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15th February 1926

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JUBALAND BOUNDARY

Urges that representations be made to the Italian Govt of the importance of an indisputable boundary and recommends that agreement be made to proceed on the lines recommended by the Commissioners.

MINUTES

I have consulted Col. Winterbotham who agrees with the emanations which I have made on the long telegram 1663. He also agrees with Col. King as to the method of demarcation and says that he has recently seen a cleared boundary through the Canadian forest which has remained distinct for over twenty years. He points out that, although a cut boundary of this kind will not prevent people from crossing, it will make it possible to determine on which side of the boundary any

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incident happens, and that one source of international friction in the future would be removed. He also points out that it is most unusual for administrative officials to interfere with the discretion of Boundary Commissioners over their work..

We have no means of saying what saving the Italian plan would involve to us, except that work on ground would be finished by the 30th June instead of 31st December. Allowing for clearing up, coming home, etc. we may take it that only half the estimate for 1926/27 will be required, that is to say a saving of some £6,000.

You have agreed that there is no need to consult the Treasury in the matter, which involves no new proposal but merely the maintenance of the programme on which the present Estimates have been based.

I accordingly submit draft to the Foreign Office, *with return reply attached*

C. G. S. [Signature]
16.2.16.

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Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies. Dated 15th February
(Received Colonial Office 7.27 p.m. 15th February 1926)

61 15th February.

Further to my telegram of 12th February
No. 60 regarding the Boundary Commission, have
consulted Hope who most strongly urges the value of
the cut line for purposes of administration.
Instances of wilful disregard of the boundary have
already occurred. Trust that you will represent
emphatically to the Italian Government the immense
importance of an indisputable boundary and will
obtain agreement to proceed on the line(s)
recommended by the Commissioners.

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URGENT from the Secretary of State for the Colonies
to the Governor of Kenya.

(Sent 4.25 p.m. 15th February, 1920).

Your telegram 15th February No. 20 Your
telegram 15th February No. 61 I am in communication
with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
with a view to immediate representation being made
to the Italian Government. Will telegraph further
as soon as possible.

I am advised that it should be suggested
to King that unnecessary to take distances along
boundary. As I understood your telegram King has
not remained at Malindi but is carrying on provision-
ally according to wishes of local Italian Government.

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Your telegram 12th February No.60

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Government. ~~Further instructions.~~

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IMMEDIATE

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Downing Street,
17 February, 1926

Sir,

With reference to your letter C/8978/1803/22 of the 11th of July 1925, and previous correspondence on the subject of the Jubaland Boundary, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain, copies of two telegrams which have been received from the Governor of Kenya regarding the variations directed by the local Italian Government in the programme of work agreed upon between the chief Boundary Commissioners of both countries.

2. Mr. Amery is advised that a programme such as that on which Colonel King and Colonel Dotta have been working is essential to secure an effective boundary in a country of this kind, and that, without a clear-out boundary it will be difficult or impossible to prevent serious doubt arising as to the side of the boundary on which any inter-tribal incident which may occur in the future has taken place.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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It is entirely contrary to usual practice for administrative authorities to interfere with the course upon by an International Commission, and Mr. Amery that Sir Austen Chamberlain will be in a position to make immediate representations to the Italian Government with a view to Colonel Dotto being given full authority to proceed with the arrangements which he has been dealing with the British Commissioner.

I am to enclose a copy of the reply which has Tel. 16th Feb. been sent to the telegrams from the Governor of Kenya.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. STRACHEY

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Shuckburgh
Davis.
J. Ghandi
Masterlin Smith
Gore
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[Signature]

Downing Street,
17 February, 1926.

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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
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To Gov. 12th Feb (463)
Fr. Gov. 15th Feb (467)

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Governor H
Kenya

19th Feb. 1926

Received in the Colonial Office at

1.3 pm on 19th Feb

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19th February. Your telegram of 17th Feb

Kenya is in no way committed to
Abyssinian Government in respect of
compulsory repatriation nor could I
support any such policy. Information
at present to hand does not indicate
that DEGODIA immigration has deprived
our tribes of necessary water and
grazing. In this connection it should
be remembered that large number of
GURRE emigrated to Abyssinia shortly
prior to the arrival of DEGODIA.
Encouragement of Degodia to return to
Abyssinia so far as present information
extends, consists ^{first} of keeping the tribes

father as near to Southern Abyssinian as
is possible. Second, of insistence upon
better government in Southern Abyssinia,
and, Third, of offers (1) to facilitate
discussions between the Abyssinian authorities
and Degodia. (2) Organize return of the tribes
former homes if willing to go.

I am shortly expecting report on
subject from the Northern Frontier District in re-
to Foreign Office memo. enclosed in your despatch
of December last and will communicate the con-
clusions direct to Minister at Addis Ababa when
received. In the meantime have no further
suggestions to make regarding more active en-
agement in this respect. As regards BORAN I have no
reason to consider that there is at present any
prospect of rehabilitation. I am sending copy of this to
the Minister at Addis Ababa.

Governor

TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 19th February.

(Received Colonial Office 1.3 p.m. 19th February, 1926)

PRIORITY.

66. 19th February. Your telegram of 17th February Kenya is in no way committed to the Abyssinian Government in respect of compulsory repatriation nor could I support any such policy. Information at present to hand does not indicate that Degodia immigration has deprived our tribes of necessary water and grazing. In this connection it should be remembered that large number of Gurre emigrated to Abyssinia shortly prior to the arrival of Degodia. Encouragement of Degodia to return to Abyssinia so far as present information extends consists first of keeping the tribe(s) together as near the Southern Abyssinian boundary as possible. Second of insistence upon better Government in Southern Abyssinia, and third of offers (i) to facilitate discussions between the Abyssinian Authorities and Degodia (ii) Organise return of the tribes to former homes if willing to go.

I am shortly expecting report on this subject from the Northern Frontier District in response to Foreign Office memorandum enclosed in your despatch Confidential No.3 9th December last and will communicate the contents earliest direct to Minister at Addis Ababa when received. In the meantime have no further suggestions to make regarding more active encouragement in this respect. As regards Boran I have no reason to consider that there is at present any case for repatriation. I am sending copy of this telegram to the Minister at Addis Ababa.

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discussion with the King we can justify
the Mr. Minister should make that
point clear, while at the same time
insuring that Govt that no steps
will be omitted, short of compulsion,
to induce the Dyakia to return.

3. With regard to the reference to the
Horan at the end of Sir E. Suggs'
note of the 19th of Feb., Sir Austin
Hambrook is aware that the Govt.
though having throughout shown a
distinction between the policy of Somalia
and non-Somali refugees, his Honour
is inclined however to consider that
for the present purpose the Horan
and the Dyakia must be treated
alike, and that it will therefore be
possible for his Honour to use the
same language in regard to the Horan
as was suggested above but he should

Immediate.

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Downing Street,

29 February, 1926.

Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this Department of the 18th of February, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Amery to transmit to you, to be laid before Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain, the accompanying copy of a telegram which has been received from the Governor of Kenya on the question of the repatriation of the Degodia tribe to Abyssinia. A copy of a despatch which has now been received on the same subject is also enclosed.

2. It is now apparent that the Government of Kenya has not committed itself at any time to the principle of repatriating the Degodia compulsorily, and Mr. Amery considers that in any discussion with the Abyssinian Government the British Minister should

make

SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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at Government that no steps will be omitted, short
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January, Sir Austen Chamberlain is aware that the
Government of Kenya have throughout drawn a distinction
between the entry of Somali and non-Somali refugees.
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present purpose the Boran and the Degodia must be
treated alike, and it will therefore be possible for
the Government to use the same language in regard to
the Boran as it is suggested above that he should
use in regard to the Degodia.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

(Signed) C. STRACHEY