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Governor. No.
Jackson 48

(Subject.)

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Empress Navigation Co. (S)
Estab^t of trading station on R. Juba

Last previous Paper.
9176/07

In short of Act? Govt. Govt. Dismissed
together is a rough sketch of notes in neighbourhood
of Bardera. Capt. Satchell has been asked to conduct
no notes is to be but to first proposals as any observer
he may think fit to make for considⁿ. Remarks as to work
of proposal

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

This is interesting, especially in
connection with the proposals of
Mr. Ward & Marquis Herveygold
for trading on the Juba. It
confirms what we thought before
that on the one hand there are
considerable possibilities of
trade on the Juba, & on the other
considerable danger of trouble
with the natives.

There is one point which I
had like cleared up - &
that is exactly where the
main journey of

Mr. Read's letter was (S) Feb
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The Junta River is here denoted separately
The Imperial Navigation Co. is
I think different, & I understand
that Mr. Williams is on place
Mr. Kavin seems to have been
represented a significant
consisting of Messrs Lenders
Messrs A & W. Nesbitt, &
Sir James Leving & Son (now
bankrupt) - I think we shall
write to Messrs Lenders & en-
quire -
MS 19/2

in articles

So passed? You will note
that - and toward the end of the
manuscript report about the trade
whether this is going to be a big question
later on - not only for the EAR but for
the whole of tropical Africa if the same
concerned about, make up other minds to
tackle it effectively and. A copy of the
report is to be sent with the sketch - orig;
to the S.M.C. 3rd Dec. 1892
MS 19/2

Mr. Ellis,

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The sketch of Bardera enclosed in this des-
patch has gone astray between the printer and the Sta-
tionery Office and can not be found. It would be well,
perhaps, to ask the Governor to send here another
copy to make the record complete.

E. D. R.

4.2.09

Mr. North please peruse of
3/4 sent - accordingly
MS 19/2

Governor's Office,
Nairobi,

January 22nd 1908.

No. 45

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My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 404 of the 27th of May last, /on the subject of the establishment of a trading station on the coast of Bardera by the Emperor Navigation Company, I have been instructed to transmit a report from the Acting District Commissioner, Siwayu, together with a rough sketch of the place in the neighbourhood of Bardera.

1. With reference to the last paragraph of Captain Seibold's letter, he has been instructed to conclude arrangements with the Company but to forward their proposals with any observations you think fit to make, for consideration.

2. The enclosed reports deal with most of the points which will have to be considered, but it must not be lost sight of that a serious element of risk is connected with the establishment of this trading station amongst these turbulent and treacherous Somali tribes. It is only a few days since I received a telegram from the Charge d'Affaires at

AGLE

H. H. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

FOR THE GOVERNOR,

DOORING STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

Adis Ababa advising me that in the opinion of the Frontier Inspector, the Company must be particularly wary and vigilant in their relations with the tribesmen in the neighbourhood of Bardera who have an exceedingly bad reputation for treachery and violence generally.

I have the honour to be,

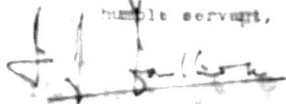
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's, most obedient,

humble servant,

(F. Jackson)



(In the absence of H.E. the Governor)

Provincial Commissioner's Office,

KISHAYU.

December 20th 1907.

No. 110

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose

1. Mr Mansergh's report.
2. Copy of sketch. Bardera.
3. Copy of Mr Mansergh's letter to Sir J. Harrington
4. Copy of Mr Mansergh's letter to Mr Zaphiro.

Copy of steaming times and notes on tribes I have enclosed to compare with my own notes previous to placing them in the local intelligence books.

Irwin started on the 12th October en route to Bardera and I caught him up on the Government steamer "Rose" at Gelib near Wfudu on the Italian side having on board with me Mr Mansergh whom I intended to introduce to the Gasha chiefs.

After conversations with Lieut Cortesi the Italian Resident at Gelib I gathered that the Adjuran having made themselves obnoxious and having heard of the plans of the Italian Government to transfer the Officers and men of the Bardera and Isah garrisons by water (mentioned in my letter No 61 of October 6th 1907) thought this meant an attack. This plan was afterwards dropped, but the idea had remained. I, therefore, thought it advisable to send Mr Mansergh with the Company steamer in case of any trouble with the Adjurans. As will be seen however from Mr Mansergh's report the trip was quite successful and received everywhere with

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Mr Mansergh suggests the North of the Bessite visited by the Manager of the Company and himself as the best for a station. Vide sketch map.

The Company ~~will~~ ^{will} doubtless have to employ Agents to trade for them and probably open in due course another station at Lugh.

The movements of Ignor Perdurchi seem to be bringing him to the neighbourhood of the upper waters of the Juba and I should say although no doubt engaged in examining into the traffic of arms he is also reporting of the best methods of developing and turning the commercial possibilities of those regions into Italian territory and it seems possible that the Anperor Navigation Company if they do not enter into some agreement with the Italian Trading Company which I understand is to have none, only of the trade in their colony of the Benadir may meet with some opposition from that Company.

I fear by Signor Ferrandi was reticent as to the possibilities of trade expansion both at Bardera and Lugh but there seems little doubt this trade would expand. The traders are mentioned by Mr Mansergh as coming from Uganda I do not know.

It seems right to conjecture that a trading station at Bardera would have very chances of success and moreover I feel sure the more the country is opened up the stronger the position of Government becomes and the less likelihood there is of quarrels with the Somalis. The fact that people from our side are crossing to the Italian side has been known for long but

3. ...
should be largely corrected by the presence of a British Officer in Goshu, who I understand will shortly arrive.

10. Mr Irwin has applied for a concession of 2 miles of river frontage and 1 mile back from the river, for his station at Bardera. At first I agreed to this but after consideration it seemed ~~ixxx~~ rather large and I suggested a square of 300 yards each way which he said was too small and I am still in correspondence on the subject.

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

R. S. Paul
Ag Provincial Commissioner

KISHAYU.

19th November, 1907.

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SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I returned from BASHARA on the fourteenth of this month and beg to submit a report on the journey.

As you know after reaching GILIB, owing to information received from the Italian Resident at that place to the effect that some opposition might be made by the AFURAN at SHUK ABUL KHIR to the company's steamer's passage, you ordered me to accompany the steamer.

At various places therefore before arriving near this tribe I took particular care to find out whether any opposition would be made to our passing.

I gathered that SHUK ABUL KHIR had not the slightest intention of interfering with us as his quarrel being with the Italian Government and not with the company.

I therefore decided to go on. On passing the village the people shouted to us to come and tie up there but I decided that this was too risky and so went on to cut wood on the English side well above the village.

At all the villages both on the English and

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KISHAYU.

and Italian side of the river I noticed that the natives were only too pleased to get wood and sell it to the manager of the company.

It will of course take time for them to understand what a large quantity of wood is required.

Soon after ~~WAGNER~~ about forty seven miles above ~~the~~ ~~ANGEL~~ ~~WAGNER~~ the villages on the English bank are very few and far between and I learned that the people have mostly gone over to the other bank because the Italians can afford to give them some sort of protection from outside tribes.

I heard several other reasons for their going such as objections on the part of the Gocha chiefs but I am inclined to believe that the first is the main reason. This is a great pity and I hope someone will be sent to Gocha to ~~the~~ ~~ANGEL~~ a large watering place on the right bank. I sent two men off with letters ^{to} ~~the~~ ~~ANGEL~~ ~~WAGNER~~ and ~~WAGNER~~ telling them that we should shortly arrive at ~~ANGEL~~ and explaining to them the company's idea of building a station there.

There were no Somalis at ~~ANGEL~~ as there has been plenty of rain up country.

At ~~ANGEL~~ further up there were a good many shambas and the Somalis, mostly ~~ANGEL~~, ~~ANGEL~~ and Mohamed. Their had heard that we were coming.

On our arrival at ~~ANGEL~~ we were met by Signor ~~ANGEL~~ the resident we then went over to ~~ANGEL~~ where we met with a most friendly reception from the Somalis.

I explained them for what purpose we had come up and they informed me that a store such as ~~ANGEL~~ wished to make was just what they wanted as at present they have to cross over to ~~ANGEL~~, where, although

BARAWA charge them the duty which they themselves have to pay at the Coast.

It is to be hoped that the company will be able to divert this trade down the river to ZIMBWA.

I wrote to Mr. Esquire who was said to be somewhere near EL WUKH informing him of the arrival of the Company's steamer and requesting him to do all he could to get the Baras to bring their ivory etc to Sorouli and cease sending it over the river also if possible to come down to Sorouli to discuss the prospects of trade. Unfortunately we were unable to stop until the 15th November by which date he could have arrived at Sorouli owing to the fall in the river I however wrote again and asked him to send any information he could to Kismayu.

I also wrote to Sir John Livingston at ADIS ABABA giving him all information I could and asked Mr. Esquire to forward it. Copies of letters enclosed

Signor Perinchi is on the WUKH ^{at} SOROUILI INHA and is making his way to the Baras country possibly in the interests of the Italian Government. Two Europeans from Uganda are at a place called SUDABANO in the north of Baras.

They have northern Somali caravans with them and an ivory safari of theirs passed through LUKE the other day on its way to Baras to buy cloth etc.

Just before we unfortunately had to leave some ¹¹⁻¹⁴⁻¹⁸⁹⁵ MURHAN told me that one of the caravans of these Europeans was trying to get a pony from his tribe in order to ride down to see who we were as it has apparently been put about all over the country that this company is an Italian one and not English.

We were informed that the greater part of the trade goes through LUKE to the coast. I could not get anything out of the Resident at BARAWA but I thought

I learnt from other sources that the amount of ivory both male and female from the Beran country for the last eleven months was 2200000 (72000 lbs).

The trade has greatly decreased as the Abyssinians from the North take alot out of the country.

a few years ago six to seven hundred frames passed through BARDHARA in one year.

The company must remember however that a great deal of this ivory is underweight and therefore could not pass through Kismayu under the present regulations. But there is other trade besides this and I think if the company send their agents to Beran, Igh and other places from Sorouli they should meet with a fair measure of success later on.

I accompanied the manager to look at some places for a possible site for a bema and forward a rough sketch of two places.

The place opposite Bardhara is the best I think chiefly on the west of a narrow row which is very shallow, it would be easier to cross the river and take refuge with the Italians.

Some of the watering places are marked which are now showing in the wet season. There will be many more in the dry and I would advise the company to give them a very wide berth when making their bema and shambas as it is well known that most of the rows amongst the Somalis themselves are over the right to water in certain places.

As regards the murderers of Sheikh Ali Mahar two of them were at Bardhara itself three days before we arrived. The other three are living with the BUSHANINA (BUSHI) two days from Sorouli.

They have been to the Resident at Bardhara to ask him to let them live on the Italian side but he refused.

If we had been able to remain until the 15th I think it would have been possible that the Aulihan might have brought them in to me. Fifteen more OMER MAMMOOD have run away from the Mallah in the North with their rifles and are joining the murderers.

The HEB AFGAB have bought forty rifles from the Abyssinians. The MERRIAN have fifteen rifles and the BARRATERRI fifteen. Farah Ibrahim of the TUR ADDAI section of the AULIHAN has eight Government rifles given him by Mr. Jenner. He was told to these in but our sudden departure will probably be his excuse for not doing so.

There is no doubt that the SerrenliSomalis are *generally* getting quite a number of rifles from the Abyssinians who are being returned and are selling their old rifles.

This will probably be a big question later on.

I forward you the following documents:-

Letters to Mr. Squire. Letter to Serrenli chiefs namely MERRIAN, AULIHAN, BARRATERRI, MACHABUL, MOHAMMED SUHRIK. Notes on some of the tribes. Letter to the Resident Bardera asking him if possible to keep the murderers of Sheik Ali Mahar in his prison. Letter to Sir John Harvington at ADIS ABABA.

I hope later to send you my diary which may be of some interest, also the steaming time and places passed.

In conclusion I beg to bring to your notice the following names of people who have done excellent work:-

Hilel (Aulihan) who acted as my interpreter
Gaduran Ali interpreter

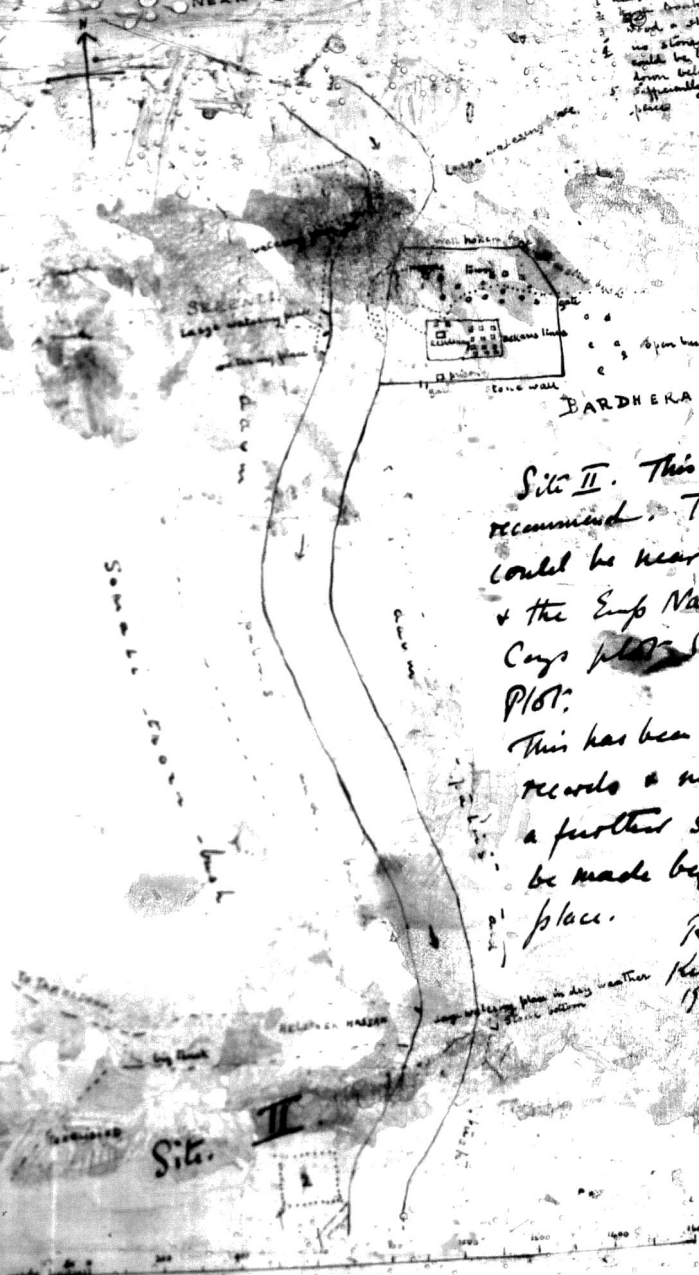
Mffendi Mohamed Agida who acted as trader for the manager of the company, selling all the goods. 10

Sketch of JUBA RIVER
NEAR SERENLI

Dem. no. 1.

1. near station post.
2. good shade
3. no stone or limestone could be brought from above below
4. Specially for watering place

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Site II. This is the site I recommend. The Sema's location could be near the watering place & the Emp Nav Co. or any other Coy's plot south of the first plot.

This has been cut out of the records & no other copy exists a further sketch would of course be made before any work took place.

R. E. Sallwell
Kivengye A.P.C.
15.3.05.

Dem. no. 2.

1. this spot has...
2. good building stone
3. lime stone
4. wood
5. shade
6. not too near watering place

Site II

Scale of yards inches to one mile.

R.P. 10360

J. W. H. Mansfield
Arab District Commissioner

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~~Y. Williams~~ Gov
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Mr. F. Lindus

Mr. 25/6

27 Feb. 08

Gentlemen

W.r. to the
letter from this dept.
of the 18th of May
I am directed by
Lord Elgin to inform
you that, as far as he
is aware, Mr. Williams
has not waived him-
self of the permission
then given to him to
establish a trading
station near Budua
2 H.L. however, hears
that a Mr. Inver
representing similar
interests has over-
-ded the job

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