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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

October 4th, 1916.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 508 of the 29th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 30th September 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,

H. C. Balfour
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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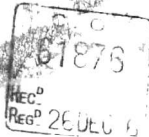
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PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING

Saturday 29th September



I. THE DETAILS.

(i) On the 26th two Intelligence reports, dated Yonta August 30th and September 19th were received from Major Porcelli. He reports that the Aulihan returned to the Sarenli district on August 24th and he believes that they intend to await the fall of the river in November and then try to cross into Italian territory. It is unlikely that they will face any determined effort by the Government against them.

(ii) Fighting is reported to have occurred between the Habr Suliman and the Aulihan, in which the latter lost 5 men killed, (possibly the fight referred to in Precis, September 2nd. I.(ii)), and between the Mohamed Zubeir and Aulihan at Dieff, 40 Aulihan being killed. This latter report is not yet confirmed.

(iii) Agents of the Mullah, who is believed to be on the West Shebelle, are reported to have reached Lugh.

(iv) A patrol under Captain Mure was sent to Soya, 30 miles from Yonta, returning on September 19th. There is plenty of water in the Dushak Wassa.

(v) One British Officer and 60 rank and file Arab rifles are proceeding to Alexandra for garrison duty. The present garrison there consists of 43 armed Constabulary.

In his second report Major Porcelli gives the following information:-

(vi) The Tur Adi, Aulihan, have left the Mohamed Zubeir and have gone to live near the Abd Sam (vide Precis - August 19th. I.(i)).

(vii) The Ker Afgab are believed to be on friendly terms with the remaining sections of the Aulihan, and the Ker Ali anxious to make terms with the Government.

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(viii) Owing to the delay in re-occupying Sereñli Abdurrahman Mursaal's statement that the Government will not return is fully believed even by the Rahanwein.

(ix) The following are said to be helping Abdurrahman Mursaal:-

Sheid Mohamed, brother of Sheikh Ali Nairobi,
The Bartiri,

A Section of the Herti, a few of whom have

always lived in the Sereñli district.

(x) It appears that the Marehan who attacked the Aulihan at Hagaghabli (vide Precis - September 23rd, I.(1)), were the Her Tulha and the Farah Ugas.

(xi) The Governor of Italian Somaliland has reported further on the attitude of Sheikh Ali Nairobi (vide Precis - August 13th, I.(v)). He states that he knows him personally, believes him to be reliable, and has frequently asked for his assistance in dealing with the tribes in the North. He thinks that the motives which actuated him to contemplate the killing of a moogah near the Daua river are purely religious and that he has no intention of setting himself up as a Sultan or of creating any disturbance. In the meantime however he is to stay at Brawa pending further orders.

On the other hand, Major Porcelli understands that this man is hand in glove with the Aulihan.

(xii) Mr. Lane in a letter dated Kismayu September 1st, received here on September 26th states that the Mullan's forces are very probably on the Wabi Shebani or at Oubbi near Ras Hafun. Abdurrahman Mursaal is reported to be about to visit him with a few of his people.

(xiii) The Italian Resident, Bardera, has wired to Kismayu stating that the Aulihan have attacked a caravan of the Marehan, Her Tulha, amounting eight and some of which eight are priests of Sheikh Ali Nairobi. This attack may

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possibly have been by way of reprisals for their defeat by the Marehan at Bagdadiab and if correct may involve the Abdarrahman Mursaal in a quarrel with Sheikh Ali Nairobi.

(xiv) Mr. Llavellin in a letter dated Wajheir September 3rd, reports that the Bartiri asked permission to enter the Mohamed Zubeir country. This he has refused for the time being.

(xv) Reuters report that Ili Yassu, Emperor of Abyssinia, has been deposed by a meeting of chiefs, and the daughter of Menelik installed as Empress.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

No change.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES.

Mr. Lane reports the Aulihan at Warega (XIV - f), Helliashid (XIII - e), Salagli (XIII - e) and Karatch (XIII - d).

Sd/- I. S. THOMAS.

Nairobi,

2nd October, 1916.