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Secretary of State.

JUBALAND. DELIMITATION OF BOUNDARY.

Copies of Notes Verbales from H.M. Ambassador at Rome to Italian Govt regarding proposed Commission.

Previous Paper

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"The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his
compliments to the Under-Secretary of State
for the Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

Mar 5th, 1925.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Colonial Office letter no. 5247/23.

of Feb 6th.

Description of Enclosure.

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H.M. Ambassador Rome. no 158 Feb 24th	Delimitation of Jizan and boundary

Similar letter sent to

HIS Majesty's Representative at Rome presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and has the honor to transmit herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

British Embassy

Rome.

24th February, 1925.

Reference to previous despatch

From Foreign Office No. 199 (C 1803/1803/22) of 16th February, 1925.

Description of Enclosure

Name and Date.

Subject

Embassy's Notes

Jubaland boundary.

Verbales Nos. 68 and

70 to Italian Govern-

ment. 23rd February, 1925.

No. 68.

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His Britannic Majesty's Embassy, under instructions from His Majesty's Government, have the honour to refer to the forthcoming cession of Jubaland to Italy and to invite the attention of the Royal Italian Government to the question of the delimitation of the boundary.

Owing to the imminence of the rains the matter is becoming urgent and it seems desirable to His Britannic Majesty's Government, without waiting until the Bill has been passed, to ascertain from the Royal Government what arrangements they contemplate in regard to the Joint Commission.

In this connection the Embassy are authorised to communicate the attached memorandum which has been prepared by the Governor of Kenya containing his proposals for the work of the Commission.

The Embassy would be glad to receive in due course an indication of the views of the Royal Government thereon.

The Embassy are also instructed to draw the attention of the Royal Government to the fact that, in view of a local re-arrangement of district and provincial boundaries in February 1924, the references in the Treaty to the Tana-land-Jubaland boundary are no longer appropriate. The province of Tana-land does not exist under that name, and the more inland part of the old Tana-land-Jubaland boundary is not now a district or provincial boundary of any kind. The phrase was adopted in the draft convention communicated to the Royal Government in 1921 and the intention has been evident from

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an early stage of the negotiations.

Having regard to the fact that the intended boundary is clearly set out in the map which accompanied the Treaty, His Britannic Majesty's Government do not imagine that any difficulty can arise but, in order to make the position clear beyond all possibility of subsequent misunderstanding, they think it desirable that there should be an exchange of notes with the Royal Government on the subject. The Embassy may have the honour therefore to forward a note which has been prepared to meet the case, and to enquire whether the Royal Government, if they agree, will be so good as to intimate their formal acceptance of it in a Note Verbale if I apply.

K R P
British Embassy,
London,
22nd January, 1920.

No. 70.

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His Britannic Majesty's Embassy have the honour to refer to the Treaty between the United Kingdom and Italy regulating certain questions concerning the boundaries of their respective Territories in East Africa signed at London on July 16th 1924.

His Britannic Majesty's Government propose that for the purpose of the Treaty, the Tana-land-Shabaland boundary should be taken to be that adopted in the description of the boundaries of the Tana-land Province as locally ~~governed~~ in January 1911, that is to say:-

'commencing at the eastern-most point of the promontory Nick's Head, otherwise known as has Kimooni, thence bounded by a straight line in a north-westerly direction to the junction of the boundary river with the Morian Swamp'.

L.K.P
British Embassy,
Rome,
13rd February, 1925.