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SITUATION IN MARCHAN COUNTRY

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States Colonel Graham's opinion as to  
disarmament and troops necessary. His own view is that  
unless disarmament is enforced we shall be considered  
too weak to assert ourselves. As Graham believes dis-  
armament with reinforcements suggested thinks it should  
take place.

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From what I have seen of  
the correspondence, I think  
Colonel Graham's opinion is  
of very weight. He is unlikely to  
advise a course of action which will  
lead to difficulties.

It seems to me to be unwise to  
issue instructions to Major Hickey  
to proceed at once to the disarmament  
of the Marchan. He may well  
be left a free hand to deal with  
the situation if he has a sufficient  
force.

To carry out drastic measures  
at an unfavourable period

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certains considerable force and  
 expense. But a consistent  
 attitude, with a sufficient force  
 to take advantage of any favourable  
 opportunity which may present  
 itself, may produce a much more  
 satisfactory situation in the  
 near time than exist at present.

I would therefore advise that the  
 at and north of Serabi be  
 kept up to such a strength  
 - a column of 250 men may be  
 able to move at short notice to seize  
 an opportunity - Such a move  
 would necessitate about 150 men  
 being left at the advanced base and  
 with the line of communication.

I would recommend that a  
 Company be moved at once from  
 Ogenda to Serabi, that the Camel  
 Corps be kept up to its full strength (200)  
 its detachment being used as before  
 for work, and further that a whole  
 Company be found without delay.  
 This would give Major H. B. K. a  
 chance of producing such a  
 situation as will avoid the large

expenditure which would be  
 involved if we are forced to deal  
 with the Warham at an unfavourable  
 time. The camel transport must  
 be kept up to an adequate number,  
 unless he has the mobility which  
 mounted men with good lines, it is  
 unlikely that Major H. B. K. can  
 effect a great deal with his  
 small force.

A.P.H. 2.9.13

As regards Gov  
 20503 Uganda - K. M.

Mr Butler's minute on 1859/2/20 - 2000

"The established <sup>practice</sup> principle is that  
 the Protectorate borrow books from  
 outside the Government paying the  
 extra expenditure caused by the temporary  
 transport, i.e. the lending Post contains  
 to pay personal emoluments & other  
 ordinary charges." This would be  
 hard on the Uganda if (and)

think the Banking & tel. have no  
 option the Government is to meet  
 As regards Col. H. B. K. minute I  
 agree throughout, except that I do  
 not believe that we can form a  
 such company at short notice. We  
 can however be paid to the O.A.S.

*[Handwritten initials]*

if nothing can be done at  
that place we must fall back  
on Major Smyth's Coy, who has  
500. Capt. French that on his  
return to Olds' place he will if  
he can, try to collect the 4000  
= 4000 not to meet our requirements  
in the way of miles.

I think we ought to lay special  
stress on the advisability of drawing  
actions as opportunity offers  
rather than having a general  
Sweep up. I am sceptical about  
a general combination of Southern  
troops, but if anything could  
come it would be a general  
move for disarming, & in any case  
such a move necessarily means  
drawing our forces and making  
a ret-back somewhere.

Offense & E.A.P. must  
cooperate together in the late of  
defeat of the Company & must  
let us know when it will leave  
Montana. We are having  
and

much difficulty over Col. Harkness'  
town & it may be necessary to send  
him up by the same opportunity.

He will arrive in E.A.P. in the latter  
half of Oct. & this might be suggested  
as a favorable time for the Company  
to go up - it would be all to the  
good if he were on the spot when  
the final dispositions for action  
are taken.

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I do not find any previous  
reference to the ultimatum to the  
Cali Gen & ahead Gen (the latter  
are referred to as Gen/27872) to disarm  
by August 25<sup>th</sup> as regards the  
"presence of a large military force  
which do not enforce their orders, we  
have the P. Edwards to send for the

Edwards

2/9/01

Mr. Harkness

I cannot consider that the  
barricade has been well handled locally. It  
is folly, and worse, to issue an "ultimatum"  
unless you are prepared to act at the  
expiry of the delay granted; and the local

people must have known then as well  
as they know now that they were there  
the necessary force to make their words good  
on 16 August. It will be months before  
anything can be done, & the prestige of  
wh. they talk will be suffering accordingly.  
In replying by dep. I will write shortly  
about this & about the volume of work as  
to the ultimatum, & will send for full particulars.  
I don't at all like either the situation  
wh. has been created for us or the remedy  
proposed. But it is what we have  
to do something, and as a via media I  
suggest that we do as Col. Hopkins  
proposes, but that instructions be sent by  
tel. to no further steps be taken against  
the rebellion pending the arrival of the  
J.G. and consideration of his recommendations  
after he has been over the country.

W. 2.9.13

I entirely agree with Sir G. Fiddes.  
I think we have been badly treated  
by our local representatives.  
As proposed, 2.9.13

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**PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM** from the Officer administering the Department of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 4.33 p.m. 1st September, 1913).

[Answered by No 30570]

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Have received your telegram of the 29th of August. Graham states as follows :- The military situation in the Marehan country is normal and there is no immediate military reason to disarm but it is desirable for political reasons. The ultimatum given to Ali Deri and Ahmet Wet to surrender arms by the 15th of August has not been complied with and I fear that inaction on our part following almost immediately the recent incident of Northern Somaliland must enhance Somali opinion of their own importance and affect our prestige. Also chance of Marehan effecting combination with Garre and Aulihan, which is highly improbable now, will be increased if action is delayed. Successful action on our part should check gun running among the Marehan but no other tribes. I have already ordered remaining fit camels proceed Sarenli from Gobwen so I believe (that) one Company will be sufficient to deal with Marehan. The present authorised establishment of the transport should be sufficient but there naturally will be increased casualties which will require replacement. Graham's statement ends here. It is my own view that unless we enforce disarmament we shall be considered to be too weak to assert ourselves and the effect not only on the Marehan but also on all Somalis and Frontier tribes will be very serious. The presence of a large military force who issue orders and do not enforce them must discredit troops before the tribes. As Graham believes disarmament feasible with the reinforcements suggested I think it should take place.

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Substance explained and sent

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For

Nairobi

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MINUTE

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Fisher 4.9.13

Sir B. Just

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Knolly

X Mr. Harcourt 5.9.13

It had in view to (27872)

see to telegraph fully in  
the case that possible  
reasons of a preliminary

For

Yes certainly

\* No 30570

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Your copies telegraph of  
11 Sept. My information  
is regrettably imperfect on a  
the matter which, as you  
must be aware, has caused  
me considerable anxiety.

Reference to ultimatum is  
unexplained and surprising  
in view of your Conf. Dec.

of 19 July. I must decline  
to commit myself to  
operations of unknown

character and extent. <sup>with</sup> ~~having~~  
I am much better informed.

It is apparently desirable to  
strengthen local forces with an  
delay and I have arranged

That beyond wide land  
 you are company you  
 should communicate direct  
 with Governor as to this  
 I recommend that  
 Council order be kept up to  
 full strength & that such  
 company be formed from an  
 existing company. I have  
 no objection to this.

If Hickson then  
 strengthened can find  
 opportunities for time to  
 time for peace ~~and~~  
 peacefully discussing sections  
 of the tribe he owes do so  
 but he will be better able  
 to bear for sending any  
 action likely to involve  
 continual fighting or to

approve existing state  
 pending arrival of I.G.  
 and cover of his report  
 by Hall and his specific  
 instructions accordingly

Harcourt

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Telegram (copy)

Memorandum

Refer article (Purchase)

6 September

MINUTE

- Mr. All
- Mr. ...
- Mr. G. ...
- Mr. H. Just
- Mr. J. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Harcourt

Your earlier telegram of 1 September  
for ... with arrange for you

... with ...

... with established practice ... will continue to pay personal ... all ordinary charges of company ...

\* No 30503

Harcourt

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