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SUBJECT

ABYSSINIA

OCCUPATION OF ABAJADUMA

Encloses copy of tel. from Abajaduma re proposed reply to Abyssinian Gov. re the occupation of Abajaduma or other Abyssinian military posts. Please to approve.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. G. F. Smith
- Mr. H. Lambart
- Mr. H. Ross
- Mr. G. F. Fisher
- Col. [illegible]
- Mr. [illegible]

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In any further communication
on this subject, please quote

No. A 3113/14/1.

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"The Under-Secretary of State,"
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

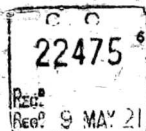
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FOREIGN OFFICE.

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S.W.1.

6th. May 1921.



Sir:-

With reference to the letter from this Department
No. A 2760/14/1 of the 22nd. ultimo and to previous
correspondence respecting the occupation of Gaddaduma,
I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to transmit to
you herewith, for the information of Mr. Secretary Churchill,
copy of a telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Adis Ababa
on this subject.

2. Lord Curzon would propose to approve Mr. Russell's
suggestions as to the reply which he should return to the
communication made to him by the Abyssinian Government, and
I am to enquire whether Mr. Churchill agrees to this proposal.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

R. Sperling

Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

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Paraphrase of telegram No. 22475

Mr. Russell, May 2nd, 1921.

I propose in replying to a note which I have just received from Ayes. Plan, etc. in which they ask that Gaddadama may be evacuated. The General Officer Commanding Southern Frontier, etc. etc. etc. sent with the authority of the Government.



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In view of present conditions, etc. etc. etc. precautions should be taken to keep the frontier though I do not, etc. etc. Gaddadama, although every effort should be made to avoid hostilities.

I am telling (General) Southern Frontier, etc. put his leave off for a space and I am, etc. Government.

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In view of probable arrival of Abyssinian force military
 precautions should be taken by British authorities at the
 frontier though I do not think any attack will be made on
 Addis Ababa, although every effort should be made by British forces
 to avoid hostilities.

I am telling (VConsul) Southern Abyssinia that he must
 put his leave off for a space and I am informing Kenya
 Government.

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Genl.

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The Hon. Secy.
Foreign Office.

I am in the great respect of your
letter No. A 3113/14/1 of the 6th of

MINUTE.

- Mr. Clark 10/10/21
- Mr. Batterbee 10/10/21
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Col. Amery.
- Mr. Churchill.

May regarding the evacuation of
Gaddaduma, and to ~~request that you~~ ^{state for the}
wife of Paul Curzon & Redington,
~~will inform Lord Curzon that Mr~~
Churchill concurs in the proposal to
approve the suggestion of His Majesty's
Minister at Addis Ababa ~~to~~ ^{to}

Wiley to - returns to the

Communication made to him

for the City Council just

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