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Major Clk has seen, but would be glad to have it referred officially for  
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Suggested programme for the Delimitation Commission.

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The following programme is submitted for approval. It has been made the basis for estimating transport and other requirements, but would of course be subject to modification either under the instructions of Sir J. Harrington or in face of unforeseen circumstances.

The commission to leave England about the end of May and to proceed via Aden and Jibuti to Addis Harrar.

Camels to be collected at Addis Harrar about the end of June.

Major Gwynn with a small party to proceed to Addis Abbaba to receive instructions from Sir J. Harrington and to pick up the Abyssinian representatives.

The main caravan to proceed by easy marches via the Hayash valley to the Arussi Galla country avoiding the higher plateau.

Major Gwynn with Abyssinians to join the main caravan ( say at Sheikh Mahomed ) about the end of August.

The expedition to then proceed via the Ganale valley to the Ganale - Dava junction where the work of actual delimitation would commence probably about the end of September.

The above route is proposed as being the most direct which avoids the high ground, unfavourable to camels. It also passes through more or less unknown country which would be explored and reported on without delaying the progress of the expedition. There is no object in going

over the ground already explored by Mr. Butter's party, 24  
which proved unfavourable for Camels.

Moreover Mr. Butter's party was directed on a Boundary terminal, which has now been abandoned in favour of the Ganale-Dawa terminal.

From the Ganale-Dawa junction the expedition to move westward along the frontier carrying out the delimitation and as far as possible extending Captain Maud's survey southward into British territory.

If possible the position of important route junctions and wells, such as El Wak to be fixed.

It is not anticipated however that there are many natural features to be fixed in this country which seems to resemble many of the Soudan plains where nothing could be done in way of survey beyond rough route sketches the terminal points of which were fixed and the intermediate *distances* determined by timing marches.

From the North end of Lake Rudolf, which might be reached early in January, it is proposed to extend Captain Maud's survey Northwest and to thoroughly survey this Southwest corner of the Abyssinian plateau, fixing the position of the escarp which must bound it in this region. It is anticipated that considerable modifications (in favour of Abyssinia) will have to be made here in the frontier as defined by treaty.

It is noted that from the 6th parallel northward to the Akobo the frontier is that between the Soudan and Abyssinia. As however it has never been demarcated it is suggested that the commission be given authority by the Anglo-Egyptian government to carry out the work if possible.

Having joined up to Major Austin's work on the Akobo

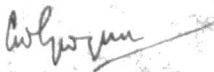
there appears no object in following that river to its junction with the Fibor as it has been already surveyed and as a frontier mark has been erected at the junction. It is proposed therefore to return from the upper Akobo to Addis Abbaba either through Kaffa or via Gore surveying and reporting on these little known districts without delaying progress which would entail extra expense.

It is considered that this course is much better than to return via Egypt or British East Africa and would result in economy of time and money while affording a considerable amount of new information.

Both Abyssinians and Somalis would know that they were facing directly homewards and no difficulty as regards either transport or supplies would be experienced both being obtainable in the Country.

There would be the further advantage that any question which had arisen in the course of the delimitation could be discussed and settled with the Emperor Menelik personally.

It is anticipated that Addis Abbaba should be reached before the beginning of the rainy season.



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The Director of  
Military Operations

The U.S. M. for the Col. presents his compl<sup>s</sup> to the Director of Military Operations, and, with reference to his previous note of the 22<sup>nd</sup>

of April, beg to enclose the accompanying copy of a memo. prepared by Major Col. Guyman, R.A., Col., D.S.O., on the subject of the proposed delimitation of the Southern Frontier of Armenia.

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W. E. Hillier 29/4/08

For comment

Mr. F. Hopwood will be glad to be inf<sup>d</sup> whether Major Genl. Sweet approves of the memo. and considers that the accompanying memo. sufficient additional instructions should

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Whether he