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(Subject.)

*Disturbances in Italian Somaliland**Send report by Capt. Salletti. Inquiry  
is being made and on request to forward  
Rs 2000 on embellishment.*

(Minutes)

*Mr. Bontedes**There seems to be a fear  
that we may be engaged in  
these Italian troubles**Copy to D.M. 1 if  
Mr. G/S**Mr. Dugg  
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Secretary's Office  
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8 MAY 08

April 18th 1908.

EAST AFRICA DIRECTORATE

CONFIDENTIAL (C)

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My Lord,

I have the honour to submit an Intelligence Report by Captain Saltwell, dated the 8th instant, on the disturbances in Italian Somaliland. Further enquiries are being made in connection with the request contained in paragraph 5 of this Report.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

*Alfred Buller*

H.E. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES,

ROWING STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

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6th April, 1908.

The Italian operations after fighting in various places against the Rissala tribe living between Werka and Mogodiscio and the Wehi Shebelyi and bombarding places on the coast called a council of war. Captain Barrari the resident at Galdap was now present the senior of the two Italian Officers near which the senior Military Officer attended.

We inform me that the hand of the Government is not forced they will attack the Rissala in August with 2000 rifles and some artillery in addition to garrisons or stations.

This force will leave the coast at four points at or near Mogodiscio and Werka and operate on the river. The idea appears to be afterwards occupy a line from the sea to the Wehi Shebelyi about where it flows inland and north of Mogodiscio to cover the country from incursions of hostile natives especially of the Amisseries of the Mullah.

Apparently these operations will be confined to driving the Rissala across the Wehi Shebelyi and occupying that line. So far as I know no arrangements have been made to stop the enemy when defeated from driving on the river.

In view of the above considerations I have to ask that I pay if necessary 1000/- to be allowed to spend on intelligence without making any further reference.

It may be worth noting that in the late fighting the Somali riflemen made use of intruders.

R. S. Samuel  
Being Provincial Commissioner

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The Italian authorities after fighting in various places against the Khamar tribe living between Werka and Mogodiscio and the Wehi Shebelyi and bombarding places on the coast called a council of war, Captain Ferrari the resident at Salabo was now after the death of the two Italian Officers near Euga the senior Military Officer attended.

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In view of the above possibly I have to ask that I may if necessary be allowed to expend some money on intelligence work and further arrangements.

It may be worth noting that in the late fighting the Somali riflemen made use of intrenchments.

R. S. Samuel  
Acting Special Commissioner

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5th April, 1909.

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places of the Biamal tribe living between Kerka  
and Mogadiscio and the Wabi Shebelyi an assembling  
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ments have been made to stop the enemy when defeated  
from arriving on the Tuba.

In view of the above possibility I have to ask  
that I may if necessary inform on be allowed to extend  
to 2000/ on intelligence without making any further  
reference.

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the Somali酋长 made use of interpreters.

R. C. S. A.  
Joint Provincial Commissioner