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PATROLLING OF ABYSSINIAN FRONTIER

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States O. in C.N.F. District & local O.C. Troops request to do utmost to effectively patrol in area east of L. Rudolf Comdt. K.A.R. EMARS view as to desirability of similar action west of L. Rudolf. Reports as to results of patrol. Considers transfer of Consulate to Maga should result in closer cooperation & affected revival of interest of Abyssinian Govt in admin of the Boran would appear to be an happy augury for the future.

See previous Paper

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with reference to

Paper still not available, but this arises out of our request to have the frontier approximately patrolled, so far as that is practicable.

copy to P.D. for info - draw attention esp. to

para 2

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to Col. A.P.W. ...

See subsequent Paper.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Colonel Amery's despatch No. 266 of the 24th February directing careful attention to the need for effective patrolling of the region on the Abyssinian border of this Protectorate and to inform Your Lordship that the Officer in Charge, Northern Frontier District, and the local Officer Commanding Troops have been requested to do their utmost to carry out the instructions under reference in the area east of Lake Rudolf.

2. The Commandant, King's African Rifles, shares my view as to the desirability of similar action on the frontier west of Lake Rudolf but has pointed out that until such time as the Sudanese authorities are in a position to administer the country to the north of Turkana and west of the Abyssinian boundary patrol measures are necessarily confined to the area south of the line dividing our respective territories.

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HER RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MELNER, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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difficulties inherent in the operations in the Northern Frontier District have been described in my despatch No. 245 of the 8th March and I would reiterate the opinion there expressed that our patrols are as effective as circumstances permit. Action has been taken to relieve the truculent elements of our forces in that area and thus to remove potential foci of disaffection. The latest reports show that as the result of two encounters with British patrols - one of which at Godoma resulted in the death of two of the hostile marauders - the Abyssinians have suspended their incursions into our territory for the purpose of recovering Boran refugees. These raids have been undertaken for several months with a certain degree of success and it is satisfactory to note that the Abyssinians have received a salutary lesson which in the opinion of the local officers will restrict their border activities for a considerable period.

4. The transfer of the Consulate for Southern Abyssinia from Gardula to Mega should result in closer cooperation between the British authorities on either side of the frontier whilst the affected revival of interest of the Central Government at Adis Ababa in the administration of the Boran country, as evinced in the more recent official reports from that quarter, would appear

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border.

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I have the honour to be

Your Lordship's

humble, obedient servant,



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Sir

I am in the vis. to you, to acc.

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for the inf. of Lord Curzon of Kedleston,

the acc. copy of a despatch from the D.A.S.

of the E.A.T. regarding the patrolling of

the region of on the Abyssinian borders of

India.

2. I am to invite ~~Lord Curzon's~~ attention

especially to para. 2. of the despatches with

resp.

- Mr. Curzon 27/20
- Mr. Barkley
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read
- Sir G. ...
- Sir ...
- Lord ...

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country
with respect to the ~~demarcation~~

~~effective~~ ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~front~~

west of Lake Rudolf, which

~~cannot~~ be effectively held

without control over Sudanese

authorities are in a

position to administer

the ~~neighboring~~ area

which comes within

the borders of the Sudan

(Signed) H. A. HALL