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Appearance Frontier Control

*Copy of the report of the committee on the
 appearance of the frontier for employment in the
 frontier areas to be discussed with the employees
 and the frontier control.*

See also $\frac{20}{10000}$ $\frac{100}{10000}$

This despatch supplies a large part of the information for which we asked in our telegram of the 12th of December on Gov. 37411.

If we had known that this despatch was coming we might well have saved a considerable proportion of that telegram.

No one, I think, can doubt, not merely the expediency but also the absolute necessity of instituting some sort of effective administration on the frontier. General Meyer Gwynne's report enclosed in E.A. 109787 is very conclusive on this point. The proposals made by Sir Percy Girouard in this despatch appear to me to be reasonable, and, subject to consideration of details and cost, such as can be approved. We shall, of course, have to go to the Treasury, as their adoption involves a permanent recurrent charge which will ~~no doubt~~ be considerably in excess of the

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sum of £900 which we have been spending annually for the last few years on the employment of Mr. Zaphiro.

We should send the Treasury a copy of the correspondence with Sir Percy on this subject, including Major Gwynne's memorandum, our confidential despatch of the 27th of August, ¹⁸⁹⁵ Govt/37411, and our reply, and in this despatch; say that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the time has come when the temporary arrangements which have hitherto been made for exercising some sort of control in the frontier districts should be replaced by a more effective form of administration, and that in connexion with Treasury concurrence to inform the Governor that he approves generally of the outline of such a system as proposed in this despatch, and to ask him to furnish as detailed an estimate as possible of the total additional cost involved, including political officers and any other staff which may be necessary in addition to the already authorized establishment of the ^{Protectorate} ~~Department concerned~~, in order that the detailed proposals may be laid before the Treasury for consideration in connection with the general financial position of the Protectorate.

In writing to the Governor, on receipt of the Treasury reply, we must refer specifically to two questions namely, the employment of Mr. Zaphiro and the employment of Captain Aymer. It is quite evident that Mr. Zaphiro will be exceedingly difficult to fit into the new form of administration. Sir Percy suggests that on the termination of his present leave of absence his services should be utilised elsewhere. But he must be well aware that this is an impossibility. Mr. Zaphiro's value lies precisely in his knowledge of the Abyssinian frontier and his peculiar suitability for exercising some sort of control there without any adequate force behind him. His methods will no doubt

count very much whatever, however strongly we may desire it, it will be possible to find a place for him ^{ill as he is, I think will} ~~be most desirable~~ ^{to impress upon the Governor the value} which the Secretary of State attached to his services and to the great knowledge ~~of~~ ^{of the} ~~which he has~~ ^{possessed} of the conditions of the frontier, and to ask ~~him~~ ^{him} to consider very carefully whether he can suggest some position under the new form of administration at which this knowledge and experience can be utilised. In the Captain Aymer, ~~we have~~ ^{we have} from the 7th and 8th paragraphs of the despatch, that the Governor's idea is to retain him as an officer of the King's African Rifles and keep him in charge of, or connected with, the post and patrols which that force is to furnish under the new scheme. We have, in deference to Sir P. ~~Richard's~~ ^{Richard's} wishes, asked the War Office to extend the period for which Captain Aymer has been seconded so as to permit of his remaining in East Africa up to the 30th of April next. But his retention as an officer of the King's African Rifles beyond that time is not recommended by the Officer Commanding his Battalion, as we learn from a telegram which has reached us from ~~Colonial~~ ^{Colonial} in explanatory letter regarding on the 27th of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~we~~ ^{we} ~~shall~~ ^{shall} ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~decide~~ ^{decide} ~~whether~~ ^{whether} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~expedient~~ ^{expedient} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~apply~~ ^{apply} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~services~~ ^{services} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~date~~.

In writing to the Governor ~~consequently~~ ^{consequently} we must of course send him a copy of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~correspondence~~ ^{correspondence} both with the Treasury and the Foreign Office (namely F.O./40434 and F.O./41169, and our reply).

Handwritten notes:
The Governor
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I agree generally to the
 various papers and minutes
 of the year but it seems a pity
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 the year 1900.

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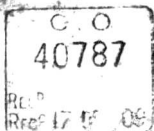
Government House,

Nairobi.

22nd November 1909.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Confidential (91)



My Lord,

In confirmation of my cypher telegram of the 12th instant I have the honour to address Your Lordship on the general question of our future policy on the Abyssinian border.

It is clear from Major Gwynn's memorandum enclosed in Your Lordship's confidential despatch of August 23rd that the time has arrived when the problem of frontier administration must be seriously taken in hand. I do not wish to minimize the valuable services rendered by Mr. Zaphire or to underrate his ability in any way but it seems obviously necessary that his work should now be carried on by British officers, and the present appears to be an admirable opportunity for inaugurating a new system, more particularly as the abandonment of certain pretensions which he has advanced in regard to the districts would place him in a somewhat unfortunate position were he once more to be given charge of the districts affected. I would therefore suggest that on the termination of his leave of absence his services should be utilized elsewhere.

H.M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

L o n d o n. S.W.

3. I would propose to form a frontier district bounded roughly by Lake Rudolf on the west, Abyssinia on the North and the Grand Nyiro and Mars on the South. The Eastern boundary towards Jubaland could be settled later when the effect of the new stations which I hope to establish in that province can be gauged. For the administration of the district four stations would be primarily necessary, Marsais, Fort Harrington, Marsabit and a base and headquarters at Mars. The choice of the latter is rendered desirable by the fact that it is at present and is likely to be for some time the source of all food supplies for Marsais and Marsabit and also for Fort Harrington. There will however have to be some readjustment of the boundaries of the present Mars and Mibu districts in order to retain in the Kenia Province as large a proportion as possible of the Kikuyu and kindred tribes.

4. The frontier district would be a separate entity and the regular officer in charge would report direct to the Secretariat.

5. Our policy would be to work through the Chiefs of the tribes along the boundary, strengthening and protecting those who are friendly to the Government, to watch for movements of invasions and prevent them from passing and removing elephants etc. And to control and encourage the immigration of people into the Protectorate.

6. I lay great stress on this latter point as the germ of a very flourishing and profitable trade exists which is at present much hampered by the precautions which we are obliged to take in order to prevent the introduction of such highly contagious diseases as Epizootic and Ulcerative Lymphangitis. Horses and mules are very expensive

expensive in the settled districts of the Protectorate and a good supply of cheap and hardy animals from Abyssinia would be greatly welcomed. With this object in view I am asking for an additional Assistant Veterinary Officer in next year's estimates whose duties would be to assist and supervise this trade.

7. As regards personnel we have at present two capable officers at Marsabit and Moyale in Mr. Archer and Mr. Barrett. At Marsabit should place a senior District Commissioner but have not yet decided whom to appoint. The post at Port Harrison and possibly in general should think be covered by the King's African Rifles.

8. Captain Archer who is at present with Captain Barrett is a very suitable officer for work of this kind and I should be very glad if his services could be retained for a time at any rate as requested in my telegram referred to above.

9. I have received no reports as yet as to the progress made by Mr. Barrett but hope to do so shortly. He is supposed to be at Moyale but may be further to the west.

10. I should be glad to receive at an early date an expression of Your Lordship's views on the whole question of boundary administration, as I feel convinced that the establishment of strict control in these regions is of immediate necessity and will have very far-reaching and beneficial effects.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient,

humble servant,


GOVERNOR.

Gov. E.A.P.
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SECRETARY

Downing Street,

TO THE TREASURY

4 Jan 1902
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Sir,
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- Mr. Butler, Dec. 31
- Mr. Read 31
- Mr. Fisher 31
- Mr. Lamb
- Mr. Cook
- Mr. C. Lucas
- Mr. F. Hopwood
- Col. Seely
- Lord Crewe

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of correspondence with the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, relating to the position of affairs on the boundary between Abyssinia and the Protectorate, and copies of the memoranda by Major Gwyn, C.S.D., D.S.O., R.E., the officer appointed to act as the British Commissioner for the delimitation of the boundary.

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2. Lord Crewe is satisfied that the time has come when the temporary arrangements

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which, as their Lordships are aware, have hitherto been made for exercising some sort of control in the frontier districts, should be replaced by a more effective form of administration. Their Lordships are aware generally, from representations which have been made to them in the past, how unsatisfactory is the existing state of affairs, both from a political and a financial point of view, and the numerous references made in Major O'Connell's ^{report} ~~memorandum~~ to the desirability and necessity of instituting some sort of settled administration, show beyond doubt that action in this direction can no longer ^{safely} ~~with safety~~ be postponed. His Lordship therefore proposes, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners, to inform the Governor that he approves generally of the outline of the system of administration proposed in his confidential despatch of the 22nd of November, and to request him to furnish as detailed an estimate as possible of the total additional cost involved, including

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Political Officers and any other staff which may be necessary in addition to the already authorized establishment of the Protectorate. On the receipt of such an estimate, the detailed proposals will be laid before the Lords Commissioners for consideration in connection with the general financial position of the Protectorate.

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(Signed) H. W. JUST.