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Foreign Office,

November 3, 1914

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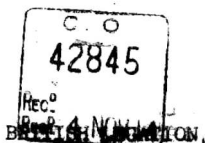
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ADIS ABABA

3rd October, 1914.

Sir:-

I have the honour to forward for your information
copies of the Adis Ababa Intelligence for the month of
September, 1914, No.10.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

C. H. M. Boughty Wylie.

Mr E. Grey, Bart., K.G.

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Intelligence Report No. 10.

for

September 1914.Political.

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Certain new taxes have been imposed, and the cattle tax which is one dollar for every four head is said to be yielding well. Another tax is to be a land and property tax in Adis Ababa, for which surveys are being made.

The Mascal festivities were attended by about 20,000 people.

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Gabra

As regards Dejaz Selassi, negotiations are in progress with the Italian Minister by which Gabra Selassi is to surrender himself in Adis Ababa, under a guarantee for his life. The Abuna and the Itchegeh have also been appealed to by Dejaz Gabra Selassi to intervene in his favour.

Lij Yasu appears to have promised the Italian Minister that if it becomes necessary to arrest Dejaz Gabra Selassi, only a small force of the soldiers now in Tigre will be sent.

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None of the usual Masal appointments and promotions are yet announced.

Harar

There have been vague reports of raids and counter raids in the Ogaden country, and Dejaz Taffari is said to be going to Jigjigga with a force, ostensibly to hunt lions, but really to be ready for the Mullah's horsemen who are said to be in the neighbourhood. This news is not confirmed from Berbera and is probably incorrect. The British Consul at Harar is absent, and there is no means of sifting Harar news.

The Ughaz of the Gadabursi appears to have called in Abyssinian soldiers to take taxes from some of the border tribes who may be British.

From Jibuti, and from Italian sources comes a report that there is a considerable movement among the Moslems caused by the war, and the Turkish call to arms. It is possible that the head of this movement is the Turkish Consul at Harar, who is in correspondence with leading Moslems both here and in Jimma, and who has been accused, though with no proof, of being in correspondence with the Somali Mullah. There has been some talk of a Turkish or German

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On the representations of Italy, Jibuti has been

temporarily closed to the passage of arms.

Six German or Austrian field guns, quickfirers, arrived at Jibuti consigned to Mr. Mayer, a German-Abyssinian. But as he had declared them as machinery, they were confiscated and are now being used by the French authorities for drill and instructional purposes.

A certain number of rifles were given out at Mascall, among others at least 100 to Sheikh Khojeli of the Beni Shangu. These were repaired Russian rifles.

Owing to regular traffic from Port Sudan, the Gore Gambia trade seems to be good, but that of Adis Ababa is very bad. The Arab trade to Aden was mostly in the hands of German and Austrian agents, who have now ceased buying.

In reply to a call for artillery officers, Captain Sandford, acting Consul, has been permitted to join the Army.

(Signed) C. H. M. Doughty Wylie.

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