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The Under-Secretary of State,
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Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 17th. ultimo,
I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Gray to transmit to you
herewith a draft of a note which he proposes, with the
concurrence of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to
address to the Italian Ambassador respecting the regulation
of the Juba River.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W Langley

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

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Italian Ambassador.

Your Excellency:-

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has represented to me that certain questions require settlement in regard to the Juba River which as Your Excellency is aware forms the boundary between the British East Africa Protectorate and Italian Somaliland.

It will be within Your Excellency's recollection that in the Protocol signed at Rome on March 24th, 1891, it is laid down that the boundary shall follow the mid-channel (thalweg) of the River Juba from the sea to latitude 6° North.

It would, however, appear that there are certain islands in the bed of the river and it seems to His Majesty's Government desirable that an agreement should

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should be come to as to their ownership.

It seems to His Majesty's Government also desirable that an International River Board should be formed to control irrigation during the low water season, as if the natives are allowed to divert any quantity of water they choose for irrigation, navigation cannot fail to be seriously hampered.

His Majesty's Government would propose that the Board should fix a water level below which no water should be diverted and that the head of each irrigation canal should be made permanent with masonry subject to the approval of the Board to prevent the flow of water below that level.

I have the honour to suggest that the Board might be composed of the Principal

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Civil Administrator on each side and of
the Chief Engineer of each Protectorate.

I have the honour to express to
Your Excellency my hope that these pro-
posals may be acceptable to the Italian
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Col. Seely.

The Earl of Crewe.

Sir, I am directed by the E
of Crewe to ask the receipt
of your ltr No 6596/09 of
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