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(Subject.)

Abyssinian Invasion.

Full strength of forces in Jubaland countering camel corps and service maxima - 328 men. Somalis chief will be inf't that day will be assisted at Abyssinians advance on Afarader. Gambat was not at present. Details further inf' - rec'd from Capt Darton.

In a summary. So far marked by the period accompanying rep. The troops in Jubaland amount to a respectable force + right with the assistance of the Somalis, to be all to beat with those Abyssinians. Pending the receipt of further info from Gen'l Stewart, and copy of the C. & the Z.O. of 20th April - also and Gen'l Stewart copy of the C. & the Z.O. of 20th April he inf' - - and the D.M.D. copy of 1,2828 - 5th, with copy of this for info? H.J.R.

Pop in Omdurman about 2674  
this will not possible health on the 20th -  
Proceed as proposed. Two claims.



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Telegram Commissed over Sir Hennid Stewart to Mr. Lyttelton  
(Received, Colonial Office 9.45 p.m. 20th April 1900).

Referring to your telegram of 19th April, the full strength of the forces in Jubaland, counting the camel corps is one service maxim and 326 men. I am sending agents to Lorian, Wajir, Kisk and Soroti to enquire fully as to the strength and intentions of the Abyssinians. Our Somali chiefs will be informed that should Amoud be threatened by the Abyssinians advancing further they will be assisted by us. It is not necessary for a gun-boat to be sent at present.

I have received the following information from Captain Zevita sixth (?) Bersaglieri Regiment lately in command of the troops of Mogadis-chio who is leaving for Italy. Five hundred Abyssinians under a Dejumentch whose name is unknown arrived on 26th March at Welbe Shabeyli which is 35 kilometres from Mogadis-chio. They invaded the neighbouring country. The Consul General of Italy gave them presents and requested that they would retire, but as yet they have not retired. It seems that they ..... at the original request of the Italian Resident at Lugh Lieut. Capello. He wrote to Lieut. Colli who is Attaché at Adis Abeba, stating that he was in danger and requesting assistance. Zevita asks that his name shall not be mentioned, as he thinks that the Consul General wishes to make the Italian Government believe that the migration is not serious.

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Telegram from Sir Donald Stewart to Mr. Lyttelton  
received, Downing Office 10 p.m. 24th April 1903).

To Sir Donald Stewart 13691  
24th April 1903. After ascertained the breaking  
of the 100 miles road of 19th April the full  
strength of the force in Sennar including the camel  
troops is one service maxim and 10 men. I am sending  
agents to Sennar, Wajell, Shuk and Scrobi to enquire  
fully as to the actions and intentions of the Abyssinians  
and General Gheza will be informed that should Ahmed  
Khalil be beaten by the Abyssinians advancing further they  
will be repulsed. It is not necessary for a gun  
to be sent at present.

I have received the following information  
from Captain ~~Spita~~ sixth (?) Bergagliari Regiment  
under command of the troops of Mehadis-chio who is  
now in command. Five hundred Abyssinians under a  
leader whose name is unknown arrived on 28th March  
at Lush Lisut eight or ten to 30 Kilometres from  
Mehadis-chio. They ran into a difficult country.

They were driven by the natives and retreated and re-  
treated until they reached retile, but as yet they have  
not crossed the Sennar road at the  
junction of the most of the caravan road at Lush Lisut.  
The native who gave this information is Attaché at

Mejadis-chio. Will he be in danger and requesting  
you to advise ~~Spita~~ to make his name shall not be men-  
tioned, we believe that the general wishes to  
make the caravan road and believe that the situation  
is not serious.

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Commr. S. Afr. Prot.



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Director of Military Operations.

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Mr. Borthwick, 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Head 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Antrobus.

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Graham.

Sir H. Omannay.

The Duke of Marlborough.

Mr. Lyttelton.

The Adm. Off. for the  
Col. presents his  
compts. to the Director of Military  
Operations, and begs  
to transmit to him,  
for his information,  
the accompanying  
copy of correspondence  
on the subject of  
an alliance  
with the South African  
Protectorate.

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Mr. Borden 26/4  
Mr. Reed 26/4  
Mr. Astorius.  
Mr. Cass.  
Mr. Lamm.  
Mr. Graham.  
Sir M. Drummond.  
The Duke of Marlborough.  
Mr. Lyttelton.

Sir, I am directed by Mr. Secy. of State to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquess of Lansdowne, with ref. to the letter from the Deptt. of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, the account accompanying copy of a further telegram which has been received from Sir J. Stewart on the subject of the transaction of Abyssinians into the East Africa Protectorate.

24 Apr

25 Apr m.

Rough Estimate.Salaries.

Commissioner (Major R.E.)

£. S. d.

621. 5. 0.

Asst. " (Captain R.E.)

640. 5. 0.

Transport Officer.

1,400. 0. 0.

Medical Officer.

1,400. 0. 0.

2 Corporals R.E.

300. 0. 0.

2,941.Outfit Allowance.

1 @ £30.

180.

3 @ £30.

540.

Cost of outfit for N.C.O's £40.)

Passages and fares.

600.

Instruments &c.

600.

Carriers.

2,400.

46,841.

Say £7,000 a year; but, as the expedition will not start till after the middle of May, for the current financial year it will be sufficient to allow £6,000.

R.R.

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