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Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 389 of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 1st July summarising the events in connection with the Somali unrest in the Northern territories of the Protectorate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

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Memorandum

PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING

Saturday, July 1st.

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(1) On the 30th of June a letter dated Moyale May 29th was received from Mr. T. D. Butler, Acting District Commissioner:

(a) The report that the Aulihan are at Gerilleh, vide I. (1) of last week's Precis, is confirmed by natives of the Ajuran, Abdi Majid, and of the Rer Mahamud who have been recently at Wajheir. Abdurrahman Muraal is also said to have made further overtures to the Rer Abdilleh which were not accepted.

(b) A Garrah, Ide Sheki, has reported that on three occasions recently the Aulihan have sent messages to Mahomet Adou, a Garrah of importance with a village at Gutchi to the South East of Bil Wak, saying that they desire to enter the Bil Wak area and join the Garrah. On each occasion the request was refused.

N.B. Mr. Butler is not certain of the truth of this report. There is however a good road from Riba to Bil Wak via Gutchi, and if it should happen that the Aulihan deem it advisable to retire, and fear to do so, across the Juba river owing to action which may have been taken by the Italian Government to prevent them from crossing, they would be able to proceed North from Bil Wak to and across the Dawa River by one of the many roads which run through the eastern side of the Garrah country where they would be unlikely to meet with hindrance.

(c) On May 25th Mr. Butler received a letter signed by the Garrah headman Ali Abdi and Gabbaba, in which after informing him of the loss by raiding of 9 Zeriba of goats and many donkeys to the Marchan, and the murder of many Garrah by the Dagodia, they appealed for assistance against the latter. It appears that the Garrah are contemplating an attack on the Dagodia if they can arrange it before their enemies take the offensive, and the members of the tribe at Dadatcha in Abyssinia have been collecting preparatory to proceeding to Takabbu to assist their kinsmen. Mr. Butler was of course unable to promise the Garrah any immediate assistance, as this could only be given by the re-occupation of their country; and he thinks that unless this can be done without delay, much inter-tribal raiding is likely to take place.

(d) Further enquiries show that the information in I.(iii) (b) of the Precis for the week ending June 17th is generally correct. Latest information gives three Garrah and seven Dagodia killed.

(ii) In a letter from Mr. Kittermaster dated Archer's Post June 14th, received here on the 30th, he states that Mr. Llewellys hopes to get to Wajheir about June 30th. Mr. Butler has enquired what the Government would say if the Garrah invited the assistance of the Abyssinian Tigre against the Dagodia and Mr. Kittermaster observes that under the circumstances no objection can possibly be made.

(iii) On the 29th a telegram from Mr. Power was received dated Kismayu June 26th. It reports that Osman Maghan, Mohamed Zubeir, states that fighting has taken place near Wajheir between the Aulihan Rer Afgab and the Mohamed Zubeir. No confirmation of the rumour has been received from the Northern Frontier District but possibly the news of Mr. Llewellyn's impending return to Wajheir may have encouraged the Mohamed Zubeir.

(iv) On the 1st of July a telegram dated Kismayu June 30th was received from Mr. Power, saying that all the Mohamed Zubeir chiefs ask permission for your (? their) men to proceed to Bogseir (Sic) to fight the Aulihan and that after consultation with the Officer Commanding Troops, Jubaland, he considers the request should be granted. No reply has yet been sent to Mr. Power.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

No change reported.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES.

No change but vide I.(a) above.

IV. DECISIONS ARRIVED AT AND ACTION TAKEN.

A reply has been sent to Mr. Kittermaster regarding the westward movement of the Somali tribes referred to in I.(v) of Precis for the week ending June 3rd. It is the effect that it is impossible to state at present any definite policy but it is probable that our efforts will be devoted to restraining the movements of the Somali South and West and even to moving them back from certain areas on which they have encroached within recent years.

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Sd/- T. S. THOMAS.

Nairobi,
3rd July, 1916.