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Mr
47559MR J.P. MOLLOY
APPN FOR TRANSFER

Trs with memoranda by the Treasurer and R.N.G.

General Dept4. S.D.
5/8/13Mr Read.

I saw this man a few days ago, before this application came in - & though I understood that I was likely to receive a further visit from him I have not seen him again.

I have great sympathy with his grievance - for he seems to have a reasonable claim - with certificates, La Martiniere College etc - to be a European.

On the other hand he has been trusted & regarded ever since he joined the service as an European. This makes the situation no doubt difficult, but (from Mr Molloy's point of view) I can assure nothing

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20 August 1913 -

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Confidential
for Belfast

MTB 9/8/13

Revd 12/8

Arrived 14/9/03

Sir, I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of your confidential despatch, No. 82,

of the 9 of July, and to
inform you that on the
subject of trade with
 Abyssinia.

2. I am anxious that
the question shall not be
lost sight of, and shall
be glad to receive in
one month's time a report
stating what signs there are
of a growth in the trade both

INCLOSURE
Court
Received No. 83 of 9-7-1915

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The Secretariat,

Nairobi.

19th March 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 3rd respecting the possibility of establishing a trade in cattle between Abyssinia and this Protectorate.

2. I quite agree with you that the project is an eminently desirable one and I have been in consultation with our Veterinary Authorities on the subject. Captain Riddell has also furnished me with his proposals, which I understand he has already communicated to you.

3. I am anxious to foster the trade as much as possible but it appears to me to be in the main a matter for private enterprise, i.e. which Government should not intervene beyond the grant of permission to approved traders and their agents to visit the frontier and the provision of veterinary facilities to enable stock to travel down without difficulty. In these respects I am ready to give all the assistance that I can.

I have etc.,

Br. H. CONWAY BELFIELD
Governor.

J.B.M. Minister,
Addis Ababa.

intercourse between this country and Abyssinia. Communications have passed between the British Minister and ourselves ending with our letter of March 19th, a copy of which I attach. Paragraph 3 of that letter explains the extent to which we are prepared to go in encouraging private enterprise. In the present disturbed condition of the frontier and in view of recent lamentable incidents I do not think that we can safely do more.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

J. G. Bowring

(by instruction of the Governor.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

~~DAI: A PROTECTORATE~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL No. 82~~

9th July 1913.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of May 23rd enclosing copies of the Annual Report for 1912 by the British Minister, Adis Ababa.

2. As regards the remarks made on pages 5-6 of the report respecting the position on the frontier the matter has also been a source of anxiety to this administration and, as you are aware, a considerable amount of correspondence on the subject has passed between us. As a result it has been found necessary to increase the military forces of the Protectorate beyond the figure which the late Governor thought would prove sufficient.

3. As far as trade is concerned the possibilities are being carefully watched here and there is every desire to foster commercial

intercourse

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

it from him. This will
avoid any difficulty with
Freight who as far
as Abyssinia is con-
cerned is senior to the

Yours sincerely

C H. M. Bulwer

~~Private~~ ~~H.~~ 7/5/13
G. T. P. H. 7/5/13



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3 Oct. 1913

Dear Mr. Read,

The Sister

told me he had been
you since I had
I am preparing a
note on the lines you
want, which I will
send to him in Cairo
he will make his
alterations and a station
and you will receive

trade must pass, and give the Abyssinians a
monetary value in these houses - In this way
we should have a hold over their government,
a hold difficult to obtain by any other method)

See minute
below.

As far as I know Gaddadima - and in
a less degree Magale - is such a place,
and I think the most important consideration
at the present time is to obtain a clear title
to this place and its wells, and I think the
F.O. should be pressed to obtain this - we
might obtain the modification of the boundary
in connection with the murder of H.

Ay line 2.

I have written this rather because I have
local knowledge which may be useful than
because it is a military problem.

From a military point of view I think we
should be in a better position if we had one
Company distributed at Magale and Gaddadima.
To make this company effective it should
be mobile & I would recommend mounting
it on mules - In this matter again
The F.O. and H.B. the Consul at Addis Ababa
may be of assistance.

Ch. 26.8.13

Captain French at A seems sound -
but my opinion will be of more value
when I have knowledge of the situation
on the spot

Ans. 26.8.13

W. Bottomley.

See marginal notes -
So far as I know, W. Ambroster
has not yet been to see W. Read.

? we might ascertain from
F.O. when he is to be expected

Allb.

Jes. ask F.O. as & this
(privately) first of all

27/8/13

Ans. 27.8.13. done

Dob. Allb
27/8

W. Bottomley.

The F.O. told me that W. Ambroster
has not yet arrived, but that
he will be sent off as soon
as he comes to London.

Wait whether there is really
anything wh. we can do for the
moment. Melg. has been
told to report again in 6 months.

? wait for W. Ambroster

See G. Fiddes.

Allb 20.8.13
Pl. see Allb. See his news & take
minutes. ? Wait a few hours
Allb 21.8.13 alone P.D. 1.9.13

what signs there are of a growth
in trade with Abyssinia both in
cattle & other pastoral commerce -
& whether he can then indicate
steps which may be taken to
improve trade facilities
& try of course to do so.

Recd

for my ref

15/7/13

It will be remembered that Sir R.
Wujeto - going to and from Ambuster
- who has been making a tour in Abyssinia
on behalf of the Sudan Govt. & who is
nearly reported - in country - has to
decide the possibility of now establishing
as two regular trade agents
Abyssinian territory as has been done by
the Sudan Govt. at first instance

as proposed. - + Col. Hostens

Capt. Dench letter

to J.R.

16/7/13

Above P.M. 2/7/13

Col. Hostens

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With reference to Mr. Bawring's despatch
of July 9th, para. 2, I would point out that
the increase of the military force of the Protectorate
has affected S. Sudan rather than the Abyssinian
frontier, and that the forces available for the
effective patrolling of the border are little if at all
stronger than they were 2 years ago -
As I have been along this border I think you may
wish me to give you my views with regard to it. Then
you will no doubt remember that my knowledge is
based only on this one journey, though ~~though~~
amplified by many conversations with various
officials whose knowledge & experience are
greater than mine.

As regards trade I think it should be borne in
mind that the country south of Abyssinia is very
difficult, inhospitable and waterless. The
Moyale-Wajir road is a very bad one for
cattle - The Moyale - Wajir - Lower Swamp
- Meru ^{road} may be better - I do not know it.
The Moyale - Gaddaduma - Lugh road is a
fairly good one.

But you will observe that in any case
trade has a long stretch of barren, sparsely
inhabited country to pass through before it
reaches a bartering centre - For these reasons
I am of opinion that trade will in the first
instance require a good deal of assistance
from Government -

As regards methods I believe that the best
plan would be to establish custom houses
at places ~~where~~ through which