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Date.

17 July

S. Abyssinian Frontier.

at previous Paper.

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Records proceedings at Inter departmental Conference at 7th 8 July & proposes to communicate with Adis Ababa on the lines of the conclusions then arrived at. Considers in favor suggestions as to clearing up of the border line. Returns map & notes for reference when approved.

Colonel Thengge.
W. Fieldes

Ask. say that W. Harcourt concurs in the proposal. I send a copy to Adis. Ababa in the mail indicated - but add that it is hoped that it will be found feasible for any other negotiations on the basis proposed by Mr. P. Fremont & that nevertheless the Secy. of State will of course be consulted before any further proposals for further cession of territory are made to the Abyssinian Govt. - send copy of the 7th letter with copy

copy sent for Conf 28 Jul 11
Copy of map to FO to try for 25/32

U.S. W. 11.10 A.S.W.

Subsequent Paper

25222

copy of our reply to the Gov: of
the S.M.S. for info. in conf: 27.
+ ask the S.M.S. to make
3 copies of the maps. ?

H. J. R.

18/VII

It is clearly impossible to protect the
frontier with only infantry or to catch
raiding parties. On this point both
Mr. Slesiger + Mr. Hope were in complete
agreement with my views. To do
this work we have 25-30 mounted
men available as far as my
information goes -

11/17 July 19th

W. J. R.

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In any further communication
on this subject, please quote
No. 26329/11.
and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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Sir:-

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1911/11

With reference to the letter from your Department 19771 of the 5th. instant I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, that a meeting took place at this Office on July 8th. between Mr. Thesiger, (His Majesty's Minister at Adis Ababa), Mr. Read, Colonel Thesiger, Mr. Hope and Mr. Tilley of the Foreign Office at which the suggestions contained in your letter above referred to for the settlement of the Southern frontier of Abyssinia were discussed.

Mr. Thesiger expressed the opinion that nothing could be done at Adis Ababa for the present, but if the authorities of the British East Africa Protectorate would steadily patrol the country in the neighbourhood of the proposed frontier and arrest all raiders they could discover, the Abyssinians would in all probability

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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probability themselves ask for a definite settlement of the frontier at no very distant date.

Mr. Thesiger went on to say that in his opinion, the proposals now put forward by Sir P. Girouard would provide a suitable basis for negotiation, although it might be necessary for him at a later stage to recommend the transfer to the Abyssinians of a somewhat larger area of territory in the vicinity of Lake Rudolf.

Sir E. Grey proposes, if Mr. Harcourt concurs, to address a despatch in the above sense to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Adis Ababa.

I am at the same time to express Sir E. Grey's concurrence with Sir P. Girouard's suggestions as regards the disarming of the Mershan tribe. In returning to you herewith the map which accompanied your letter of the 5th. instant I am to request that three copies may be supplied as soon as possible after reproduction to this Department to send out to Adis Ababa

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and for retention in the archives of the Foreign Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. Langley

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27 July 1880

MINUTE.

- Mr. Parkinson 24/7
- Mr. Theinger 27/7
- Mr. Fiddes 25/7
- Mr. Just
- Sir C. Lucas

his

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt
 of your letter No 26329/11 of
 the 17th of July relating
 to the settlement of the
 Southern Frontier of Abyssinia

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- Lord Lucas
- Mr. Harcourt

Copy of comm. to
 to Mr. C. Lucas
 for inf. comp. etc.

to request that you will
 inf. Sec. Sir E. Grey that
 he concurs in the proposal
 to send a dispatch to
 H.M. Charge d'Affaires
 at Addis Ababa in
 accordance with the
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2. Mr. Hancock agrees,
however, that it will be
found possible to carry
through the negotiations
on the basis proposed
by Sir P. Howard, ~~that~~ ^{she presumes that}
this dept. will ~~be~~
be consulted before
any proposals for
further cessions of
territory are made
to the Mexican Govt

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27 July

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Col Menzies
~~Mr. F. J. Fiddes~~
Mr. F. J. Fiddes 25
Wash (in original)
(in S.K.)

The U.S. for the Colonel
presents his compliments
to the D.M.O. & says he
intends to see a map
of the northern frontier
of the I.A.P.
He would be obliged
if Brigadier General Wilson
could have three copies
of the map made for
his use for ^{the Col. Office} ~~his use~~ ^{as} ~~soon~~
possible.