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I have received a letter from the Agent and Consul General at Zenziber in which he says:- "I learn by telegraph from the Foreign Office that Lanzibar is to be placed under the control of the Colonial Office as from July 1st and that your Excellency will visit the island in order to discuss necessary changes with me". In the absence of instructions from you, I think that it is necessary to point out that I have arranged a tour of seven weeks through the Masai Reserve commending at end of the rainy season about the middle of June. that it is of the utmost importance that this arrangement should not be changed. Preparations are completed and the movements of officers will be disorganised and the expenditure incurred will be wasted if the tour is postponed. It is not possible to estimate adequately at any other season of the year the extent of the water supply and the pasture. I recommend therefore that I should postpone my visit to Zanzibar until the end of August. I should be glad if you would send instructions by telegraph.

BELFIELD.