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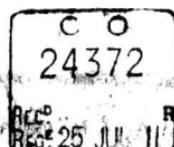
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Home

July 17th, 1911.

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21 JUL 1911

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith translation of a Note which I have received from the Italian Government, in reply to the communication which I addressed to them, as instructed in your despatch No 21 Africa of the 1st ultimo, regarding the appointment of a technical Arbitration Commission to decide the level for the irrigation headworks on the Juba River.

In this Note the ~~Minister~~ di San Giuliano suggests that the Commission should be composed of a Representative of the British and Italian Governments respectively with a third member co-opted by the two delegates. The Italian Government have as yet made no suggestion regarding the date when the Commission shall meet. I will therefore revert to the point should occasion arise, on learning your views regarding the composition of the Commission.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

your most obedient,

humble servant

Right Hon:

Sir E. Grey Bart., M.P.
etc. etc.

(Signed)

Rennell Rodd

24372

Reso
Re: 25. I.

28537

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Rome, 14th July 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of the 6th of June last informing me that His Britannic Majesty's Government have accepted the proposal put forward by the Italian Government that a technical Arbitration Commission should be charged to examine and decide the level at which water for irrigation purposes may be drawn from the river Juba and enquiring whom the Royal Government propose to appoint as their representatives and when they would suggest that the work should be commenced.

In the opinion of the Royal Government the Commission might consist of one arbitrator appointed by Italy and one appointed by Great Britain; these two would concert together for the selection of a third arbitrator; if they failed to come to an agreement the choice of the third arbitrator would be made by the Government of a third Power to be designated should the occasion arise.

The Arbitration Commission would be empowered to summon to its deliberations, in a purely consultative faculty and without the right to vote, the two delegates who in the local Commission assembled in October last failed to come to an agreement.

Pending the reply of His Britannic Majesty's Government, I have now written to the Governor of Italian Somaliland with a view to determining, in agreement with him, who shall be the Italian Arbitrator.

I have the honour etc.

To 24372 " Cap

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8 Aug 21

Sir,

I am to thank the recipient
of your Ltr No 28537^{7/21} of the

25th of July, to inform you

that we are prepared to
accept the ~~suggestion~~ of the
Italian Govt as to the composition
of the Technical Arbitration
Committee to decide the dispute

for the irrigation headworks
on the Juba River.

Yours

W.H.

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