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Abyssinian raids on Gabbra

Sends report & enc. recd from officer in charge of H. Ibrahim dist.

Mr. G. Fiddes

The Gabbra were formerly under Abyssinians but have been for some time now in our country to the east of Lake Rudolf. See pp. 6 & 62 of the General Staff's military Report on the Gabbra & Gabbra.

Copy to the F.O. with info to our Lt. of the 29th July, suggesting that Mr. Thompson should be asked to make represent<sup>n</sup> to the Abyssinians as to the further violation of their territory?

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CONFIDENTIAL No. 115



5th September 1913.

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Sir,

In continuation of my Confidential despatch No. VI of the 25th of June, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a despatch from the Officer in Charge of the Northern Frontier District regarding the raids made on the Gabbra by Abyssinian subjects.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

\* No 24940

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, F.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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In District No. 45 of 1913

NORTHERN FRONTIER DISTRICT

MOYALE,

26th July 1913.

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of reports from the District Commissioner, Moyale, regarding raids made on the Gabbra by Abyssinian subjects.

I have etc.,

SG. J. O. W. HOWE.

Officer in Charge.

The Hon'ble the Chief Secretary,

Nairobi.

14th July 1913.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I have made further enquiries into the raids made on the Gabbra by Abyssinian subjects and have elicited the following information from Gabbra, who were present when the raids took place:-

In all, three raids were made. The first near Kalatcha was carried out by 5 Gulabba six of whom were armed with rifles and two carried spears. Three bonas of cattle - about 400 head - and three bonas of goats - about 1500 head - were looted. No people were killed. The headman of these Gulabba is one Gadi.

Two days later the Gabbra at Kalatcha were attacked by a considerable number of Gulabba some of whom carried rifles and some spears. Gabbra losses on this occasion were 7 men and 4 women killed and 7 bonas of cattle - about 800 head - and 12 bonas of sheep - about 6000 head - were carried off by the Gulabba. In both the above raids the Gabbra raided were part of those who had run away from Abyssinian Territory. About three weeks or a month after the above events the Gabbra at Naikona were attacked in the early hours of the morning by a force of about 50 Abyssinians armed with rifles and a large number of Gulabba some of whom carried rifles, some spears and others sticks. On this occasion the Gabbra attacked were Daddu Karitcha's

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The Officer in Charge,  
Northern Frontier District,  
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people and British subjects.

The Gabbra losses were 13 women, 4 children and 6 men killed and a large number of sheep and goats lost.

I put it to the witnesses that in this raid they had probably mistaken Gulabba who were wearing Abyssinian clothes for Abyssinians. They all asserted that they had made no error and gave the following reasons:-

1. That they all knew Abyssinians when they see them and that the features of the Gulabba and Abyssinians are absolutely different.
2. That the Abyssinians stopped the Gulabba from any further massacre of women and children.
3. That the Abyssinians talked Abyssinian and some of them Boran and the Gulabba did not.
4. That the Gulabba wore pieces of iron or other metal stuck through the lower lip.
5. That the party of Abyssinians kept to themselves and did not work. All the work such as herding, milking stock and gathering firewood being done by the Gulabba.
6. That the Abyssinians would not drink camels milk and the Gulabba drank it.

From the statements made by the Gabbra I regret to say there seems no longer any doubt that Abyssinians were the ringleaders of the Maikona raid, but I doubt if as many as 30 Abyssinians took part in it.

I have etc.,

W. E. H. BARRETT.

District Commissioner.

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- Mr. Harper 6/10/13
- Mr. Postonley 6/10/13
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 29<sup>th</sup> of July \* I am ~~to inform~~ directed by Mr. Sec. Harcourt to ~~that~~ transmit to you, for the inf. of Secretary Sir Edward Grey, the accompanying copies of a despatch and its enclosure from the Secy. for the R.O.P. on the subject of raids made on the Sabra by Abyssinian subjects.

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