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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies and, by direction of The Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper relative to

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Reference to previous Letter.

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ZANZIBAR.

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August 11th. 1905.

My Lord:-

I have the honour to report, with reference to my despatch No. 84 of the 1st. instant, that the Governor of German East Africa was prevented from leaving for Berlin on the 7th. instant, as he had intended, by a native rising which has occurred in the southern portion of the Protectorate.

It appears, from such information as I have been able to obtain, that the district involved is the Matumbi country, a range of mountains running down the Coast, but at a little distance from it, between Mohnorro and Kilwa Kisiwani. The inhabitants of this region are a predatory people who have before now given trouble to the German authorities, and, although the exact cause of the present rising is not known, it is thought that it is due, as it was in 1898 when a military expedition was last despatched against them, to a

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desire for plunder encouraged by the exhortations of their 'medicine-men'.

The rising began with an attack on Samanga, a village on the Coast with a small Indian trading community, the settlement was sacked but the residents escaped in dhows to Kilwa. Other villages in the neighbourhood were subsequently plundered, and one German settler and a few Arabs are reported to have been killed, but I have not heard of any British Indians having lost their lives.

On the first intimation of the trouble a company of troops was sent from Dar-es-Salam, and another from Lindi, whilst the German Warship "Bussard" proceeded from the capital to Kilwa. Further assistance was subsequently asked for, and the remainder of the Dar-es-Salam garrison, under the command of Major Johannes, was despatched to the scene of operations. The troops are advancing in two divisions, from Mohorro and Kilwa respectively, and are following the Wa-Matumbi into the hills. Only slight skirmishes have at present been reported, but it is stated that three of the insurgent ringleaders

ringleaders have been captured and hanged in the market place of Mohorro.

The natives in the field are estimated in some quarters to number 3,000 men and are believed to possess a certain number of muzzle-loaders, but, as there is little communication between them and the surrounding tribes, the disturbances are not considered to be of more than a local character.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) Basil S. Cave.