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(Subject.)

Permanent occupation of Afrades.

For copy of Genl. Mannings' memo. in view of his recommendations has decided to abandon scheme for the present.

Mr. Ellis.

(Minutes.)

While the tribes along the railway are still unsettled it would certainly be a pity to lock up a considerable portion of our troops in a district which is at present peaceful and offers no prospect of immediate development.

At the same time, if the Abyssinians give trouble we shall get no comfort from them. He has already said that it was for us to protect our boundaries from raiders.

2 Act. recd. and approve of decision. 5.6.05

Mr. Conradius

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So proposed - we certainly won't afford any troops at present for their outfitting districts  
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Commissioner's Office,  
Mombasa,  
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AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 465

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 188 of April 18th regarding my proposal to occupy Afmadu with a permanent garrison, I have the honour to report that in view of General Manning's recommendations I have decided to abandon the scheme for the present.

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of General Manning's memorandum on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*J. G. Galt*

(In the absence of H. H. Commissioner)

H. Principal Secretary of State  
for the Colonies.

Downing Street,

LONDON.

*f.d.*  
*7788*  
*General Manning*  
*by First*

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Memorandum.

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Advance to and occupation of AFMADU.

Object of such advance.

1. The object of an advance to Afmadu would be to exercise a more immediate control over the Ogaden Somalis, such control being enhanced by the possession of the wells at Afmadu which it is presumed the garrison at Afmadu could deny at will to the Ogaden.

Effectiveness of the occupation of the Afmadu wells.

2. The possession of the wells would only be effective in the dry seasons when other watering places were not available, in the wet seasons, the occupation of Afmadu would be of no effect.

The wet seasons in Jubaland seem to vary in intensity and duration and therefore the effectiveness of the occupation of the Afmadu wells varies with the amount of rain.

Policy of advance to hold Abyssinian boundary.

3. Should however the object of an advance to Afmadu be the eventual effective holding of a boundary to Abyssinia, Afmadu is the first step towards this policy.

Such a policy however must contemplate a very considerable increase to the present Jubaland garrison, since Afmadu would be but one of a chain of posts to be eventually established such a policy would have to include the defence of the Ogaden from raids by Abyssinian troops.

Occupation of Afmadu in any case must contemplate assistance to the British Government in the safety of Ogaden property from Abyssinian raids.

4. If however the occupation of Afmadu is meant to obtain a firmer control over the Ogaden, it appears that again the occupation of Afmadu would render the British Government responsible for the safety of Ogaden property from Abyssinian raids and in this case there is no doubt whatever but that the Ogaden would claim assistance from the British Government.

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contact with these Abyssinian raiders must again be con-  
-templated.

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5. From the preceding paragraphs it is evident  
that the occupation of Afmadu must contemplate, in addition  
to the more thorough control of the Ogaden, the possibility  
of a contact with Abyssinian troops or raiders, and there-  
fore the duties of the Jubaland garrison would be increased  
by the presence of this factor in the situation.

occupation of  
adu likely  
be resist-

6. The Officers best qualified to judge at Kismayu  
inform me that the occupation of the Afmadu wells might  
or might not be peaceably received.

They say that the " old men " that is I presume  
the "Akils" or tribal elders desire the occupation of  
Afmadu, but that the young men might object.

This to my mind is sufficient evidence that the  
occupation would not be a peaceable one, for it is always  
the custom of the "old men" of an African tribe to ascribe  
an outbreak of hostilities to their inability to retain the  
young men, though they themselves profess, as is natural,  
the desire for peace.

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in view of ~~... ..~~ of Jubaland province at  
the present moment ~~... ..~~ as a place for  
settlement, or ~~... ..~~ where any lucrative planta-  
tion might be carried on, I am inclined to ~~... ..~~ that the  
Africans ~~... ..~~ has other regions ~~... ..~~  
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when peace and quiet is assured. ~~... ..~~ the position  
Jubaland might be taken in hand and troops ~~... ..~~

elsewhere could be utilised to carry through a policy framed with a view to settling once and for all the question of the complete control of the Ogaden and the effective occupation of an Abyssinian boundary line.

8. For the present I am inclined to recommend that matters remain as they are, offences against law and order on the part of the Ogaden can be very effectively met by the re-imposition of the blockade which so successfully operated from 1902 onwards and ended in the Ogaden paying their fines in full.

At present the Ogaden want peace and give no trouble, the Abyssinian raiders have not so far touched them, and the question of protection from Abyssinian raids has not arisen.

(Sd.) W. H. Manning.

Brigadier-General,

Inspector-General,

King's African Rifles.

Mapu. 31st May 1905.

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October 1905

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Genl. Secy. Post (no. 444) Sir,

I have the honor to

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ack. the recd. of your  
desp. no. 465 of the  
23<sup>rd</sup> of August last,  
and to inform you  
that I approve of  
the decision to abandon  
for the present the  
proposal for the  
proposed permanent  
occupation of the  
territory of the  
Cape Colony.

- Mr. Post (no. 444) 92/10
- Mr. Ellis 11/10/05
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Mr. Graham.
- Sir M. Ommanney.
- The Duke of Marlborough.
- Mr. Lyttelton.

Richard  
C. O. S. M. S.

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