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S. Abyssinian Frontier

Points out that in new W.O. map "Africa 1/1,000,000" north A.S. Marsabit, 1915 the boundary as demarcated by Maj. Foyon is shown as the frontier line, whereas the line demarcated by Capt. Maund is still regarded locally as the correct boundary. Proposes to regard former as incorrect

Mr Butler.

Map annexed. (C.O. Library no: 78).

You will see from the p.p. (ending with 70./20843/14) that Abyssinia has refused our demand for rectification.

The two lines are shown together on the map in Govt/1977/11 S.A.P., & it is clear that, on the Govt's map, W.O. have adopted the green Foyon line.

Submitted aff. to D.M.J.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.
No. 77.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

June 26th, 1916.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to the correspondence ending with your predecessor's Confidential despatch dated the 29th of May 1914 on the subject of the rectification of the frontier line between this Protectorate and Abyssinia.

2. So far as I am aware, the line demarcated by Captain Maud in 1902 is still the recognized boundary between the two countries, although His Majesty's Government have frequently expressed to the Minister at Adis Ababa their desire that the Ethiopian Government should be induced to accept the alternative boundary proposed by Major Gwynn in 1907. It has therefore been repeatedly impressed upon our officers in the Northern Frontier District, both by Captain

Thesiger

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W.

Thesiger and successive Governors of East Africa, that the area under their direct control is only that to the south of Captain Maud's line and that the points of difference between the two demarcations are still the subject of discussion.

3. I consider it desirable therefore to bring to your notice the fact that in the new Map Africa 1:1,000,000 North A.37 "Marsabit" published by the War Office in 1915 the boundary as demarcated by Major Gwynn is shown as the Frontier line. I am not aware of any settlement which justifies this delineation and I propose therefore to regard it as incorrect until I receive information to the contrary. My officers will accordingly follow the procedure they have adopted in the past, i.e. they will recognize Captain Maud's line as the accepted boundary even though to all intents and purposes they are administering the debateable area. I should be glad to receive your assurance that the policy I am following is correct.

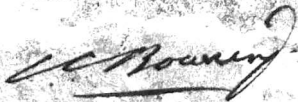
4. It is quite possible that copies of this map may come into the possession of the Abyssinian Government, and as I understand that

that the condition of affairs in that country at the present time is extremely unsatisfactory, the suspicions which a knowledge of the facts would inevitably arouse might lead to misunderstandings. I am therefore sending a copy of this despatch to Captain Thesiger in order to strengthen his position as far as possible and to enable him if necessary to allay any misapprehensions of the Abyssinian Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR'S Deputy

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23 August 1916

The U.S. G.P. for the Colonies
has conveyed to the Director of
Military Intelligence and
has to transmit to him the
accompanying copy of a
despatch which has been
received from the Gov. of the
S.A.P. on the subject of the
position of the sea boundary

Ans 10053

S.A.P. frontier as shown on
the T.S.G.S. map 2465
(T.S.G.S. Africa 1:1,000,000,
sheet A. 27 North 37, Mauritania).
The line referred to as
Capt. Knud's line is that
shown in T.S.G.S. map no.
2286, sheet I.

Sir G. Fiddes is not
aware that any proposal
for the alteration of the
boundary has been accepted

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S. M. J.

MINUTE.

- Mr. [Name] 22/8/16
- Mr. Butler 22/8/16
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

In witness

(See 1977/11)

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he will be glad to be
in what circumstances
with ~~the~~ ~~reason~~

~~that led to the adoption~~

* The line shown

on the new map, has been
adopted.

D.S.

Sept 1916