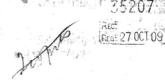
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BRITISH LEGATION,

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24th September 1909.

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Sir:-

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I have the honour to report that Despatches received to-day from kr. Zaphiro, British Inspector on the Abyssinian Southern Frontier, reveal a worse state of things than usual.

He reports over two thousand numbers in the Golbo and in the vicinity of Fort Harrington, who daily loot the defenceless Boran natives in British territory; if these show any signs of resistance in protecting their homes and their stock, they are shot down without mercy. Four native belonging to Mankata, a Boran village about four miles south of Churre Moyale, were killed at the beginning of this month, and two others saverely wounded. Mr. Zaphiro, who was in Golbo, some thirty miles distant, started off at once to track the mirderers, but they rapidly dispersed amongst the other hunters, and it was impossible to identify them.

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r Edward Grey, Bart., &c., &c., &c. Herr Schubert of the Abyssinian Boundary Commission, is reported to be surveying in the neighbourhood of El Der; nothing has yet been heard of the missing Balambaras Asseghed.

Mr Zaphiro complains of the conduct of Balambaras
Walda Gabriel, who is intimidating the natives in British territory from Jarra to Gadaduma, obliging them to bring him
bullocks and camels, and chaining up those who refuse. Natives who cross the line to water their animals in accordance with their treaty rights, are beaten, and forced to go
several days' march northwards with their animals. Mr. Zaphiro remonstrated with Negadras Tanagasha, but he refused
to interfere, saying that Walda Gabriel was the Chief of
the country.

News had also arrived that Walda Gabriel's soldiers had crossed the line with instructions to arrest and chain up all the native chiefs at Debel, and bring them north. Mr. Zaphiro was, at the time of his writing, on the point of leaving for Debel to protect the people.

I am making strong representations on the subject of all these outrages to the Abyssinian Government, and am awaiting an opportunity to see Fitaurari Hapta Giorgia, but such representations produce but little effect. Promises are made,

perhaps enquiries are instituted, some soldiers may be sent to the spot for a few days and possibly a minor chief receives a nominal punishment. Shortly afterwards the same abuses recommence.

The only hope of securing comparative immunity for our tribes near the frontier is to institute, without further delay, the long-talked-of force to patrol the line.

Mr. Zaphiro, with his small escort, although doing excellent work in turning off small bands of marauders, is quite unable to cope with bodies consisting of hundreds and even thousands of men, and the tribes in british territory are losing heart and faith in the British Government, whose promises to protect them remain so long unfulfilled.

I have &c.

(Signed) Herbert Hervey

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Sir,

with reference to my especial No.62, or the 24th ultimo relative to affilirs on the Abysidnian Southern Prontier, I have the benour to report that I list work had an opportunity of seeing Vitaurari Hapta Giorgis, and personally represented matters to him.

The Fitaurari informed mothat he had alrowly given orders to Fitaurari Waldi to despatch several cundred soldiers to the frontier, with instructions to arrest any Abyasinians found to have been trespassing in Oritish territory. The alleged murders of Moran natives would be investigated, and punishment inflicted and compensation ordered in accordance with local custom.

With regard to Mr Maphiro's complaints against

Balambaras Walda Capriel, a letter had just been received,

from the latter, emphatically denying that any natives on

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the British side of the line had been interfered with; he added that he made this statement us he was aware that Mr Zaphiro was bringing accusations against him. The Fitaurari said the whole matter could be investi, ated when or Zaphiro came up, and he would in the meantime have

enquiries made on the spot and issue renewed stringent instructions for British natives to be left unsclessed.

I have not the slightest doubt as to the accuracy of Mr Zaphiro's statements, and should the Abyssinian Boundary Commission endeavour to alter the frontier dividing the tribes as marked out by Major Gwynn, Mr. Zaphiro's allegations and my official protest will be on The Marchalle Comment

record.

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

Your most obedient, numble Servant, (S) Herbert Hermy

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