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Abyssinian Frontier

Plans for roads, dep. from Addis Ababa and
proposed joint action of British and Italian
Legations for subjugation of Mercha tribe

in Fiddes

See minute on Gov
26/06/04

Staff

Sept 28

File 309

Mr. Read.

Capt. Robinson has suggested to
me that the D.M.O. should be informed
of the present position with regard to
the occupation of the Abyssinian
frontier, Gubaland. I think this

To 20/13 Oct
Copy sent for Gov 15 Oct 2100
The Abyssinian Frontier 3 Nov

should be done

Send to the D. W. O. 3 p.m.

Copies of Gov. enclosures & draft

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A copy of our report on the military
preparations of Sir P. Cresswell, Sir
a. Sharpe & C. G. G. G.

In any future communications on the subject, please quote

No. 33714/10

The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London.

25 10 1910

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, for observations.

Foreign Office.

September 23, 1910.

Reference to previous case

No. 3307 of Sept 19.

Description of business.

Memorandum at Addis Ababa

Abyssinian Frontier and the Menbaia Falls

August 19.

If similar letter sent to

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BRITISH LEGATION

ADDIS ABABA.

19 AUGUST 1910.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I called on to see me yesterday to tell me of a telegram which he had received from Rome, asking what the arrangements were which had been made between the British and Italian Legations and the Abyssinian Government for the co-operation of the country around Lake Tana.

It appears that Sir Bruce Gwynne had spoken with Signor Martini, Governor of British Somaliland, and that the latter had understood him to say that the British Legation were making arrangements with Addis Ababa for the British to be allowed to take the administration of the district, and that when these arrangements were completed the British Protectorate would commence operations.

I cannot but think that by this arrangement an understanding on Signor Martini's part is implied, and I have to Captain Harty on the subject of dealing with the Galla. I have laid particular stress on the necessity of obtaining the co-operation of the Italian and Abyssinian local authorities on the north and east of the British district in order to prevent those tribes from being driven into the hands of the Galla when faced by our troops and taking refuge in foreign territory, a step which would prevent us from obtaining permanent results from our operations.

Sir G. Glynne, M.P.

H. G. Glynne, M.P.

Count Collis, who agrees with me on the desirability of some such combination, told me that when the occasion ^{arises} he would be quite ready to advise his Government in this and other matters however have gone no further, and I am unaware whether the Protectorate have finally decided to take steps to clear the Warring, or if so when they intend to commence operations.

To the Ab-ealians I have made no mention of the subject, and should not think it advisable to do so until the very last moment. They are however anxious to get back a large number of the Pas Afghans who have crossed over to the Northern country with some 400 rifles, and could, I think, be induced to assist us by watching their side of the Dawn River if necessary.

With regard to the very bad prospects of the Southern Frontier, they are not able to do any thing further owing to the illness of Vittar. Captain Clugie.

I have not sent the letter mentioned in my despatch Number 2 of the 4th of August requesting Captain Barrett not to cross the Red line as the Ab-ealians objected to certain arrangements regarding the stopping of all passing on which I refused to agree, and have to give you my satisfaction and assurances regarding the recalling of all their troops south of this line.

It was difficult to have refused this request altogether without expressing Ab-ealian opinions that we intended to cross the Red line at a later date. I have received information from Captain Barrett showing that the Ab-ealians have been notified that they should not cross the Red line, and that we are sending the forces to our side of the frontier, and I can not refuse to give you my satisfaction with regard to your frontier force until I have received assurances from Captain Barrett that they are ready and able to take

violating our territories.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours with the highest respects,

Your most humble, obedient servant,

Wilfred J. ...

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East Africa Protectorate.

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The Under Secretary of State
Foreign Office.

Downing Street,
17 October, 1910

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butler. *Oct 10*
- Mr. Read *10*
- Mr. Fiddes. *10*
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Crewe.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Crewe

to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
No. 33714/10 of the 23rd of September, relating
to the frontier between Abyssinia and the
East Africa Protectorate, and of the question
of the Merihan tribe.

2. I am to transmit to you, for the
information of Secretary Sir Edward Grey, a
copy of correspondence which has taken place
with the Governor of the East Africa Protector-
ate with regard to the frontier generally.

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and the occupation of the districts of the Protectorate in this vicinity. It will be seen from the correspondence that it is premature to speak of any arrangements having been made between the British and Italian Authorities and the Abyssinian Government for dealing with the Merilhan tribe, and that Lord Crewe ^{has informed} is informing Sir Percy Girouard that he will await the result of the proposed occupation of Afmadu and of the re-distribution of troops on the frontier before considering the question of that tribe.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) V. RIDER.