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(Subject)

Trade routes to Indian Abyssinia

The copy sent from Capt. Russell who is leading a
march on the Southern Lakes, reports of trade as good
and the routes are peaceful.

(Attaches)

Mr. Reed

This is an interesting letter.
The fresh Zepheros seems an able
man - as might be seen from
the line into the river as
a direct course for exploration
in the region.

Copy of the letter to F.O.
4.2.07. L.S.F.
M.R. 19/6

The map is a plan. It is
sent with it to send on the
map of the country as the
arrangement within a little
at present. Kind is proposed.
H.S.R.
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(7) The Rendile have their own names for these places but owing to absence of a permanent guide of the tribe I have only collected the most important names. Thus Marsabit Gashuru is Haldaiyan - Rendile and Lassaie - Parota. Doubtful names are shown on map wherever possible.

(8) The country to the North of Marsabit is accessible for four long marches until an encampment which time roughly East and West is reached where there is reported to be a good supply of permanent water in big properly constructed wells. There last I have not seen.

(9) The journey presents no difficulty during the rains water collecting in rock pools every where and I was consequently independent of water after arrival at Marsabit as the rains broke.

(10) Regarding natives, I found all tribes friendly and extremely anxious to trade with me. The Gashuru were especially friendly. The Rendile are warlike in their camps and are in character very akin to the Kipsigis. They talk a corrupt form of Swahili among themselves but all talk a good fluent and have to a large extent adopted the habits of the Arab and Somali tribes. The Rendile were traders and they say that the advent of a white trader at Marsabit will be thoroughly appreciated. They were very anxious to trade and said that the fact that we were at Marsabit would soon be widely known.

(11) Lassaie, the head of the Rendile tribe, was at Lassaie (Parota) and I made friends with him and traded a good many goat skins and sheep. He told me he had received orders from Mr. Fashiro that the raiding which was taking place between the Gashuru and Rendile was to cease and that he (Mr. Fashiro) was desirous that the two peoples should meet

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and trade at Karsabit.

(13) Mr. Jeffries had sent Borana traders down to the Rendile mountains at Karsabit and I saw three men and heard their version of the story which tallied with that of Lubah.

(14) Lubah further reported that the Borana had taken about 100 camels from his camels fattestime previously and that he and his people always treated the Borana when the Borana came down to Karsabit as at present. I told him there was no need to do so while we were there and hoped he would come back shortly which he promised to do.

(15) I could hear no confirmation of the rumors forwarded me by the Commissioner regarding the Mahamed Kubair Somali projected raid.

(16) I should strongly advise keeping Somalis out of the system. Rendile and Borana unless they can be thoroughly trusted to behave themselves. I could hear of no recent disturbance but these people bear a very bad name indeed especially among the Gushu.

(17) I consider the country perfectly safe for a properly equipped safari. The Rendile are a difficult people to deal with but they are keen to trade.

(18) I had the report that I passed on route a deserted white elephant enclosure in which I discovered ivory buried. Location of the site will be noted approximately on the map. I kept the matter from the safari but in the case of any relief only four Somalis know of the matter. Amount of ivory not known.

(19) I am able to obtain cattle from the Borana and should be glad to share if arrangements can be made for us to bring some camels. I should suggest that an isolation camp should be set up at Karsabit where they could be quarantined for such time as the veterinary authorities may direct. I

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could bring them back along the Gueso Narra and so along the slope of Senya (sic) without touching a Wasai panti. I should be glad of an answer to this request as soon as possible as I believe there is big business to be done in this way.

(10) I request that the request of my employee Mr. Frederick Roy may be granted a pass to proceed at once to take food to Margie Bernyold and then return.

(11) Further I want to note that the food people in a certain state in Australia in Arizona who is unable to get his food supplies from the west.

(12) The West has big interests to Siran Wells (sic) was accompanied in most cases by Wendell and some traders govt with the Alameda Vires and are doing big business. They have their posts for sheep. Siran is a Frenchman post in the state of the West. Wendell and Wendell having few trading supplies and live about 20 miles south of the Gueso Narra River.

(13) There is one more note in the report of the... of opinion that no trading could be done in this way even if allowed. I am of opinion that all... are of ivory is... and... the... personally... brought in... the... in the... both... especially... the... to... in... to... the... further.

I have...
ed/ J. Mitchell, Seattle