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REPORTAGE OF ALI ABDI
PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF GARBE TRIBE

states that in circumstances he is now willing
to allow him to return to his tribe. Trustee
this will be approved.

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Ali-g. Fiddes

approval of the Gov^{mt}
action ?

H. J. R.

22/6/15

at home Pt. 22.6.15

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 596

May 13th 1915.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 570 of June 17th respecting the deportation of Ali Abdi, principal chief of the Garre tribe.

2. Captain Barrett reports that Ali Abdi's detention in Nairobi for a year has had a salutary effect both upon himself and upon his tribe and recommends his return. He is the head chief of his people and it will be much easier to administer them through him than through a number of Sub-Chiefs as we are now doing.

3. On Captain Barrett's suggestion Ali Abdi was taken down to Mombasa and swore an oath of loyalty before the Sheikh-ul-Islam, the leading Mahomedan religious authority in the Protectorate.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

A neighbouring chief, Ido Robbli, of the Adjuran tribe, was present on this occasion and Captain Barrett is convinced that Ali Abdi will respect the sanctity of his oath. He has moreover had the opportunity of gaining some impression of our naval and military resources and there is very little doubt that, whereas he may in the past have been uncertain of the extent of our power, he knows now that it will be to his interest and that of his tribe to be loyal.

4. In the circumstances I am allowing him to return, a course which I trust you will approve.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Lawa Bay, Ld.

GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

I have the honour
to acknowledge the receipt
of your despatch,
No. 396, of the 13th of
May and to inform
you that I approve
of your action in
allowing Ali Abdi,
principal chief of
the Gama tribe,
to return to his
tribe.

(Signed) A. BONAR LAW.

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E.A.P. No. 461
for Sir A. Balfour

MINUTE

Mr. Harper 23/6/15-

Mr. Bottomley 24.6.15 p

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Judd.

Sir J. Anderson.

Local Assistant Commissioner

Mr. Harcourt.