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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.

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ADIS ABABA

28th April 1909.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that Major Gwynn, who arrived here on the 20th instant, left yesterday with the other members of the Southern Frontier Boundary Commission en route for Dire Dawa.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs and War, Negras Hail Giorgis and Fit. Arari Hapta Giorgis came to this Legation to discuss the present position of affairs, and Major Gwynn endeavoured to explain to them briefly the changes which had been made by him in the line as marked on the Treaty Map. They were informed that a full report and maps could not be furnished them for some months, and we endeavoured to dissuade them from sending Commissioners to the frontier at this juncture, as in the absence of

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full explanation the reasons for the changes made might not be clear to them. The responsibility for differences of opinion was laid upon the Abyssinian Government for not having their Commissioners ready in time, and Major Gwynn insisted that in case of divergence his line must be taken as correct.

Notwithstanding these arguments, the Abyssinian Commissioners would be sent as soon as they could get ready, as great expense had already been incurred and the services of Mr Schwartz, their technical adviser, could not be retained indefinitely. After their return, the maps could be compared, and a decision come to.

In the circumstances, after consultation with Major Gwynn, I decided to instruct Mr Zaphiro, the Southern Frontier Inspector, not to take official cognizance of the Abyssinian Commission, but only to detail some men who could show him the position of the beacons already placed, and take them over the corrected boundary as far as Moyale. Beyond a point slightly west of Moyale, as already explained, Major Gwynn found the red line marked on the map to constitute so impossible a frontier, that he placed no more beacons, and his proposals on this point

will depend on the ultimate decision of the Colonial  
Office as to the permanent patrolling of the line.

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

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(S) Herbert Hervey