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Sir

In continuation of my despatch

No.405 of the 27th ultime, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 29th July summarising the events in connection with the Somali unrest in the Northern territories of the Protectorate.

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Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

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THE RIGHT BONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W

PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING

Saturday, July 29th.

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THE DETAILS.

- (i) On the 26th a letter dated Kauro (on the Archer's Post Marsabit road) July 8th was received from Mr. Kittermaster. Mr. Butler at Mayale has reported to him that the frontier is quiet, while Mr. Glenday has been to Ajao and collected more information regarding the situation between the Garren and the Dagodia. No fight on a large scale has yet taken place but there have been several murders on each side. The Dagodia from Wajheir appear to have been the worst offenders.
- crossed to our side of the Daua River and ar the river is now in flood they cannot get back. The Grarch have collected a large war party near Derkali with Tigre to help. Mr. Glenday thinks they may not come to blows but Mr. Butler disagrees and expected to hear news about the end of June of a big fight at Dadatch Korma Adoui, half way between Derk it and Galitcha on the Daua River.
- (iii) Mr. Kittermaster does not feel that a great deal of responsibility attaches to us for the situation on the Daus River as our shility to restrain the Abyseinian Dagodia was always dependent upon circumstances being exceptionally favourable. The Wajheir Dagodia are however another matter: They are now near fill was and the situation is complicated by the presence of Aulihan (exactly who is uncertain) at Gutchi (Map: 'Goochi' S. of Ril Wak on Wajheir road)

near Ril Wak. Mr. Kittermuster feels tempted to take action against them but any step of this nature must be delayed till Wajheir is re-occupied and even then must depend on circumstances, but if Wajheir is held he thinks a move can be made to Ril Wak. All the Degodia and their cousins are implicated, the Fai. Jibrahil, Murulle, and Massure.

- July 17th was received from Mr. Power. Mr. Filleul, Assistant District Commissioner Gosha District, has reported to him that Abdurrahman Mursaal is now at Eur Wehelis, near Derkenli (due E. of Wajheir, near Long. 42°). On the 15th of June two Marchan brought news that the Aulihan were then in the Garreh country, while on the same day a Herti stated that they were only a day's march from the Juba river at Meyess. These contradictory reports might mean that the "Galti" Aulihan, chiefly Her Afgab, were trying the former course while Abdurrahman Mursaal with the Wafattu awaited events in Gedu. (Vide Precis for week ending July 15th, I.(ii)(c) and July 22nd I.(ii)).
- (v) The Mohamed Zubeir at Wajheir have captured two Serenli Aulihan who were in possession of Government ammunition, equipment, and clothing. One of them had a fresh bullet wound in the chest.
- (vi) On the 26th a letter dated Kismayu
 July 16th was received from Mr. Power. Madul Baraka,
 Ohief of Jebir, has reported that 14 Serenli Aulihan
 visited Jebir to buy maize and to persuade if possible
 the people to join them. Many of the Wasosha from
 Jebir have crossed to the Italian side of the river
 to avoid the Aulihan. He also reports that the

Aulihan are divided into three Sections, one with Addurrahman Mursaal and his people to Eil Wak, a second to Walheir and the third near Salagii.

- (vii) On the 25th s telegram dated July 22nd was received from Mr. Power stating that the Italian Authorities at Bardera report that Abdurrahaan Mursaal and his followers are expected shortly to return to the vicinity of Hagaghabli.
- (viii) Major Rigby from Malka Gharsi, west of the Lerian, reports June 29th that three Isaak Somali receptly arrived from Wajheir informed him that the Aulinan were then at Dundo Mali and the Mohamed Zubeir at Arbagromso preparing to resist any advance by the Aulinan on Wajheir.

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