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SOMALI UNREST IN NORTHERN TERRITORIES

The memo. of events for week ended 5th August

See Bottomley
See Porter

It will be seen from this that
Wajaleh (the re-occupation of which
has been under consideration for some
months) was occupied on July 15th.
No news in these new despatches about
the proposed staff visit in 44315.

Adm. & 70. 162 have copies
of this & 44761 (etc), as well as
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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No. 492.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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August 11th, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 485
of the 8th instant, I have the honour to transmit
herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the
week ending the 5th August summarising the events
in connection with the Somali unrest in the
Northern territories of the Protectorate.

Memorandum

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway, Secy. Genl.

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W.

Is Despatch No. 492 of August 11th 1916

PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDINGSATURDAY AUGUST 5th.

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I. THE DETAILS. (1) On the 1st of August information was received that Major Rigby arrived with part of the Police Battalion at Wajheir on the 15th of July and that the Mohamed Zubeir were friendly. No opposition was encountered

(ii) On the 3rd a letter dated Melka Roba July 7th was received from Mr. Llewellyn. He failed to find permanent water at the two places selected by him on the alternative route to Wajheir; on the other hand there was a plentiful supply at Burria, 7 hours on the road to the station.

(iii) The Aulihan are reported by him to have gone further from Wajheir. They had reached Gerilleh, but have retired. The Rer Afgab are nearest to Wajheir, extending from the Bido Gutchi, which is half way between Bil Wak and Gerilleh, down to some six hours from Riba. The other Aulihan are more distant and are reported to have decided to stay in their own country now, for a year at any rate.

(iv) Hadji Hassan has given Mr. Llewellyn two letters from Abdurrahman Mursaal which are full of "jihad". In one he says that the Mohamed Zubeir may raid the Rer Afgab if they come towards Wajheir as they will not listen to him.

(v) The Habr Suliman at Wajheir have joined the Mohamed Zubeir, as have the Dagodia, Fai.

(vi) Mr. Llewellyn has enclosed a copy of a letter from the Aulihan at Wajheir to the Government saying that they have nothing to do with Abdurrahman Mursaal or the Soreni Aulihan.

(vii) On the 2nd a letter dated Marsabit July 16th was received from Mr. Kittermaster. It is reported to him by Mr. Butler that all accounts go to show that there has been a fight between the Garreh and Dagodia somewhere near

Dadatch

Dadatch Korm Addeu (Marsabit Map Xa). The Garreh assisted by Tigre were the aggressors but appear to have met with little success. Only about 250 head of camels were captured by them while their casualties were 70 to 80 and those of the Dagodia 30 to 60. In initiating the attack they were merely forestalling an attack on themselves.

(viii) In the middle of June Mr. Kittermaster states that the Aulihan were reported at Kursiu, south of Eil Wak - Soreali road and the Garreh and Aulihan herds were becoming intermingled. If true, this news tends to show that the Garreh would not hinder the Aulihan if they try to go north, even though they might not actually join them against us. Mr. Butler does not think they will attempt to move north for another two months as the Dana River will be impassable for stock till late in August, and there is plenty of rain water on our side of the river.

(ix) Mr. Kittermaster is asking Major Rigby if he can see his way to send an officer to join Mr. Glenday at Buna. He wishes if possible to send a patrol to Eil Wak in order to get into touch with those of the Garreh who are still there.

(x) On the 5th a telegram dated July 31st was received from Mr. Power that the Marehan chiefs report that Sheikh Ali Nairobi (vide Precip for week ending February 21st (5)) is building a stone mosque near the Dana river and attempting to emulate the Mullah. Large tithes of camels have been collected by him from the Marehan.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS. No change.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES. No change but vide I(iii) above

Nairobi,

August 9th, 1916.

Sd/- T. S. THOMAS.