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(Subject.)

Anglo-German Boundary
Ladakh to Lare Jipe

1905

present Paper

There is in Col. Smith's report the proposal
be allowed to return to England. I transmit copy
note from D. M. C. recommending acceptance of latest
German proposals as they stand. Proposal to inform
Govt. of present state of matter and to suggest resumption of
discussion when reports of ^{Committee} are received.

J. H. Smith
London
N. Y. R.
16/11

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subsequent Paper

Handwritten initials

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Foreign Office

November 15, 1905

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Sir,

I laid before the Marquess of Lansdowne
your letter 40416/1905 of the 14th instant
enclosing a copy of a telegram from the
Officer Administering the Government of
East Africa reporting the manner in
which the Anglo German Commission
has demarcated the boundary from
Laitohitoh to Lake Tpe

It appears from this telegram that
the line demarcated is not that laid
down by the Treaty, nor that suggested
by Colonel Smith in his despatch 20369
of July 15 last

Lord Lansdowne considers it
unfortunate that, having applied for
instructions

Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

instructions in regard to the demarcation,
Colonel Smith should not have awaited their
receipt before proceeding with the work.

As, however, the delimitation of the
boundary as far south of the Rufu River
has been completed, it appears undesirable
to insist on the work being undertaken
afresh on the basis of the agreement which
has meanwhile been arrived at with the
German Government, and I am directed
by Lord Lansdowne to state, for the information
of Mr. Secretary Lytton, that he is of
opinion that Colonel Smith should now be
allowed to return to England.

In reference to the 3rd paragraph
of your letter under reply, I am to transmit
to you the accompanying copy of a letter
from the Director of Military Operations
recommending

recommending that the latest proposals of the
German Government should be accepted as
they stand.

In replying to Sir J. Lascelles's despatch
No. 67 of Africa of the 24th ultimo, a copy of
which formed one of the enclosures in my letter
of the 7th instant, Lord Lansdowne proposes,
if Mr. Lytton concurs, to instruct His Excellency
to inform the German Government of the present
state of the matter and to suggest that the
discussion by the two Governments should be
resumed when the respective Commissioners have
returned home and submitted their reports.

I am to add that the Director of Military
Operations has privately expressed his concurrence
in the course suggested in this letter.

Yours, Sir,

Yours most obedient
and humble servant

F. G. L. C.

Lamp. Jato.

Winchester House,

November 8, 1906.

The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and begs to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Thomas Sanderson's note of today's date and the accompanying copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Berlin enclosing a translation of a note from the German Government respecting the boundary between Laitakitch and Lake Jipo.

2. Major General Grierson is of opinion that in view of the short length of River (5 miles) affected, the German proposal to adopt the thalweg of the River Rupa as the boundary line will be accepted.

3. Major General is also of opinion that the small displacement of the terminal point of the Commission of 1898, as to which displacement he has no information, has, if it exists, had the effect of giving to Great Britain a few square miles more than was anticipated. The discrepancy of 7 to 11 seconds (say 300 yards) is of very slight importance, but the territory so gained cannot be said to be territory to which Great Britain was not entitled by the preliminary Agreement, since it directly results from carrying out the arrangement made on behalf

of the two Governments by Colonel Trotter and Baron von Danck-
elman.

4. Major General Grierson suggests that the German pro-
posals in the note of the 18th of October 1905, should be ac-
cepted as they stand, and that the German contention that Great
Britain has gained 56 square kilometres (say 22 square miles)
is not worth disputing.

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F. H. Miller

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2. Major General Grierson is of opinion that in view of the short length of river (5 miles) affected, the German proposal to adopt the thalweg of the River Rupa as the boundary might well be accepted.

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Telegram to
Jackson
Nainichi
November 24

Sheet 55
Pittoral
16 9001

MINUTE

Referring to your tel. of

- Mr. Read. 16 Nov
- Mr.
- Mr. Andrews
- Mr. Carr
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. Oummaney
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyellton

Pethos
13th Nov Smith
Letters
may now return home
just

DRAFT.

The Under Secretary of State.

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MINUTE.

- Mr. Reid. 16 Nov.
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cor
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. O'Sullivan.
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttelton.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secy Lyttelton to send you the rest of 7th 12th of the 15th of Nov. on the subject of the boundary between the E. Africa Prot^o & German E. Africa, & to request you to ^{agree} sign the margin of enclosure that he concurs in this proposal to instruct H. His Ambassador at Berlin to inform the German Govt of the present state

to Mr. [unclear] 18 Nov 85

to D. [unclear] 3rd Dec. Note

state of the matter &
suggest that the decision
the two parts should be
examined when the respective
commⁿ have returned
home & submitted their
reports

2. A counter-claim that
has been sent
to the Commⁿ of the
A. P. & C. & C.
stating that H. C. L.
Smith may now be
allowed to return to
England.

A copy of this
has been sent to the
Commⁿ.

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45721 German - E. Africa

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9. 2. Part 2 - Conf.

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17 Nov

MINUTE.

- Mr. Read. 16 Nov
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Osmanney.
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

212 Aug. (29269)
40. 20 Sep. (29963)
40. 20 Oct. (-)
40. 4 Nov. (39275)
40. 7 Nov. (39637)
40. 7 Nov. (39683)
40. 14 Nov. (40016)
40. 15 Nov. (40721)

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Sir, I have the honour
to transmit to you
with refer to previous
concepts of the
accompanying copies of
further papers relating
to the boundary between
the E. A. Part 2
German & Africa
I am