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In any further communication
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and address
The Under Secretary of State,
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Foreign Office

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Sir:-

With reference to the letter from this Department
of the 23rd March last on the subject of the proposal
to raise the limit of weight at which elephants' tusks
may be traded in or exported from Africa, I am directed
by Secretary Sir K. Grey to transmit to you herewith,
for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, a copy
of a despatch which has been received from His
Majesty's Acting Agent and Consul-General in Cairo
enclosing one from the Governor-General of the Sudan
setting forth the views of the Sudanese Government on
the letter from the Colonial Office in this Department
of the 25th February last (2947/1911).

Sir K. Grey would be glad to be informed whether
Mr. Harcourt would still desire that the German,
Italian and Belgian Governments should be approached
as to their willingness to co-operate with His

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Under Secretary of State,
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Majesty's Government in raising the limit for tusks.

In the event of it being thought desirable to adopt this course, I am to enquire whether, in Mr. Hartoury's opinion, it would not also be advisable at the same time to approach the French Government on the subject, inasmuch as the port of Sitoua might well become a favourite outlet for every article which could no longer be exported elsewhere.

I am, Sir,

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Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 13 Africa (732/II) of March 17th, I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of the Sudan setting forth the views of the Sudan Government on the letter from the Colonial Office of February 25th.

You will observe that Sir R. Simgate considers that to fix the limit of weight at which elephant tusks may be traded in or exported from Africa at 25 lbs would meet the case as far as the Sudan is concerned.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant

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The Right Honble

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., Bt.

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Governor-General's Office

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of copies of correspondence transmitted to you by the British Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs under cover of Foreign Office despatch No. 114 Africa, dated 13th March, 1911, of the subject of raising the limit of weight at which elephant tusks may be imported or exported from Africa to land in the principal ports.

There would be no difficulty in raising the limit in traffic to the extent to give level sanction to such limit as may be arrived at by agreement with other Governments concerned. Such level sanction would have to provide that ivory under the stipulated weight should be "re-exports" for transport (not re-exports) unless accompanied by a valid certificate stating that the ivory is controlled and sold by Government, and also that merchants exporting the ivory shall have a certificate at the frontier place of entry stating that as part of the certificate consists of a receipt which is not a receipt of ivory and that the goods are subjected to further examination.

Whereas such an controlled ivory, accompanied by the valid certificate referred to, will be ex-facit in this connection, however, I am convinced that an increase in the limit will quite fail to its object unless

Yours faithfully,
 The Agent and Consul-General
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