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Anglo German Boundary  
Mount Kilimanjaro - Lake Jipe

This copy of a despatch from Lt Col. Smith regarding proposed demarcation of, & recommends proposals contained therein.

(Minutes)

I have spoken to Mr. Clarke of the F.O. The boundary submit<sup>n</sup> is coming from vol. 2, as he has had nothing to say to it as far as the F.O. may as well carry it through, provided they keep us informed of what is going on. The F.O. will do this & when they write to us a reply to the Lt. in the paper, will give a general statement of the case for our info.

SPT  
at 11:15  
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Commissioner's Office,

Mombasa,

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April 2nd 1906.

With reference to my telegram to the Foreign Office of April 19th, I have the honour to transmit herewith a despatch which I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Smith of the Anglo-German Boundary Commission and to recommend the proposals contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

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Anglo-German Boundary Commission,

Laitokitok,

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April 9th, 1906.

My Lord:—

I have the honour my Lord, to inform your Lordship that I have found it convenient for various technical and food supply reasons to proceed somewhat in advance of my average rate of progress and that of my German Colleagues to this place, which is close to the Eastern Terminal of the line which I am instructed to delimit.

I am now in possession of certain geographical information of which I consider it important that you should be informed. I recall to Your Lordship's recollection the fact that in 1892 the Boundary Commissioners did not leave any mark on the ground at Laitokitok. The Boundary was laid down on the map of the British Commission in Berlin and on that map depended the agreement of 1893. No international Commission marked the Boundary on the ground. The only mark made in 1892 was at the South end of Lake Jipe. Sir Arthur Hardinge (see his despatch Zarsibar April 1892 East Africa Confidential No 10 (May 17.) No 2) marked on the ground by cairns of stones the course of the Boundary as far as here - purporting to be the true position of the Boundary in

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Laitokitok, K.G.,

Secretary of State

Affairs,

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this region from Lake Jipe via Taveta - Chika - to the place. I have found the last cairn he erected in this neighbourhood. These cairns have apparently been adopted as a provisional Boundary in this region. I find that in marking this terminal he made an error of considerable amount. His cairn is some three miles north of the true position; I infer that he had no skilled surveyor with him.

The German Governor ( see despatch and enclosure No 1 dated Dar-es-Salaam April 20th, 1898 to the above quoted despatch ) did not admit these positions to be final. As far as I am informed no agreement has been made by His Majesty's Government on the subject. A considerable tract of country has consequently been treated as German which is really English.

The land in question is valuable to the local Masai as good ground to cultivate, the land lower down where they now dwell, being inferior. These Masai appear to rely largely on agriculture. It is well watered and good grazing when not under cultivation, with some forest.

Turning to technical matters, I find the triangulation points of the 1892 Commission are approximately correct; - but I am not sure of the accuracy of the map showing of that survey near Laitokitok where, at the time it was done, the work was very hurried. I find that Sir Arthur Hardinge's demarcation on the ground was greatly in error.

I have the honour My Lord, to recommend to Your Lordship that the present Commission should be instructed to demarkate the Boundary of the 1893 agreement, from the East Terminal of my present instructions to Lake Jipe.

I suggest to Your Lordship that the procedure of my present Commission up till now be continued, that is to say that Your Lordship should agree with the German Government to issue identical instructions to the two Commissions and I propose to Your Lordship the following draft:

( 1 ) The present Anglo-German Boundary Commission is to demarkate the Boundary from the East Terminal of their present labours to Lake Jipe. They will comply with the 1893 agreement and adopt the maps I.D.W.O. No 976 ( a ) I.D.W.O. No 998 of the Commission of 1892, erecting such cairns as may be necessary.

( 2 ) Should the wording be doubtful ( " The old safari road " is now impossible of identification ) the authority of the maps of the Commission is to be accepted.

( 3 ) Should the detail of the map I.D.W.O. No 976 ( a ) be found to show discrepancy with the ground, the Latitudes and Longitudes of as many points as may be necessary along the Boundary will be measured on the map No 976 ( a ). The positions so measured will be found on the ground by Trigonometrical Resection or other convenient Trigonometrical measurements from

the Trigonometrical points of map I.D.W.O. No 978 using the co-ordinates given on that map.

N.B. The Trigonometrical point "Mag 16" of I.D.W.O. No 978 is incorrect.

(4) The Commissioners may redraw sufficient country to show the final positions.

(5) Should the present existing provisional marks be less than 300 metres in error the Commissioners may recommend them to become final.

For the purposes of the above proposed work I have to request that Your Lordship should be good enough to send me copies of the agreements on which it depends viz: 1888, 1890, and 1893 and of any important correspondence bearing on the subject, especially any despatch of Mr C.S. Smith, Consul and Commissioner in 1892, regarding this part of his work or extracts from his report, and Hertslet's "Maps of Africa by Treaty".

It is not likely that this extra work would take very long provided the instructions issued are sufficient clear to avoid ground of dispute. I expect that the errors cease to be considerable at Lake Chala.

Should Your Lordship consider that the British Government is aggrieved by the action of Sir Arthur Hardinge in demarcating the Boundary on the ground, I suggest that our claim on this country is a valuable asset for improving the general bargain of the line of the International Boundary East and West of Lake Victoria.


I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that I am requesting Sir Donald Stewart to be good enough to

forward

ward with this despatch his views on the subject. I enclose and confirm a copy of my reply. I have not so far addressed Captain Schliebach on this subject.

I have the honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's  
most obedient, humble servant,

  
(Lieut) Lt. Col.  
and Capt. R.E.  
W.H. Commissioner  
Agent General for the  
Sudan

CABLE.

Lord Lansdowne

Having reached East Terminal I find ~~maps~~ on ground made by Sir Arthur Hardings in error giving much country to Germans. I recommend present Commission demarcating as far as Lake Jipe. I suggest the following as identical instructions to English and German Commissions

Para 1 Anglo German Boundary Commission to demarkate Boundary from East Terminal of present labours to Lake Jipe. They will comply with 1893 agreement and adopt maps IDWO, No 976 a IDWO No. 976 of Commission of 1892 erecting cairns as necessary. Para 2 Should wording be doubtful ~~old safari road is now impossible of identification~~ authority of maps of Commission is to be accepted. Para 3 Should detail of map IDWO No 976 a be found to show discrepancy with ground, Latitudes and longitudes of points along Boundary will be measured on map No 976 a. Positions measured will be found on ground by Trigonometrical Resection or other convenient Trigonometrical measurements from Trigonometrical points of map IDWO No 976 using co-ordinates given on that map. Para 4 Commissioners may redraw sufficient country to show final positions. para 5 Should present existing provisional marks be less than 300 metres in error Commissioners may recommend them to become final. Please send Hertslets

map of Africa by treaty 1868, 1890, 1893 agreements. )  
Copies of any correspondence on subject. C.S. Smith's  
despatch on latter portion of his work extract from  
his report. I estimate extra time at six weeks.

C.S. Smith

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DRAFT.

24 Under Sec<sup>y</sup> of State,  
Treasury Office.

26 May

Dear

MINUTE.

- Mr. Read. 24 day
- Mr.
- Mr. Astorbus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommalley.
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

Sir, I am directed by Mr. Sec<sup>y</sup> Lyttelton to transmit to you, to be laid before the House of Commons with reference to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, the accompanying copy of a report from the Commission of Enquiry appointed by the Government of East Africa Protectorate regarding the demarcation of the boundary between British Somaliland and the Sultanate of Zanzibar.

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Yours faithfully