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leakage of information as to
Indian Expeditionary force.

minutes and despatches to Governor.

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To Gov. 29.0 Dec. 17 Nov. ✓

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Mr. Pugh Sir J. Fiddes

If the Gazi Manager
knew all this on Oct 12th I
am not surprised that
the Germans were in force at
Tanga by Nov: 3rd. We should
ask the Gov: how far the
coming of the Expeditionary force
was public property?

W. C. 11/10/14

Yes?

H. J. R.
11/21/14

It is very

remarkable. The Viceroy telegraphed
to J.O. on 22 Sept that the
was hoped to despatch the force on
8 or 9 Oct [2395 - We didn't write
this to E.A.P., thinking it better that the
hopes sh^d just materialize] This sh^d
have brought them to Bombay about
20 Oct. - And on 12 Oct the manager
of an estate at Gurga writes to the
principals in London that he expects
the expedition in about a week.

We sh^d certainly enquire from

Gov. 11.11.14
at once 12.11.14

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

Downing Street,

7 November, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 12th of November, I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter, with enclosures, received from the Gazi (British East Africa) Rubber and Fibre Estate, Limited, on the subject of the position of their plantation in the Seyidie Province.

2. You will observe that their Manager, writing on the 12th of October, refers to "the expeditionary force from India" - a phrase which implies that even before that date he was well aware and had informed his principals that such a force was expected - and that he gives the date of its arrival as "in about a week". As the Government of India had informed the Secretary of State on September 22nd that it was hoped that the whole of Force B. would be despatched on the 8th or 9th of October (corresponding to a date of arrival about the 20th) Mr. Lory's source of information would appear to have been authoritative.

3. His information seems, further, to have extended to a knowledge of the fact that Force B.

was

CONWAY BELFIELD, K.C.M.G.

&c. &c. &c.

was intended to operate against German East Africa direct, since he says that troops in the Protectorate were to move south and co-operate across the border.

4. Mr. Lory's statements can hardly have arisen out of rumour alone and it seems to me to be clear that there was a serious leakage of secret information which may have been disseminated so widely as eventually to have been conveyed, by native or other channels, to the enemy and so have tended to prejudice the success of the Force when it arrived. I shall be glad if you will make every possible enquiry into the matter and report to me fully in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

S^d L. Haicourt.

In S E.A.P.
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17 November 1914

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E. A. P. ~~Secret~~

Mr. Belfield
MINUTE.

Mr. W.C.D. 14/10/14

Mr. Read 14

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott. Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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