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S. Abyssinian Frontier delimitation

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Telegraph from Addis Ababa reporting that Abyssinian Govt. are contemplating the despatch of a Commission to frontier to revise the delimitation as carried out by way of force. Abyssinian auth. have been requested to delay departure of their Commiss. until they receive answer at Addis Ababa

W. Antillius.

We have had later news. See the tel. in 70. It might only confuse the O.G.Y. to send him this <sup>15097</sup> Party? after our desp. on 15097

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and address—  
The Under-Secretary of State  
Foreign Office,  
London.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,  
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper

Foreign Office,

May 15. 1909

Reference to previous letter:

*To*  
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BRITISH LEGATION

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ADIS ABABA

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17th April 1909.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the Abyssinian Government are now contemplating the despatch of a Commission to the Southern Frontier to revise the delimitation as carried out by Major Gwynn. The head of this expedition is to be Nagndras Tanagasha of Wallaga, who, it appears is now to be the Abyssinian Commissioner, and not Lieutenant Schubert as I had been previously informed. The latter is encamped at a few days distance from Adis Ababa waiting for his interpreter who has been kept back to accompany the Abyssinian expedition, the present intention being that they should all travel together.

The new Commissioner appears to have no special qualifications for the work, and his appointment is probably due to rumours that have reached the Abyssinians of

... Sirs, etc., M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Foreign Office

or the changes made by Major Gwynn in the line as shown  
on the Treaty-map.

As Major Gwynn arrived at Jijon on the 8th instant  
and may be expected to reach Adis Ababa within a few days,  
I have requested the Abyssinian Authorities to delay the  
departure of their Commission until his arrival.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Anton Heine