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Southern Frontier of Abyssinia.

Copy despatch from Adis Ababa Enquires whether arrangements as to provisional instructions to Capt Russell is approved & whether increase beyond annual grant for Mr Zaphiro's expenses, due to his presence at Adis Ababa will be sanctioned.

Mr. Read,

See also F.O. /40434 and Gov. /40487.

It appears from the enclosure in this despatch that I was taken in inferring from the enclosure, ^{to} ~~that~~ /37082 that Mr Zaphiro had already returned ^{to} the frontier. He has evidently gone to Adis Ababa later than we expected, and actually left the frontier subsequently to the occurrences reported in the despatch in F.O. /37082.

Acknowledge the receipt of 40434 and ^{his} send the Foreign Office a copy of Gov. /37411 and our reply and of Gov. /40787 and ~~the~~ letter to be written to the Treasury on that paper, so that Sir E. Grey will see from that correspondence that the Governor has made certain recommendations for instituting a form of administration along the Abyssinian frontier, and that his proposals have been recommended to the Treasury; and suggest that, in the circumstances, it is advisable that Mr. Zaphiro should be told that

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that he should not return to the frontier pending further instructions; ^{say further} that, as the Governor has now been able to suggest a form of administration directly under his control, it is, in Lord Craze's opinion, desirable that the officers on the frontier should receive their instructions direct from the Governor, and not from the British Legation at Adis Ababa, though, of course, every ^{care} ~~precaution~~ will be taken to keep the Legation fully informed of all that is done on the frontier both directly and through the medium of the Foreign Office; say further, with regard to the 4th paragraph of Lord Herbert Hervey's despatch, that, if an estimate can be furnished of the additional expenditure involved by Mr. Zaphiro's stay at Adis Ababa with his witnesses and a statement of the importance of ~~his~~ ^{his} accusations against Abyssinian raiders, the necessary representations will be made to the Treasury as to the expenditure involved, for which no provision is at present available from --- East Africa Protectorate funds.

A copy of our correspondence with the Foreign Office should go to the Governor when we reply to Governor/
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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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and address
The Under Secretary of State,
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FOREIGN OFFICE

December 20 1909.

Sir:-

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With reference to the Foreign Office letter of the 20th ultimo No. 41603/09 relative to the Southern Frontier of Abyssinia, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Despatch from His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Adis Ababa on the subject.

Hervey
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I am to request you to draw the Earl of Crewe's attention to the provisional instructions given by Lord H. Hervey to Captain Barrett, and to enquire whether this arrangement meets with His Lordship's approval.

I am also to enquire whether Lord H. Hervey may be informed that the increase beyond the annual grant for Mr. Zaphiro's expenses, due to the necessity of

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Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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his presence at Adis Ababa, will be sanctioned.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

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British Legation,

Adis Ababa, November 18. 1909.

Sir

I have the honour to report that Captain Barrett arrived at Moyale on the 23rd October last to take charge of the Southern Frontier during the absence of Mr Zaphiro, who left for Adis Ababa on the 27th October.

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orders of any kind, except that he should relieve Mr Zaphiro.
In view of the necessity for this Legation to be kept
informed of all occurrences on the frontier, I have 422
requested him, failing instructions from the Protectorate
to the contrary, to consider himself as occupying the same
position with regard to the Legation as Mr Zaphiro.

4 No information has been received here as to the
additional expenditure, which has to be incurred owing to
Mr Zaphiro's stay in Adis Ababa with the necessary witness-
es for proving his accusations against Abyssinian raiders,
is to be met, but I presume that the unavoidable increase
beyond the authorized annual grant will be sanctioned.

5 Mr Zaphiro reported the arrival of the Abyssinian
Boundary Commission at Moyale, and stated that through
his representations all the natives and animals which Walda
Gabriel had taken from the country in dispute had been
returned. The Commissioners were expected to leave Moyale
on their way to Lake Rudolf on the 25th October, and Herr
Schubert hoped to reach Adis Ababa by the end of February
1910.

6 Fitaurari Napta Giorgis recently told me he was very
much dissatisfied with the dilatory manner in which Herr

Schubert

Schubert was proceeding with the work, and from what he said it appears that much of the surveying and mapping work is being done entirely without their instructions. Herr Schubert reports regularly to the German Legation, and the German Minister speaks of him as though he were under his orders.

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

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant

S. Herbert Hervey

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Downing Street,

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~~December, 1909.~~

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Sir,

MINUTE.

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe

Mr. Butler. Dec. 31

Mr. Read. 31

to acknowledge the receipt of your letters

No. 42533/09 of the 13th of December,

No. 44990/09 of the 20th of December, and

No. 46452/09 of the 24th of December, relat-

ing to the position of affairs on the

southern frontier of Abyssinia and the move-

ments of Mr. Zaphiro, and to transmit to you,

to be laid before Secretary Sir E. Grey, a

copy of correspondence with the Governor of

the East Africa Protectorate, and a copy of

a letter which has been addressed to the

Treasury

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Mr. Just. (40234)
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Sir G. Lucas. (41571)
Sir F. Hopwood.

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Treasury, with regard to the institution of a more complete and settled form of administration in the frontier districts.

2. It will be seen from the correspondence that the Governor has made certain recommendations for instituting a form of administration along the frontier, and that his proposals, which are at present only in outline, have been recommended to the Treasury.

3. In the circumstances, Lord Crewe considers that it is advisable that Mr. Zaphiro should ^{be granted} ~~enjoy~~ four months leave of absence, as proposed in your letter of the 24th of December, and that he should receive full pay during this period. In replying to the Governor's proposals for the establishment of an administration, Lord Crewe proposes to impute upon him the value of Mr. Zaphiro's ^{services} ~~services~~ in the past, and the ^{importance} ~~possibility~~ of his intimate knowledge of the frontier districts, tribes, and languages, being ~~found~~ ^{useful} to the administration in the future.

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and to request him to use every endeavour to find some ^{work} ~~employment~~ in connexion with the new administration in which Mr. Zaphiro's services could be employed. Although his Lordship is convinced that it would be a great loss to the administration if no place could be found for Mr. Zaphiro, he feels bound to consider the possibility of its being found impracticable to employ him, and he therefore considers that it is advisable that Mr. Zaphiro should be instructed not to ^{resume his official duties or} ~~return to~~ the frontier ~~until~~ until he receives orders to do so.

4. With reference to the 3rd paragraph of Lord Herbert Harvey's despatch, No. 74 of the 18th of November, I am to observe that, as the Governor has now been able to suggest a form of administration directly under his control, it is, in Lord Crewe's opinion, desirable that the officers on the frontier should henceforth receive their instructions direct from the Governor, and

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