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German East Africa

Suggest, in view stated exception of Kiunga from the administrative arrangements proposed for the occupied parts of German East Africa.

Mr Beckwith.
Lus Road.

As regard Kiunga see minutes attached to 17881 Nyasa Land.

Reply that two Germans evidently attached importance to Kiunga (probably to secure the delta of the Rovuma and to avoid difficulties as to its navigation) and that without further information Mr B.L. cannot accept the ^{the} ~~his~~ view that geographical reasons render the Rovuma river a suitable boundary and the acquisition

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of Kiunga by the Portuguese
desirable. I say, however, that
in the case, be agree to the
exception of Kiunga from the
provisional administrative arrangements
proposed, on the understanding that
the similar arrangements for the occupation of Kenya
territory is without prejudice to the
ultimate settlement at the end
of the war.

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In any further communication
on the subject, please quote

No. W.72511/16.

and address
The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

FOREIGN OFFICE

April 19th, 1916.

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Sir:-

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Carriage
German No. 135
14/4/16

With reference to my letter, W.69128/16, of the 12th instant, regarding the future Administration of German East Africa, I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to transmit to you, herewith, for the information of Mr. Secretary Bonar Law, a copy of a telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Lisbon, suggesting that, when making to the Portuguese Government the communication contained in Foreign Office telegram No.204, of the 15th instant, a copy of which was enclosed in my letter, W.71438/16, of the 17th instant, he should except the district of Kionga which has recently been re-annexed by the Portuguese troops.

I am to observe that the line of the river Rovuma was originally proposed as the boundary between German East Africa and Portuguese East Africa, but in 1894, after protracted negotiations with the German Government who refused to accept this frontier, the Portuguese Government gave way and agreed to the Kionga territory being included within German East Africa, the Portuguese retaining Cape Delgado.

Sir

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Sir E. Grey considers that geographical reasons point conclusively to the line of the Rovuma forming the natural boundary between the German and Portuguese territories, and he is also of opinion that it would be far easier in any case that the territory in question should be administered by the Portuguese Authorities. I am also to point out that the Belgian Government could not fairly take any exception to this proposal, seeing that the Kionga was occupied by the Portuguese forces before either Government was approached by His Majesty's Government regarding the future administration of German East Africa.

Sir E. Grey would, therefore, propose, subject to Mr. Bonar Law's concurrence, to approve Sir L. Carnegie's suggestion that he should except the Kionga territory in his communication to the Portuguese Government.

A similar letter has been addressed to the War Office, and I am to request that Sir E. Grey may be favoured with an early expression of Mr. Bonar Law's views on the subject.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Maurice de Bunsen

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Decypher of telegram from Sir E. Carnegie (Lisbon).

April 16th 1916.

(d. 2.30 p.m. r. 4.20 p.m. April 16th).

No. 105.

Your telegram No. 204,

Venture to suggest that in making communication
to Portuguese Government you authorise me to except
Kionga *Kianca* (see my telegram No. 127) which Portuguese
regard as belonging to them. A proposal that we should
administer this place the re-occupation of which has
caused much satisfaction in Portugal would be most
unpopular.

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- Mr. E. G. 20/4/16
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- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Bonar Law.

for 20 April 1916
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 I am etc to adv. re
 of your letter No 67251/16
 of April 1916 in which
 it is suggested that the
 District of Kinga should be
 excepted from the
 administrative arrangements
 proposed for the occupied
 parts of German East Africa.
 2. It appears to the Board that
 the German evidently
 attached importance to
 Kinga (probably to
 secure the delta of the
 Romania and to avoid
 difficulties as to its
 navigation), and without
 further information he has not

would hesitate to
accept the new treat
Geographical reasons
render the Rovuma River
a suitable boundary
and the acquisition of
Kianga by the Portuguese
desirable.

In the case, however,
the B.L. agrees to the
exception of Kianga from
the provisional administrative
arrangements proposed, on
the understanding that
this, like all other
arrangements for the
occupation of enemy
territory, is without prejudice
to the ultimate settlement
at the end of the war.

(Sd) H. J. P.