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Sends recap. of Adis Ababa resp. present situation. Is disposed to agree to proposal to call Mr. Zaphiro to Adis Ababa, but before approving, suggests that Prot. be asked to furnish an officer to take Mr. Zaphiro's place while he is absent at Adis Ababa.

Telegram to Jackson

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The Under Secretary of State,
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FOREIGN OFFICE

July 13 . 1909

Sir:-

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With reference to your letter of April 20th, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Adis Ababa, relative to the condition of the Southern Frontier of Abyssinia.

Sir E. Grey is disposed to agree to Lord H. Hervey's proposal to call Mr. Zaphiro to Adis Ababa at the close of the present rainy season, but he fears that much harm may be done by Abyssinian raiders if the frontier is left without a British officer.

The question is one for the decision of the authorities of the East Africa Protectorate, but I am to suggest that before Lord H. Hervey's proposal is approved, the Protectorate Government should be asked whether they can furnish an officer who will take Mr.

Zaphiro's

Under Secretary of State,
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*H. Hervey
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Zaphiro's place while he is absent at Adis Ababa.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that recent despatches from Mr Zaphiro show that there has been no change for the better on the frontier since the passing of Major Gwynn's boundary Commission.

The army under Mitakari Weldi sent by Mitakari Hapt Giorgis remained but a few days on the frontier owing to insufficiency of rations; during their stay a number of elephant hunters crossed the line to evade tax and continued killing elephants in British territory as before. I have however made no further complaint on this head as according to Major Gwynn's reports there is no considerable doubt as to whether these elephants are caught in British or Abyssinian territory, and owing to the rains which began some time ago the hunters will have returned to the highlands.

There have also been further raids in the Rendille

country,

Res. Secy. H.P.,

Etc., Etc.,

country, a number of sheep and goats being taken, and one
man killed. Pitaurari Hapta Giorgis had given orders to

the local chiefs to build houses on the north of the line
and station one hundred soldiers there to intercept the

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runners and raiders, but his authority at such a distance
seems to be little regarded, and the soldiers come and go
as they please.

Whenever similar raids are brought to the notice of
the Pitaurari, steps of some kind appear to be taken to
check the marauders, but no means of an effective or
permanent nature are devised, so that after a temporary
lull the raids begin again. Only the establishment, if not
delayed, of a sufficient force under British Officers is
likely to produce any real improvement.

I am instructing Mr Saphiro, who is without sufficient
stores to be able to remain indefinitely at his post, to
come up to Adis Ababa after the rainy season is over about
the end of September. He should arrive here about the
same time as Major Gynn's report and recommendations on
the line, and his presence should be most useful when the
arguments have to be laid before the Abyssinian
Government. He will also be able to bring such definite
proofs against the minor chiefs who are responsible for

raiding

raiding as may be required to secure their punishment. A
small guard would be left at Moyale consisting of the most
reliable men he can find for the purpose.

Should this not meet with your approval, I would ask
that instructions to the contrary may be telegraphed to me
in time to prevent his leaving his post.

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

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

J. Herbert Hervey