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5 Sept

(Subject.)

Control of Abyssinian Frontier

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Submits proposals as to occupⁿ of Abissinian
and placing of its Amisworth in charge on present
salaries is small? + subsistence all " of £200
Estimates total cost of transport at £4000 p.a.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Contador

This seems to be quite a
different proposal from that of
P. C. that suggested to the Govt
for adoption in our despatch of the
23rd July (28,917) - That
was for 3 posts on the
Boundary. This is for
post at Massabat, which is
further 134 1/2 F.M. from
is 100 miles south of the
Butler line. The idea
of the former proposal (though

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should be under Sir J. Macartney
while the office at Marsabit
would necessarily be under the
care of the R.A.

Perhaps the matter may stand
over pending the return of
Mr. Read who has been ordered to
quarrel with Sir J. H.

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It is not for Sir J. H.

the fact is

the R.A. is a very narrow strip of land
between the 2^d and 3^d of the
with Sir J. H. who managed the
boundary.

1000 British occupation is permitted
to the R.A. by the R.A. and Sir J. H.
under the R.A. and Sir J. H. the
Java which is particularly
has attached some to one of the papers
concerning the R.A. and Sir J. H. Java

to appear at 40° E. long. & 10° N. lat.
I think that we should refer the frigate
Capt. [unclear] suggestion & say that perhaps
the safest plan would be not to commit
ourselves to any base at once but let
the officer in charge report on the matter
after he has studied the local
conditions.

(2) The assignment of the frigate
I find that Mr. Jackson thinks very much
that it would be a pity to take such
a good officer as Mr. Answorth away
from his important work in the western
part of the Pacific & put him on the
frontier where there is scarcely the same
scope for his energies. Mr. Answorth
to have a great power of judgment & energy
the district with which he is connected &
Mr. Jackson had hoped that he would
be sent to command the frigate along
the western part of the Pacific
I entirely think that
he would be of more value
in the least strips than in the
frontier & I would suggest this to the
Comd. & ask him whether it would not
be better to appoint some other
officer saying that if he has
suitable officer available we could not
do otherwise than send one from some other colony
with regard to the two subordinate officers

will be of use to the Abyssinian parties
where the transport will have to be
mainly by Camel. Messrs. Capt. C. &
messrs. ^{substant} then the general use of the
Officers who would be available for work
of this kind & would be more likely
to accommodate himself to the
hard & solitary life on the frontier. 438

There remains the present frontier interpreter
the Greek Zaphiro. He might certainly be
retained both on account of his
extensive knowledge of the country &
the Abyssinian Galla languages & also
as a spare man to fill necessary ^{vacancies} caused
by illness or absence on leave. He has also
some medical knowledge which will be
useful.

(3) With regard to Salaries. I do not
know why the Gov^{ty} proposes to give me
a large sum abt £ 200 for travelling
& subsistence all ^{to} the Gov^{ty} Office.
According to Capt. Powell a certain
amount of food can be obtained
locally. This would have to be
supplemented by European provisions, but
I assume that there have also to be
provided by Officers at other out-
stations - the Port^o. It would also
be generally cheaper at out-stations as
there is less entertaining to be done
at the same time (viz. J. Hamington
reported to me that the men would

with the most cases, be able to settle
the matter by direct communication, &
the last resort, can refer the matter
to us

(5). It is very desirable that the
Officers should have a knowledge of
survey work.

Mr Jackson said that if we were
to get full value of the arrangement
we ought to have maps of the
districts showing the trade routes &c.
There are large tracts of unmapped
country & it will be a good opportunity
of filling up some of the blanks.

The Officers will probably have a good
deal of spare time on their hands & it is
very desirable that they should have
something to occupy them. S. Drake
Bruckman is coming on leave shortly

& Capt. Under is absent in the country.
If it is decided to appoint them
Major Close will arrange for their
instruction at Chittore.

? Send copy of 35956 to the Genl &
Write in the case of the foregoing
letter, saying to what provisions for the service
- & send copy of our despatch of Feb: 19

23917, copy of 33027, & copy of the
despatch to be written in this paper, to
the F.O., saying that, in the absence of the
Head of the office Dept: of the F.O. in

leave, the matter was discussed
with Mr. J. Harrington & suggest that
the paper enclosed & marked should
be forwarded to him for his info.
- send copy of the other copy to
the Gov. of Uganda for info.

H. J. R.

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agree

no action

get done

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Ritz Hotel.

Piccadilly, W.

13th Novr 1907.

My dear Read

I have done as I promised and minuted your despatch to the Foreign Office to the effect that I fully concur in and approve of your suggested scheme regarding the Southern Boundary.

In case you have any difficulty about finding men, there are two men whom it perhaps might be worth your while to see. One is a Colonel Arthur C. Tompkins who has been employed under the Colonial Office and of whom no doubt you will have some reports. I enclose you copy of a letter which I have received from him. I have seen him personally and he strikes me, judging from his record, as the class of man suitable for the work in question.

Another man who ^{has} ~~has~~ worked under me personally and who I can very strongly recommend to your consideration is a Mr Jessen. He is an Engineer by profession, is a trained Surveyor and has done a great deal of survey work on the Blue Nile, the Sobat, Piob and the Boma country near Lake Rudolf.

The highest recommendation I can give him is that he is a man to whom if you confide a job you can trust to ~~carry it~~ carry it through if it is humanly possible. He has a knowledge of Arabic and Swahili.

He is at present in London and a letter addressed to his care at Dutch-Smith, Millman & Co, 29, Great St Helen's, E.C. would find him.

Yours very sincerely,

H. Harvington

Read Esq.

Foreign Office.

5. Hazelwood Terrace.

Horne Bay.

Nov 8. 07.

Dear Sir John Harrington,

Pray forgive me writing again so soon after our interview, but it occurs to me to ask you not to consider my rank in connection with anything in the way of employment you may be pleased to offer or help me to obtain, as I am quite prepared and willing to take a subordinate post provided the salary would be sufficient to keep my family in England in reasonable comfort (as for myself I can and prefer to rough it) and without the prospect of promotion or merit.

As you will see by my papers I've had considerable experience with natives, organizing and training of Police, civil, military and frontier, with Remington, Snider, Martini and Lee Enfield as well as 7 pairs Maxim Nordenfolt and war Rockets &c.

transport, oven, mail, camel and native (porters) &c also Coast Guard preventive service work &c I and in a very few days can talk off the tongue speak Arabic, Kiswahili &c.

Even if no military or Police opening at present I am ready to do anything in which my past varied experience proves of use, neither afraid of the hardest or roughest work in any climate. Having no private means and a large family to support I make of my earnest appeal for consideration in any capacity of employment abroad at once. Kindly make any enquiries you like think necessary and permit me to be

Dear Sir John Harrington

Yours obediently

(Signed) Arthur C. Tompkins.

Langford

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~~Barapara~~

Telegram

The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 3.50 p.m. 18th September
1907)

September 18th.

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With reference to your telegram of August
26th, the question raised in your despatch of July
24th is being considered on the following lines:-

To occupy Marsabit with one officer and twenty
police using this as an advanced base whence two
officers could establish themselves on and patrol
the frontier with police escort and open up trade
routes. I consider that the whole should be under a
senior officer and I would suggest Ainsworth on
present salary with a travelling and subsistence al-
lowance of £200. If you approve please ask him
and place him in communication with Harrington.

It is difficult to ascertain the cost of
transport - total cost - part of which
would be payable from increased revenue - should
not exceed £4000 a year.

HAYNS SADLER

Sanctioned

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Enclosure

Telegram

The Governor of the East Africa Protectorate to
The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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senior officer and I would suggest Ainsworth on
present salary with a travelling and subsistence al-
lowance of £200. If you approve please ask him
and place him in communication with Harrington.

It is difficult to ascertain the cost of
transport but the total cost - ~~of which~~
would be recoverable from increased revenue - should
not exceed £4000 a year.

HAYNS SADLER

Memorandum for the Governor of the
East Africa Protectorate.

Recd 2.50 pm 14th Sept 1907

September 18th

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In reference to your telegram of
August 26th, the question raised in your
despatch of July 24th is being
considered on the following lines:-

To occupy Marsabit with one
officer and twenty police men. This
is an advanced base where two
officers could establish themselves and
patrol the frontier with police escort
and open up trade routes. I consider
that the whole should be under a senior
officer and I would suggest Marsabit
on present salary and with a travelling
subistence allowance of £200. If you
approve please ask him and please have
a communication with Harrington.

It is difficult to make ascertain the
cost of transport, but the total cost
- part of which could be recoverable
from increased revenues - should
not exceed £4000 a year.

S. G. S. S.

Gov S.A.P.
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25 October 1907

S.A.P. Conf

Mr

Sir,

MINUTE

- Mr. Broad 23 Oct
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. Ommansen
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Blyth

I have had under my consideration your telegram of the 8th of Sep. relating to the scheme for the more effective policing of the northern frontier of the Province.

2. You suggest that ... should be ... by an officer ... (unpaid) as an advanced base from which the ... officers could establish themselves on and patrol

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to Mr. ...
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patrol the frontier, but
I would ask you to
consider whether some
station near the
frontier would not be
more suitable. Captain
David R. [unclear] surveyed
the boundary in 1902-3
suggests JARA
which is practically on
the frontier (at 40° E
long. + 40° N. lat.)
is a healthy spot
+ was at that time the
the proper strategic
center. It is possible
however that the position
of affairs may have
changed since then, or
be the case. I
enclose a copy of a dispatch
from the [unclear] change
of [unclear] transmitting

transmitting a copy of a
report from Mr. Zaphin
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who ~~also~~ recommends the
occupation of other posts
on the frontier. Probably
the safest plan for the
S. Afr. Govt. will be not
to commit itself to
any base at once, but
to let the officer in
charge report on the
matter after he has
studied the local
conditions.
3. ~~With regard to~~
the occupation of the
border I am generally
in favor of [unclear] but
I understand that Mr.
Ainsworth is a man of
exceptional energy +
it

regarding the
occupation of
the frontier

assistance to the
General, & may state the
5. Further west
Colo. The second Officer
is Captain London,
Assistant Transport
Officer in N. Nigeria,
who has had many
years of experience in
dealing with various
different parts of
Africa. He is a man
of great practical ability
& has been successful
in devising new forms
of transport for N. Nigeria
especially by the use
of camels. Experience
of the kind will be
of use on the frontier &
in addition ~~superior~~
in some matters - self-reliant
than

employment of ~~an~~
medical officer
unnecessary, except
during his absence
on leave.

then the ordinary Officer
who would be available for
the work & is more likely
to accommodate himself to
the ^{the} somewhat hard &
solitary life
6. This means the
present frontier inspector
Mr. Zaphiro. I consider ~~that~~
that ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~likely~~ ^{likely}
certainly to be retained
both on account of his
extensive knowledge of
the country & the local
languages & ~~also~~
also resources because
an additional Officer will
be required to fill
vacancies caused by
illness or absence on
leave. He has also some
medical knowledge which

will be useful.

7. With regard to salaries, it does not appear to me to be sufficient ground for giving so large a sum as £200 for travelling & subsistence allowance to the Senior Officer. I understand that a certain amount of food can be obtained locally & although the night has to be implemented by European provisions I assume that his ~~entire~~ ^{in the case} board ~~is~~ ^{is} provided by officers at other out-stations & the Port however the living is generally cheaper at out-stations than at head-quarters & there is less entertaining to be done

DRAFT

MINUTE

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir M. Ommalley
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elyn

8. At the same time I require that life on the frontier must be attended with a more than usual amount of discomfort & I consider that the Officer ought to get some compensatory all^o. I would suggest that the scale of pay & all^o ⁱⁿ ~~recompensation~~ for the Officer should be as follows:

Senior Officer

Basic pay + Duty all^o of £100

S. Drake-Brockman

£550 a year + Duty all^o of £50

Captain London

£500 a year + Duty all^o of £50

Mr. Raphael

£400 a year

only all ^{the} would be
known by the officers
actually discharging the
duties of the app'ts to
which the all ^{the} are
attached.

9. It appears to be
clearly sensible that
the officers should be
for as possible, be
under the direct control

of Sir J. Hamington
who ^{you & the present}
~~of his personal~~
advice & advice will be
in a position to advise
in the capacity of Mr.
Minister at Adis Ababa
to be a better
position to induce the
Superior Council to
recall raiding parties
of Abysinians, to allow

any instructions which he may
intend as to the action
of our officers, &c. There
should, I think, be no
difficulty in the way of
~~disputing~~

placing the officers
under the control of
Sir J. Hamington 448

provided that arrangements
are made to keep you
constantly informed of
all that is passing

If you are in
accord with this on
any point, you will
probably in most cases
be able to arrive
at an understanding
by direct communication
with him, & ^{possibly}
that ^{the} matter

can always be referred
back for the decision
of H. H. M. fort.

10. I consider it a matter
of great importance that
the Officer of the
Station should be
employed, so far as then
other duties will permit
to the preparation of
maps of the country
showing the trade
routes, the water courses
&c. Arrangement can
be made in the country
for the instruction of
S. Duke Mackenzie
& Capt. Cook
Survey work, & if the
Senior Officer is selected
from the staff of
the Protectorate, I would
suggest that he should

should be put through
a course of instruction
under the ^{local} Survey Dept.
before he takes up his
duties.

DRAFT

MINUTE

- Mr
- Mr
- Mr. Antrous
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. Oummanoy
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elyon

11. If you agree
with the views which I
have expressed in this
draft I request that
you will insert
provision for the
service in the Estimates
for 1908-9.

etc

DRAFT.

Confidential

The Under Secy of State
F.O.

25 October

MINUTE.

- Mr. Peard 23 Oct.
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sir M. O'Malley
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you with refs to the [unclear] from the [unclear] of the 23rd of July, the accompanying copy of [unclear] relating to the future control of the Southern Abyssinian Frontier, & I am to suggest to the [unclear] of [unclear] that the papers [unclear] should be forwarded to Sir J. Hannington for his info.

to Sir - copy [unclear] July 1st
 26 Aug. ()
 to Sir [unclear] (59327)
 (Spec. [unclear])

to Sir [unclear] with [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

of the Head of the
African Dept. of the
F.O. a lease, the
question of the arrangements
to be made for patrolling
the frontier was discussed
at the Council Office
with Sir J. Hamilton

Done