Government.

You havemade war against the Govt. and turned the country of the English Govt. had and rotten with your fitna.

Now therefore will the Govt. place a heavy punishment on you

The Govt. will not listen to or give peace to one Section only.

All the Rer Ahmed Wed must come in and ask for peace.

If ye verily required peace from Govt. bring in 40 rifles and 30 horses as Subein. Do not come without this. Come not. Without this ye have no peace.

When you have brought this the Govt. will place a heavy fine upon you.

O. Rer Ahmed listen to my words.

Verily peace is better for you than that ye should all die.

I am now in agreement with Govt. and your misfortunes shall increase and multiply.

(Sd/) F. Elliott

Int. Officer

These words by Order of the Govt. Garba Hare 14-4-14

To the Chiefs of the Rer Ahmed Wed

Salaams and may God grant you wisdom.

I hear daily of your doings. Wisdom does not lie therein

Listen again to my words:

Govt. will not make peace with the Rer Balleh and a few Rer

Sanantar only. You must all come for peace.

Otherwise you must bring the Subein as ordered by Government

Without this I will not see you or speak with you

Evil words shall be your portion. Ye have no peace. Listen to me. My

words are true.

Sd/- F. Elliott

- Garba Hare 21-4-14.

Correspondence between the Government and the
Rer Eila Marehan.

To the British Government.

After compliments I wish to inform you concerning
the news of the Rer Eila Dera. They urgently desire peace
and they do not wish for further war. I write on behalf
of the Rer Sheik.

It is said that the Rer Sheik are at the head of the Marehan
fitna but this is not so. We are powerless. Be aware of
this. This word is very true. Written by the hand of Sheikh
Abdullah bin Sheikh Ismail.

Received at Serenli, 28-3-14.

To Abdullah bin Sheikh Ismail

After salaams

Your letter has arrived. The Govt. understand your words
You wish for peace from Govt. The Government offers you no
peace until you bring in all your guns cartridges and horses.
Failing this do not write letters to me.

If you truly desire peace bring 50 guns and 20 horses
With your guns let your chief come also to hear the words
of Govt. For heavy fine is to be placed upon you.

These words by Government Order

Serenli, 30-3-14.

Sd/- Lt. Elliott.
Intelligence Officer.

This letter to the Government.

Salaams

Afterwards your letter has arrived and we are here.
We understand the order of the Govt. We want peace.
We have brought 2 guns and 1 horse and 1 camel. We are now
on the road to you. We want peace and we wish to talk with
Government.

If we get ~~lice~~ ^{license} from Govt. we will bring in anything you may require from us.

This from Hadji Mohamed
Abdullei bin Sheik Ismail

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We have ~~come to the~~ ^{gone to the} ~~border~~ ^{border} and our ~~guns~~ ^{guns} we have left behind to ~~collect~~ ^{collect}

The ~~governments~~ ^{governments} ~~and~~ ^{and} other ~~countries~~ ^{countries} made ~~it~~ ^{it} between the ~~country~~ ^{country} and ~~us~~ ^{us}

This because they understand ~~not~~ ^{not} that the Govt wishes to ~~make~~ ^{make} straight the ~~Marchan~~ ^{Marchan} country.

Now we ~~have~~ ^{have} and we want the Govt to ~~bring~~ ^{bring} us peace. Afterwards we will bring all the guns and horses.

Let not the Govt tell us to bring things ^{we have}. We will bring all we have.

Since we received your letter we have been afraid.

Govt. has written a letter saying that we must bring 80 rifles

and 20 horses. Now we are very afraid. Where shall we get them?

This from Hadji Mohamed
Abdullah Ismail

Received at Garba Hare
2-4-14.

To Sheik Abdullah bin Sheik Ismail

After salaams

Your reply has reached me and I understand it.

If you wish for peace I have told you long since to bring in a subein of 50 rifles and 20 horses. If you are unable to bring it Govt. is able to fetch it.

On the day that the Force came to Ekalla I wrote you saying "come" but you did not come nor did you reply.

Now I tell you for the third time I do not wish to talk with you. about peace until you bring in the Subein.

Return to your own place. This by Govt. Orders.

Garba Hare

(sd) F. Elliott
Int. Officer

2-4-14.

To the Chiefs of the Rar Eili Dara

After salaams with peace in God.

Hear the Orders of the Govt.

Your Subein is accepted. Now you have 10 days of which today is one to bring in 5 more guns, 50 camels, 50 cattle, 1 horse

If you bring this in you will given the following fine -

250 camels

2000 cattle

1000 sheep and goats

If you fail to pay this fine there is no peace for you.

Soldiers shall come to you as before.

Hadji Mohamed has peace until the Military Commander arrives.

Then he may have to leave the country

These words by Govt. Orders.

Garba Hare

(sd) F. Elliott
Int. Officer

11-4-14.

To,

The Govt at Garba hare.

Salaams.

The order of the Govt I have heard. Day and night I do not sleep. I search for stock. Five Camels five cattle and five guns I have. I want peace. All the Kerias are apart from each other. Each is a far off.

This from Iadji Mohamed.

Received at Garba hare.

20. 4. 14.

To,

The Chiefs of the Rer Eili Dera,

Salaams to you with Gods Mercy,

You have brought to Govt half the appointed stock. This is good but it is better to bring in the remainder very quickly. Now listen carefully to my words.

The Govt is very tired of Marehan Fitna. The Govt is unable to wait longer. Hear my words. Leave your present places at once. Leave them today. Go to Dableh with all speed. Stop not on the way. Go only.

A big Force is coming here. If it finds you on the Dilhara or at Bakli Ili it will eat you up. You have six days of which to day is one before the Force comes to your present places.

Signed. F. Elliott.

Int Officer.

Garba hare: 21. 4. 14.

CARBAHARI CAMP.

2nd January 1914.

O.C. Troops
Jubaland.

I beg to report for your information the following were the dispositions of the Marehan on the 1st instant:

Hostile Marehan. Fer Sullah, about 500 men, with 800 rifles and 20 ponies, are at DENLI and near DEKAGIN with a few Illaloes at BOGOLLI, the latter to waylay runners or small safaris on the SHEBILI-CARBAHARI road. The Fer Hassan, Fer Ahmed Ved, and Fer Alidera are almost all together at HUBALI, MACALLA, and KURIGBODOCO reading the Koran with about 60 scouts at ABUMATIP. Some stock and a few men on DILHARA which will be dry about 15th instant.

The Fer Hassan number about 900 men with 400 rifles. The Fer Ahmed Ved about 800 men, 150 rifles and 80 ponies. (with Fer Garad and Fer Ali Hussein). The Fer Alidera about 850 men, 150 rifles, and 10 ponies.

Total force approximate 1650 men, 900 rifles, 90 ponies. As far as I can find out the average amount of ammunition is about 20 rounds per rifle. Ammunition is still being bought from the Sheikh Aoul and Shir Mozi who do gun-running between Dolo and Lush.

On the 28th ultimo the O.C. Carbahari received a letter from the Marehan, saying they wanted peace and on the 30th ult. they sent in another to the same effect. To these letters, the O.C. Carbahare replied on the 31st ult. to the effect that the Government would not discuss peace until the Fer Alidera, Fer Sullah, Fer Ahmed Ved and Fer Hassan had brought in every rifle every pony and every cartridge as ordered to be brought in by 15th August last.

These letters were in my opinion sent simply to gain time.

Ben Marehan. On the 29th ult. the O.C. Carbahari had a

letter from the Son Marehan, supposed friends of the Government, to the effect that they were living at BURGADUD. On the 31st ult. the O.C. Garbahari, replied that they must obey the orders of the Government at once and move to BILMAU away from the hostile Marehan; a runner came in here yesterday who states that they have already started moving as ordered.

War Ogas. The War Ogas, also friends of the Government have moved to WASHAKABAR-JURBEH-SUBSEL.

I do not think that either the War Ogas or Son Marehan mean to fight the Government, although from reports received there seems to be a good deal of plotting going on; these last two sections are I think just waiting to see the result of the first fight and in the event of the Govt. suffering a reverse I think it quite likely that they might combine with the other hostile Marehan against us.

In addition to the sections mentioned above, there are the Merille, a poor low class tribe numbers unknown; the Ber Kulu division of the Merille are I hear with the enemy but they are not of much account.

The water is fast drying up and by the 15th of this month the Bilhara will according to reports be dry.

The principal water holes existant will run as it were in two holes approx. North and South.

(1) DENLI-BOGOMI-DEKAGIN-DULLI-AJUMADIRI-HUMBALI-MACALLA and KUFHEBODOCO.

(2) GARBHARI-WARSHAKABAR-JURBEH-APININ-TUPA-APININ and WAR.

Also water near LUCH at MADOVACHA and SALSUY.

The leading man on the enemy's side appears to be Shireh Jama (Per Ahmed Wed); his instructions are, according to report, to remain round MACALLA and attack when we move out in that direction from Garbahari.

I understand he has been sending envoys to a tribe called the Techalt in Italian Somaliland to join them.

In the event of his being defeated; there has been a lot of talk too, of their going to Abyssinian territory but the most reliable Agents seem to think they will not go there. A report has reached here too, of the presence of 1000 Abyssinians soldiers at SOLO which should tend to keep these Marehan away from the E. DAWA. The strength of the Bon Marehan is somewhat difficult to gauge but I think they number about 600 men, and 40 rifles.

The Sarah Ogas number about 400 men and 30 rifles. From these numbers it would appear that the total numbers of all the Marehan, Sarah Ogas, Bon Marehan and Merille, included is approximately 3000 fighting men, 1000 rifles and 100 ponies.

SCOTS.

I am sending out Illaloes daily to report any change in the enemy's movements and will inform you immediately on hearing of any change in their dispositions.

I attach a return, for your information, of the amount of stores at present in CERBE HAFELI, and the number of men in the Boma getting rations.

Sd. W. E. Grezz Captain
Intelligence Officer
Marehan Patrol

Cerbe Harri Camp

Jan. 2nd 1914.

1/1/14

CEPBA HAFRI Camp

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16-1-14

From Intelligence Officer
Marehan Force

To The O.C. Troops
Jubaland.

(I) The dispositions of the Marehan are at present, according to reports, as follows:-

Per Gulsh. Still at DENLI but moving their stock to ARINWEN DUP neighbourhood as there is not sufficient water for stock at DENLI.

Per Ahmed Wed & Alidera.

Living mostly at KUFMESODOGO and ADUGUSA (just N.W. of BURCEDUD) and are watering their stock at ABUHADIRE & HUMBALI.

Per Hassan

Living close to MACALLA & HUMBALI.

The Bon Marehan

Have not yet obeyed the Government order to move away from the hostile Marehan; they are, at present, living near BURCEDUD-DABLI ADUGUSA-ELMAU-HEFFEREH TUR, they do not, however, appear to wish to fight against the Government.

Ibrahim Gurli-Hawa Samma section came in here yesterday and said he would endeavour to get his men to move E. of the line CEPBA HAFRI ELMAU. I pointed out to him that we would not hold ourselves responsible for the lives of any Arab if they persisted in living amongst the hostile Marehan.

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consolidated on the 11th

and loyalty to the Govt.

plotting against us;

an stock etc. when

we go out- even from what he told me himself I informed that he had been plotting. He also appeared very anxious that we should return the 80 captured camels belonging to the Herille as he said the owner was faithful to the Government; this is untrue.

- (2) I received a letter from Corporal Hassan Ihsa, Armed Byce, yesterday. He is at Lugh buying camels and told me that he had heard a great many Somalis saying that Farah Coat was plotting against the Government.
- (3) I find it somewhat difficult to get Scouts at present; those I had do not seem inclined to do any more work at present, for the reason, I believe, that they imagine we are not going to take any further action against the Marehan. I think, however, that when we show signs of starting out they will come forward again.
- (4) Water is, according to report, always plentiful at MACALLA- MACALLA water is about 1 mile to the S.E. of HUMBALI Hill and about 18 hours from here for Camel transport, 8 hours to ABUHADIPE and 8 hours from there to MACALLA via HUMBALI Camp. The water at MACALLA is got by digging from 2 to 4 feet deep.
- (5) Captain Carew has cut about 3 1/2 miles of the GERBA-HAARI-ABUHADIPE road to-day and it is hoped that another 2 1/2 miles will be finished to-morrow; the road cutting party was not molested to-day- I have sent out a man to MACALLA to-day to find out what effect the road cutting has had on the Marehan.
- (6) Sent by runner Abdi Ya Dua at 5 p.m.

Sd. W. C. Greig Captain

Intelligence Officer

Marehan Patrol.

No 1/8/14.

27-1-14

from

Intelligence Officer
Marchan Patrol

to

O.C. Troops
Jubaland.

I beg to report the following

- (1) The Marchan who opposed you at BOGOLAI on the 21st were Per Sullah and some Per Hassan, numbers unknown. Reports as to the number killed vary from fifteen (15) to 50.
- (2) The hostile Marchan round MACAYLA are now much alarmed and started moving away on the 25th. Their dispositions yesterday were as follows:-

Ahmed Vad & Elidern. Have fled, some towards the River DAUA, while others are at GUBEUT & DAFO, at present they are very much scattered.

Per Hassan Some at MACAYLA, and some at DAELLI, their intention is to join with the Per Sullah at BOGOLAI and to attack any safaris on the GEFRA HAFI-SEFENLI road.

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Bon Marchan. Are, I hear, moving Eastwards, away from the hostile Marchan.

Arach Orah. are at DUBSEI, WASHAKABAR; others watering on the River Juba and some of Arach Goat's section watering at SAPWEN-DUP.

I have obtained reliable information that Arach Goat's section (the Abaha Hijertain) is prepared to go against us as soon as operations start; I do not think it likely that they will openly revolt.

Deria Chacul & Gulhad 411ah are still loyal to the Government.

- (3) Six cattle astrayed in here on the 23rd inst. they belong to a man called HILB, an escaped Arach Orah prisoner, so I am now returning them to the owner.

- (4) I think it most likely that when the Marehan realise that you have returned to SEPENLI, they will return to MACALLA.
- (5) There have been fresh tracks round the Boma the last two month nights but so far the enemy have not fired at us. On the 25th instant two camels, belonging to one of my illaloes, were taken by Marehan.
- (6) I have received a letter from the Italian at Lugh informing me that the Marehan raided their subjects near Lugh on 21st instant and captured 100 cattle. I received information this morning that these cattle have all been returned as the Ahmed Abd. who captured them, could not agree as to whom they belonged.
- (7) There is no water at ABUDANIP now. I have also been informed there is water at DECAL, 5 miles N.E. of DOGOLTI and in the same river bed; water is plentiful at Dezal now.
- (8) Sent by runner (Abdi Aden) at 12 noon.

Ed. V. E. Greig Captain
 Intelligence Officer
 Marehan Patrol.

1/6/14

GERBA HAFELI CAMP
6-2-14.

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To

The O.C. Troops Jubaland.

- (1) I have to report that the Ferullah were at Jarnwen Hussed on the 5th inst. and also a few Fer Hassan; their stock is being watered in the R. Juba.
- (2) The Fer Hassan are, for the most part at DAHEI, with some at MACALLA & HUMBALI; from the latest reports I have gathered that it is unlikely the Fer Hassan will join the Ferullah in any numbers to attack a safari coming out here.
- (3) The Ahmed Ved and Elidera are at MACALLA, HUMBALI, LIBAHILLO, KUFMESOPOCO; and some at YEMASSO (on the R. Juba). I have also obtained information that there are 500 rias at ABUMADIER but I am sending out two armed eyes to-night to corroborate this.

I have obtained no information of the presence of any Ahmed Ved near JARNWEN.

- (4) The Fegodia have lately been raided by the Abyssinians and it has been reported to me that they wish to join the hostile Marehan.
- (5) I have received information that the Ferullah have lately sent stock to YEB & MAFAMADOO in Abyssinia and exchanged same for rifles & ammunition. The other hostile Marehan are still ^{bringing} rifles and ammunition from the Sheikh Aoul, Shir Mogi, Cassar Godu who live at YEMASSO and who buy these rifles from the Jemaa in Italian country.
- (6) The Marehan still believe that we will not move against them. They appear to be afraid of going to Abyssinia or even to Italian country; as I am informed that there are Abyssinian troops close to the DAVA and R. Juba is also being patrolled by the Italians, who have detachments at MAFELTEH & GODOBOI.
- (7) Sent by runner Aden Mahomed at 5.30 p.m.

Sd. W. E. Gregg Capt
Intelligence Officer Marehan Patrol

18-2-14.

To The Intelligence Officer
Marchan Force.

As far as I can gather the dispositions of the Marchan on the 11th (eleventh) inst. were as follows:-

- (1) The Ahmed Wed- Per Hassan and Elidera are mostly living round MACALLA, HUMBALI & DUBLI.

As a result of the raid at WANGI on the 9th inst. more Ahmed Wed and Elidera stock has gone to the E. Juba and is scattered between TUPOLEI & YEMASSO. There is still much stock at DUBLI and round HUMBALI & MACALLA.

- (2) A baraza was held at HUMBALI on the 8th, one of my illaloes was at it and states that the Perullah and some Per Hassan are to stop any safari coming from Serenli while the remainder are to attack the picquets at GERRA HAFRI.

- (3) The Sarah Ogas and Malim Iss are at HESOMERAPA - JUBBEH WAFSHAKABAD & SUFUDU and are watering in the river; there are also some Sarah Ogas at GEFDEBIE. The Perullah are mostly at GEFDEBIE-KUFUMI & MIMABA their strength, together with some Per Hassan living with them is about 400.

From what I have heard, the Sarah Ogas are not willing to revolt openly against us till they have seen the result of the first fight.

- (4) The Don Marchan, Hama Samma section are round BUSSEL, so far they have not shown any inclination to fight against us.

- (5) Captain Carew with 140 men is proceeding towards AUMADIFE to-morrow to make a reconnaissance in force.

- (6) Five syces and askaris proceeded to DUBLI last night and killed about 15 camels. I have not yet heard what effect this has had but it is hoped that their raid, the capture of stock at WANGI, together with the reconnaissance to be made to-morrow may lead the Marchan to imagine we are going to make for MACALLA.

- (7) The Perullah, if beaten, are to proceed N. along

the river Juba and the Ahmed Wed and Elidersa hope to join them somewhere ~~xxxxx~~ near LUCH. The Per Hassan will, if the Per Tullah are defeated, drive their stock to the River Dawa.

- (8) It is most difficult to get the reliable information here as I have to rely almost entirely on Sarah Ogas. However, as far as I can gather, all the remaining sections want to see how the Per Tullah fare first before they commit themselves.
- (9) I have illaloes near HELEMERARA to report any movement Northwards on the part of the Per Tullah. I think it quite likely, however, that I will not get any useful information till it is too late.

Sd. W. L. Gregg Captain
1st K.A. Rifles.

No. 8.

GERBA HARRI IS-2-14.

From Captain V. J. Grezz
 1st K.A. Rifles.
 To The O.C.
 Gerba Harri Camp.

This morning at 7.30 a.m. the signalling picquet of I N.C.O. and 5 men was ambushed as it was proceeding to Signal Hill, by a large party of Somalis. No 25 Pte Fasise B Coy 1st K.A.R. was killed and No 168 Pte Sialre B Coy 1st K.A.R. was wounded. The picquet retired to the Boma and I at once, on hearing the shots, started out with 25 men and a maxim, shots were exchanged for about 15 minutes as I advanced and then the enemy retired, I did not feel justified in following them up far as I did not wish to get cut off from the Boma and did not at the time know how many Somalis were against me.

I saw tracks of blood where two of the enemy had been hit but do not know what casualties they sustained.

A Arab Ogas, who had been captured by the enemy and who afterwards ran away from them, states that they were about 60 of them, 45 of which were armed with rifles. They were principally Per Hassan from Duhli to which place they retired.

I gave out my orders re picquets to Sgt. William to-day which were that 30 men in all were to form the grazing guard and signalling picquet, the whole to go together to the foot of the signalling hill, the cattle and camels to graze there and an N.C.O. & 5 men to go to the top of the hill. The N.C.O. in charge of the Signallers (L/Cpl Chirumba B Coy 1st K.A.R.) went off by himself before the 30 men of the grazing guard had left the Boma. Cpl Henry Miniamweri who was in

charge of the grazing guard took no steps to ascertain why the signalling picquet had not fallen in with the grazing guard.

The enemy captured one rifle, 1 bayonet and 100 rounds of ammunition belonging to the man killed.

Ed. W. E. Gregg Captain
1st K.A. Rifles.

No 1/9/14.

To The Intelligence Officer
Marehan Force.

I have obtained the following information.

- (1) The whole of the Fer Tullah, together with 200 Fer Hassan are near GERDEBILE and BURDUBO and are watering in the river. The bush round GERDEBILE is reported to be very thick. Total number of Fer Tullah & Fer Hassan is 500.
- (2) The Sarah Ogas are living at WASHAKARAT, HETOMERAPA and BUSSEL.
- (3) The Bon Marehan are living at BUSSEL and are scattered about along the river as far North as KALIBASI.
- (4) Most of the Ahmed Wed are living near KALIBASI & YENASSO. Number about 200.
- (5) The main body of the Fer Hassan, the Elidera and some Ahmed Wed are living at DUELI, MACALLA & HUMBALI.
 Strength- 200 Fer Hassan
 150 Elidera
 100 Ahmed Wed.
- (6) The present plans of the Fer Tullah are, to wait in the thick bush round GERDEBILE until attacked. If beaten, they hope to be able to return N. along the River Juba.
- (7) The Ahmed Wed are making plans to attack the Boma at GERBA HARPI, their chief object being to get our stock.
- (8) As far as I can gather it is not the intention of the Marehan at DUELI-MACALLA & HUMBALI to join the Fer Tullah at GERDEBILE.
- (9) No baggage camels of the Sarah Ogas have been brought in yet, but I hear that Deria Chacul is having 20 sent in.
- (10) The Bon Marehan still maintain a friendly attitude towards us but do not seem prepared to help.
- (11) The Sarah Ogas occasionally come into the Boma; I think, chiefly to report our movements to the enemy.

I find it increasingly difficult to get any reliable information from them.

(18) Her Hassan Illaloes have been coming here for the last three nights but have not fired into the Boma so far.

(19) Sent by arah Ogas runner (Aden Mahomed) at 9 p.m.

Ed. W. T. Greig Captain

1st K.A. Rifles.