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Mr. H. C. Gifford

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for making the "Journal of East Africa"  
with view of eventual necessity to have London  
the principal office. The "Journal of East Africa"  
will also be to make some more copies of the  
Journal of East Africa

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 11th  
regarding the "Journal of East Africa" and  
am glad to hear that you are interested in  
the project. I have discussed the matter with  
the other members of the committee and we  
are all in favor of it. I will be glad to  
hear from you again.

Yours faithfully  
H. C. Gifford

Very truly yours,  
H. C. Gifford

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W. Fuller

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FOREIGN OFFICE

October 29 1910.

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Sir:

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Gray to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Minister at Addis Ababa suggesting the permanent appointment of Mr. F. G. Zaphiro as First Secretary, with the rank of Oriental Secretary, to His Majesty's Legation in the place of Mr. Beru, who has been dismissed from that office, in the event of the Government of the East Africa Protectorate consenting to surrender his services.

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I am to enclose at the same time copy of a despatch which has been sent to Mr. Inesiger in reply, asking him to furnish more detailed information in regard to Mr. Zaphiro's proposed transfer and especially in respect to the economies which he proposes to effect with a view to meeting the additional cost of the appointment.

Sir

Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office



Sir E. Grey desires me to say that he concurs in Mr. Thesiger's view that it would not be possible to replace Mr. Bern with another Abyssinian and also that it is essential that His Majesty's Minister at Addis Ababa should have the services of a trustworthy and efficient interpreter. He is of opinion that Mr. Thesiger must be the best judge of Mr. Zaphiro's qualifications for the post and he therefore directs me to enquire whether Mr. Harcourt would be willing to support Mr. Thesiger's request that the Government of the East Africa Protectorate should agree to allow Mr. Zaphiro to leave their service and accept permanent employment on the staff of His Majesty's Legation in Abyssinia.

Sir E. Grey will await the decision of the Colonial Office on this matter before submitting Mr. Zaphiro's appointment to His Majesty's Treasury.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient  
 humble servant,

*W. P. ...*

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I have the honor, in reference to the above mentioned  
visual of the set intercept, to advise that in no manner  
is it possible to ascertain the identity of the person  
that furnished the information, the German Legation has  
been advised of the same and a search has been made  
of the records of the Legation, since the same was  
furnished to the Legation of the same in which he was  
employed, a search has also been made of the records  
of the Legation of the same in which he was employed  
and no information has been obtained in connection with  
the same.

This should be considered as confidential and should  
not be divulged to any person other than those  
to whom it is necessary to be furnished for the  
information of the Legation and the opinions  
of the Legation.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
[Signature]

post to Bere Dawa by means of their cowboys. They would receive our sealed bags here and hand them over to our agent at Bere Dawa, and would not have the handling of the letters in any way whatever.

Our mails would be infinitely more secure for this portion of the journey than they have been hitherto, because I find that our post has been frequently carried by Mr Beru always, he and the postmen between them dividing the salary which provided for two armed men. If authorized to arrange this, I should hope to save about £40 a quarter. This added to the money saved (£80 per annum), the recent transference of one of our interpreters to the East African Protectorate, and the subsistence allowance paid to Mr Beru (£90 per annum), would make up roughly the £320 mentioned above.

I would ask that if this proposal is sanctioned Mr Zaphiro should not be called an interpreter (which lowers his status among the Abyssinians) but be appointed as Oriental Secretary as is done in Cairo.

Mr Zaphiro's special knowledge of the East African frontier would be of great service to the Protectorate here in Adis Ababa, and I trust Sir Percy Fitzpatrick would take this into account in consenting to his transfer to this station.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

With the highest respect,

Your most obedient servant,

W. H. Murray

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

December 29 1910.

Sir:-

I have received your despatch No. 57 of the 19th ultimo suggesting the appointment of Mr. Zaphiro as First Inter, refer to His Majesty's Legation at Adis Ababa with the title of Oriental Secretary in the place of Mr. Hurs, if the Government of the East Africa Protectorate can be induced to surrender his services.

I am in correspondence with His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies with regard to the transfer of Mr. Zaphiro from the service of the East Africa Protectorate to that of His Majesty's Legation at Adis Ababa, but before applying to the Treasury for their sanction of the appointment I must ask you to supply me with full information on the following points:-

1. In addition to a proposed salary of four hundred pounds you suggest the grant to Mr. Zaphiro of a yearly allowance of one hundred pounds.

The Honourable

W. G. Theiger, D.S.O.

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Govt proposes that this should take the form of a local allowance, it will be subject therefore to all the rules which govern such allowances. Mr. Zaphiro has been drawing a subsistence allowance of Ten shillings a day from Colonial Office funds during his temporary residence at Addis Ababa; this will cease on his definite transfer to the service of His Majesty's Legation.

2. Has Mr. Zaphiro any pension rights in respect to his service under the Government of the East Africa Protectorate and what are his present privileges in regard to leave of absence and passages? In the ordinary course he should on his permanent appointment as Interpreter to the Legation have the same privileges as Members of the Consular Service.

3. In regard to the proposed saving of forty pounds a quarter on the postal service, it is to be observed that the expenditure during the last six quarters has been as follows:-

Total



Total expenditure		British Share
£198.16.	1. June Quarter 1910.	£25.19. 5.
£127.10. 0.	March Quarter "	£33. 2. 8.
£128.12. 7.	December Quarter 1909	£18. 4. 9.
£131.10. 0.	September Quarter 1909	£18. 5. 0.
£133.18. 5.	June Quarter, 1909	£21.13. 4.
£139. 9. 8.	March Quarter, 1909	£26. 8. 4.

In view of the above figures it is not clear how an economy of forty pounds a quarter could be effected in the share of His Majesty's Government in the present postal arrangements.

4. It must be understood that in order to make the suggested saving of (net) £14 pounds per annum in respect of the Subsistence Allowance paid by Her Majesty's Government as far as His Majesty's Government is concerned, the amount by deduction would have to be deducted from the maintenance allowance of five pounds a day paid to His Majesty's Minister.

5. Has any application been made to the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to refund the cost of the education (about one hundred and fifty five pounds) of the young Abyssinian interpreter who

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has been transferred to the service of the Protectorate?

There appear to be difficulties in the way of the appointment of Mr. Zephire as Oriental Secretary to His Majesty's Legation, as the full rank would involve the issue of a Royal Commission unless he could obtain a Civil Service Certificate. It would be possible, however, to obtain the Treasury sanction for Mr. Zephire's appointment as Acting Oriental Secretary as in the case of Mr. Storrs at Cairo, if this rank is considered sufficient.

I further wish to point out that you say in your despatch that Mr. Zephire is willing to take permanent service with the Legation and would accept for the next year a salary of four hundred pounds with one hundred pounds allowance. Does this mean that Mr. Zephire would expect an increase of salary every successive year or that he wishes to be free to put in a claim for a higher rate of salary at the conclusion of his first year's service. It is necessary for these points to be cleared up in order that I may be

in a position to submit to the Treasury a definite estimate of the total cost of Mr. Zaphiro's appointment. As regards the general principle of Mr. Zaphiro's appointment, I concur in your opinion that it is essential for His Majesty's Minister at Addis Ababa to have the services of a trustworthy and efficient interpreter, and I am prepared to accept and endorse your recommendation of Mr. Zaphiro as the most suitable person to fill Mr. Beru's place if the Government of the East Africa Protectorate will agree to spare him.

I am, with great truth and regard,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

(sd) H. H. K.

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- Mr. Parkerson
- Mr. Butler
- Mr. Fisher
- Mr. Jan
- Mr. Lee
- Mr. C. Linn
- Mr. F. H. [unclear]
- Col. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]

I am in receipt  
 of your letter N° 46702/10 of  
 the 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec., relating  
 to the request of H.M.  
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 P.C. Zephiro <sup>should</sup> who may be  
 transferred permanently  
 employed in the staff of  
 the H.M. Legation in  
 Addis Ababa with the  
 rank of [unclear]

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Further  
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 Zephiro