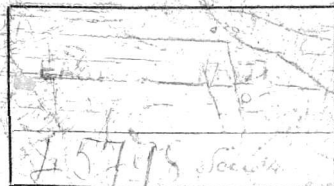


East Africa, provided that
such telegrams are duly
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Telegraphic correspondence with General
Ailken as to modification of plans
etc. and telegram from Viceroy of India
suggesting that the defensive contemplated
should be an active one.

the Bolton Sir G. F. P. P. P.
and Read from a return

The Viceroy's advice seems very
sound, and we hope that it
will be acted upon. The only
effect of our openly and
publicly ~~advising~~ confining ourselves
to the defensive will be to
invite the enemy's attack and
we were not, in any case,
reduced to a complete defensive
even before the arrival of
force B.

Patoy? Eg. 21/11/14

W.C.B. 21.11.14

The 'sting' of the tel. is the implied
suggestion that Genl. Ailken should be

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retained in E.A. This, however, is
a case further distant.

Pr. 21.11.14

Ull. 11.11.14

I do not think Ad. Crewe or
Ad. Vitchner have any idea
of keeping Gen. Arthur in E.A.

Q. 22.11.14

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With Sir E. Barrow's
compliments.

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H. 2082. Your report regarding the situation and
 repeated here.
 We do not like so obvious and complete a withdrawal
 of force as seems to [be] contemplated. Probably
 offensive on any large scale is impossible at present
 but we think defence should be an active one and that
 even if we are thrown on the defensive the fact
 should not be admitted to the world by withdrawal
 of any commanders and staffs whose return to India
 would have bad effect here as emphasising the completeness
 of the defeat at Tangor. We think it probable that
 our troops will grow used to conditions
 and surroundings a partial offensive may become
 possible when a commander and leading communication
 staff again be required.

COPY TELEGRAM FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO GENERAL
AITKEN, MOMBASA. DATED 19th November 1914.

Repeated to Viceroy.

1880. Your 493. I shall be glad to
have your proposals. I regret it should be necessary
to modify original scheme and assure you that in
doing so I do not wish to prejudice case. C. in C.
will doubtless consider claims of all officers for
re-employment on receipt of your recommendations.
I presume your despatch on Taragaⁿ affair has already
been sent if not please expedite.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

FROM General Clarke to [unclear] Reported to India

DATED 20 Nov 1914

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35- S. Your telegram of 18.11.14. I leave Nairobi
 today to discuss my proposal with Governor-General &
 Stewart. Hope to visit them Monday at latest. Still
 awaiting regimental reports. I have not delayed in
 to roll up my recommendations and the [unclear] required after
 Tanga fight. Will be ready in a week and [unclear] [unclear]
 mail.