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Trade &c on Abyssinian Frontier

Last previous Paper.

To two letters from M. Zaphiris re - Proposes detaching a Collector to act as political agent at Mairoubit & to control caravan to Berbera as to report of contraband away from Italian ports.

(Minutes)

I have spoken to Mr. Satter about this. He sees no objection to what the original proposer & for as we are concerned

OK to J.O. Smith

at once.

H. J. R.

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Commissioner's Office,

Nairobi,

March 24th 1907.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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(Encl. 2.)

My Lord,

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With reference to my despatch No. 12 of January

17th I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship

herewith two further letters which Mr. Zaphiros, the

Abyssinian Boundary Inspector, has addressed to the

Acting Sub-Commissioner of Kismayu.

2. As already reported, Mr. Zaphiros appears to be endeavouring to divert the local trade from Italian

territory to Kismayu. Uniseworthy as these efforts

may appear they by no means assist us in our control

of the Ogadins for they render useless the blockade

which we have instituted at the ports of Kismayu and

thus by giving to the Ogadins the means of arriving

Principal Secretary of State

the Colonies,

Whitehall Street,

LONDON, E. W.

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tribute from the trading parties. Mr. Zaphiros also mentions that he is able to send 500 mules to Kisumu, where however they are not required. I am unaware whether there would be any objection politically to asking Mr. Zaphiros to divert the trade from its present route to Naivasha or Nairati. There is a road running from Golba via Marsabit (or Sorgoti) to Rumurti which is said to be 16 days marches. It is a dry route but, I believe, not so arduous as the Somali trade route via El-Wak, Wajir and Afmahu. There is no doubt that with a little assistance goods from British East Africa could successfully compete with Italian goods in Berber and Somali Abyssinia and a steady supply of cheap mules or ponies would prove a great boon to the settlers. The 500 mules that Mr. Zaphiros mentions will, if sent to Kisumu, be purchased at a cheap rate by Somalis, whilst if sent to Nairobi they would be eagerly bought by Europeans, numbering not about 1000, many of whom are only too anxious to obtain draught or riding animals. Should Your Lordship approve of this proposal, I would suggest detaching a Collector to act as

as political agent at Marsabit to promote the commercial intercourse and to control the caravans passing between this Protectorate and Roman.

3. With regard to the indiscriminate slaughter of elephants referred to by Mr. Zaphiros, it is distressing to think that Italy, one of the signatories to the Game convention, should do so little to carry out her obligations and should still permit the export of contraband ivory from the ports of Brava, Merka and Mogadisho.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My word,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

*J. J. Gallen*

Acting Commissioner.



Sirre Borana 18<sup>th</sup> 10. 06

INCLOSURE 208

In Despatch No. 94 of Mar. 8 1907



Sir

I duly received your letter sent by Goduna yero Safari, which lately arrived from Kismayu. I have the honour to inform you, that my position here is, to watch the Abyssinians movements in Bolaha and the south to encourage the trade, to neutralise if possible the commercial road of Bugh, and Bardera, to open the road through Wojjera to Kismayu, and persuade the natives of our country, Gabrii, Sakuye, Ajusan, Gabras, and Borana to send their animals, and ivory to Kismayu, where I hope they shall find a better market, than that of Bugh.

Since four months not a single Safari passed through Gabrii to Bugh, and I believe that when the boundary line will definitely settle with the Abyssinians for the circulation between Kismayu, and Borana, districts near as Korso, Gardulla, Sidamo, and many other in the south of Abyssinia will buy their goods from the market of Borana.

All the natives are very pleased to be delivered from the Alps and being fond of trading they readily accepted to send their goods to Kismayu if I shall protect

Sankarai Gahri 10. 12. 07

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INCLOSURE ~~no. 2~~

In Despatch No. 94 of ~~Mar. 8~~ 1907.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you, that the Ogaden Rer Sunat, and Doulihan have assassinated the father of Ahmed Merjan near Bardera, it was reported here that Ahmed Merjan came to Kismayu, and took from the Government of Kismayu 30 Rifles and a cart, and killed above 100 men, women and children. I don't know if the above report is true or not, a messenger from Bardera affirms, that the Rer Sunats, have been killed with rifles, and the Rer Abdullah supports to have taken from the above two tribes above 20 thousands Camels, goats, and Cattle, the Rer Sunat crossed the Gamaale River, and went to the Italian side, the Ogaden Rer Abdullah sent word to Wojiira, and stoped all the Safaris at Wojiira for 3 months.

Many Gahris from El Wak with a great number of animals left Wojiira for Kismayu, lately the Gahris tuff. and Kurar, reports, that the same caravan from El Wak were attacked by the Ogadens

myself I don't believe it, all the Gahris are now  
 with great anxiety, if the said caravan should  
 not attacked on their return, and if you shall  
 persuade them to not have any fear in the future  
 on the Bagaders, hundreds of Gahris from here  
 with a great quantity of Ivory shall come to Kis  
 sayu when the rain season commence.

According to your desires I am sending you  
 caravan with mules, which I hope they will  
 find a good market, I shall advise the company  
 encourage these Safaris, and give them a good price  
 for their mules for the present if they return pleased  
 I promise to send you next caravan 500 mules  
 more.

I should be much obliged to you if you  
 send me a report of all the Safaris which  
 arrived for the last 6 months at Kisimayu if possi  
 ble the names of the Safaris and the quantity of  
 animals <sup>and ivory</sup> wholly brought down to Kisimayu.

As to the Ivory I have already reported to  
 you that I have had orders from Sir John H. Sturgeson  
 to confiscate all Ivory which the Bush people kills in  
 the country, but I find out that it is impossible for  
 to do so, as the frontier is on a line of 200 to  
 300 miles long, and in all our country there is thousands  
 of elephants, and hundreds of elephant hunters, which

impossible for me to watch, there are Watus, Boranas  
 gurans Gabras, Sakaye Gabris, Sigodis and Sugh people  
 kill elephants in the night waiting on the wells  
 but when the elephants are coming for water, they are  
 attacked by them with spears and fleches, the Watus  
 and many other people live on elephant meat, when  
 I first went to confiscate both tusks, I first out  
 the news went to all the hunters, and it was  
 that I did not cut to pieces my self and  
 25 soldiers which I have, I told them that the  
 men which kill elephants with out permission shall  
 be sent out sent to Kisumu, but they know I  
 do not have 500 soldiers to put in different places  
 to watch all the wells, so they continued to kill  
 elephants and sent the ivory to Sugh and Bader  
 I sent about hundred hunters to Sugh, and  
 now there is about 100 but they are British  
 subjects and their country is south of the line I  
 went to confiscate their fleches, they refused  
 definitely I was obliged to call all those  
 people in a general meeting and informed them  
 that if they do not obey my orders, I shall call  
 me, they business from. Kourso and make a visit  
 to them, this made them hear to reason, and it was  
 said between us that one tusk shall be given  
 the government, and the other, to the man which



at the elephant with condition to take a pass from me  
 I rent it to Kismayu in case he brings ivory to his  
 I. with out a passport from me shall be confiscated  
 you on his arrival the female elephants tusks  
 will be given to the Government, the Safaris who  
 brought their ivory from the north of the line, shall  
 and report to me about it, take a pass and go  
 Kismayu, in case of going to Dugh or Dardera  
 shall pay Custom duties 20 per hundred, all the  
 are in, watching that no ivory shall pass to Dugh  
 south their country until the Safari, pays his Custom  
 duties, I gave orders and put two temporary bus  
 houses at Solo, and Solo, under the name of  
 of Galeri and Chaban Alys, the Safaris seeing  
 they have to pay a tax of 20 per hundred, and  
 they declared that in the future they will go to  
 the Safaris at Solo and Solo, with  
 ivory which come from Kismayu, and Sibon if the  
 have a market at Solo, not a single tusk shall  
 go to Dugh so in a short time I closed the road  
 Dugh and Dardera, I dont believe the Officer of  
 will like it, but I cant help it, seeing hundred  
 tusks every day crossing to Dugh from our coun  
 and the elephants being ours, and killed by his  
 order in our country I thought that it would be better  
 stop it. I am very sorry for him, but he must

for other places in the future, for 2 years now  
the Ivory of our country went to Borava, but  
we will try to send it to Kisimayu.

To forbid shooting for the present is impossible  
two reasons. first the hunters will not obey my orders  
if they don't kill some Elephants, the Elephants  
will go to the north and will be killed by the Abjins  
who are killing any female, or young one, which may  
be before them, while our tribes have strict orders from  
me to kill only male Elephants, and prevent the Ele-  
phants to go to the north, until today I took from  
hunters 54 tusks male and female, hope to  
take them to Kisimayu next rain season, until then  
hope to have 100 tusks.

I hope that you will support me by advising  
Safaris to not come down without a pass from me  
when their Ivory shall be confiscated by you, as for you  
though it is impossible the road is watched by a whole tribe  
and their Ivory to Borava is also impossible, the Abjins  
will when they found Ivory in the hands of the Safaris  
only take all the Ivory, but confiscate the animals  
and the Ivory will be sold it.

The Safaris which I am sending down many  
times are high people, I hope that you will ensure  
them, and give strict orders to the Ogadins to leave  
the road free to all Safaris, and not take taxes from them.

Lately the Don Merchants took 600 Camels  
to collect the Opium at the west of Canada, by  
a letter to Chick Ismael to return those animals  
until today I have no news, those Don Merchants  
are very troublesome, all of them have fled as  
they don't obey any government.

An messenger from Sole arrived up here upon  
that Ojay Sul Sakit is preparing him self  
to fight, but they don't know where directing  
I sent a special messenger about it to Sir  
S. Harrington

The caravan which were with Churif Ad  
is arrived here with a letter from you in which  
Brook and Gabinow are preparing to send a  
number of animals at Kismayo, they report  
in this relation the Aoulihan try to assassinate  
nearly everyone and if there do any work of  
the Sole and Gabinow are preparing to come  
to the land relation which is a great  
caravan with Berabas full laden with eggs, salt  
and they shall come to Kismayo

The Sathys are collecting a great number  
of skins, and they are preparing to come  
to Kismayo

The Jabras encouraged by manufacturing to  
bring some a great number of Camels, and goats.

The first messenger Mohammed Ben Uragi didn't  
 want please if it is at His Majesty to not give him  
 money, as he took many animals during his  
 from the natives by giving my name, a month  
 shall be a good thing to him.

I hope to have some news from you very  
 the country question with Shyima is not yet  
 det.

I should be very glad if you would suggest me  
 the question of Trozy of the Sajaris had not a year  
 in my place to confiscate their Trozy. If you do  
 all the hunters will report to me their Trozy.

Kore and Bendell suppose to have a great  
 number of Trozy which I hope when the Boundary  
 line is settled to exchange it with clothes for  
 Government. I reported about it to Sir John  
 Kingdon. The Sajaris don't go for the present afraid  
 to be assassinated, reports that Kore and Bendell  
 are great men of Haroug.

Lately the Kore came at Allagan and  
 got 2 Gabies and took about 1000 goats.

I should like very much if you would  
 send my stores through Wajjeran as the Gabies  
 the Wajjeran report that they are afraid to send  
 animals to Dardere, the Don allersikians whom  
 inhabits the country near Dardere are not in fact



was with the Gahris.

The bears of the present Saleh ashoo  
Aub. have 8 mules bought from the Sorama they  
have well, they may return it they like but  
we dont give them any rifles.

Please kindly to send me a good small  
ale. of 200 lbs. for the Ivory. also I am sending  
the bears some samples of beads. kindly to  
me 50 Bug worth, and 25 pieces (hokoko) -  
black shash, the women put it on their heads.  
here also 100 Pieces of Tobacco for the natives.

Could it be possible, that the company to  
send me a list which will enable me to see  
what merchandise will find a good market  
at Kisumu, so I should be able to import  
sugar to bring down to Kisumu.

I am going to hear from you very soon  
I have the honour to be Sir  
Your most obedient servant

J. C. Zephing.

British Southern India Company

Major H. F. Keckpatrick  
Sub Commissioner

Zululand.

from the Ogadens which are in the south of Wajjira  
 was informed that the Ogadens oblige all the Safaris on  
 return from Kismayo to give them a sort of tax  
 unless they refuse to let them pass through their country  
 Gahrro, Ajaran, Gabras, and Borana have a terror of  
 Ogadens, and when they are asked by me, they decline  
 to give me exact accounts about the tribes which took  
 taxes, in any case I am waiting to see how they  
 behave to the Safaris, which have been sent by me  
 with Brooy to Kismayo.

I hope that you will not for the present  
 send any Indians, or Companies to come up here, as the  
 main question being not definitely settled, the Abyssinians  
 do not like to see any white man, or peoples with  
 a coming from the south.

I should be glad if you would inform me  
 at what time of the year the River Ganalle is navigable  
 a many days takes the Steamers of the Emperor Navigation  
 Company to go from Bardera to Kismayo, if they shall  
 passengers and transport, and if the Safaris shall  
 their goods to Bardera, will the Company buy the  
 goods, if so I should like to send the Safaris to Bardera  
 in the dry season which is from  
 Mar. Aug. Sept. and Oct. in those months there is  
 water from Wajjira until Fanzal 8 days march  
 Camels, while in the rains season, they shall come



to pass through Woffera. If such arrangements are made the Safaris would be able to trade all long the while now they are waiting for the rains to start.

If the company shall have a market at Bardera on our side, and the British Govt a Custom house watch the Safaris from going to the Italian side the Gahri, Ajuran, Bigote Gabena, Gabra, Ahya which are near Bardera, Gb Waki and Kaka, will buy their clothes from the market of Bardera, while now they are provided from the Italian side.

I wonder if the steamers of the company come up to Suge, as there is some cataracts betw. Bardera and Suge, but if they do come, and the company shall have a market at bold south of Bardera near the junction it shall have great sales, the yearly importation at Suge from the north of Bardera is reported to be above 500 tons ivory, which come from Haban, Arusi, Gurra, Web, Bir, Addo, the Safaris which are coming from the above countries, and willing to cross the Ganalle they have to go through our country, arising from the Ogaden, the H. is, which are on the east side of Ganalle between the Gurra and Suge so the Safaris coming from Arusi, Haban, etc. must first cross the Bardera, and then cross the Ganalle at Worab, once they

as the Gawa they are on the British soil, and if  
 have a Custom house, and a market at Solo, not  
 the Safari shall pass to Sugh, the Ogaden Ker  
 Kab which are on the east of Gannale, and suppose  
 he Abyssinian suspect that sent me word saying  
 they are very pleased with the British for taking  
 possession of our places, at the same time to protect  
 from the Abyssinians, they like to be ruled by the  
 British for but they don't want to ask protection from  
 us.

With regard to the Safaris of Ahmed Marjan  
 were imprisoned by the Abyss authorities of Boran  
 not by me. I came just in time from Adis to  
 rescue the Abyss from taking all their goods, and the  
 the Abyss reports that they check some having the  
 they asked him, from where he came, to which they  
 he soon replied that he was sent from the British  
 command with a letter to Gedu chief of Sabu and  
 Woldi, the Abyss seeing that he was rather  
 a man, than an envoy, and having not a letter from  
 Emperor Menelik, they proposed to conduct him to  
 Custom house, which he refused, when I arrived at  
 the Abyss were preparing to confiscate their goods, and  
 them to Adis, of course the Bonalis denyed all, I was  
 to send their passport to Sir John Harrington and  
 a permission from the Emperor for them to trade





Dorana they were retained 6 months by the Abyssini  
 authorities at Auro, when they were released they bought  
 20 Horses and Cattles, and left here lately for Nairobi  
 & strict orders to not try to exercise any influence  
 with their guns, or buy a single tusk Ivory, Enquiring  
 Somalis of Berbera, and their promises I oblig'd  
 to give me a warranty for two thousand Rupees  
 case they disobey my orders. (Copie of their pass-  
 included) I send word with them to the chiefs  
 Kora, and Rendille to send me some of their peo-  
 ple, and it was agreed that two of them shall come  
 with the Rendille, I was oblig'd to do so, as the  
 lately came near my camp at Jolba, and killed  
 Doranas, if the two Somalis will come back, I  
 give them as Bakshish some Ivory and send  
 to Kismayu, during their imprisonment at Auro  
 of them runaway to Kismayu, on his way he  
 some tobs and animals from the natives of Jolba  
 giving my name.

With reference of the Dealers buying guns  
 in the Alps I am taking the opportunity to com-  
 mence to you some reports which I obtained from  
 east, and west of Cahalle Riv.

A Safari from Alarka who was present  
 the fighting which took place before three years  
 been beyond Blue Sajo of Arusilant, and the tribes

... have killed 1014 Solais 6 hours from  
 above, but the Abyss. cartridges being finished  
 above tribes suppose to have killed above 1000  
 Abyssinians, and took their rifles then rifles now sup-  
 posed to be in the hands of the Ogadans, and in the  
 hands of the above mentioned tribes, I am further  
 advised that some Abyss merchants at Karanly  
 will sell cartridges to the Ogadans: I send  
 a post to Sir John Harrington about it. A day  
 ago an Abyss chief of the Gaheri tribe, and Karanly  
 reports that some Sigoris have rifles, taken by  
 Abyssinians in a fighting which took place  
 one or two years ago. I called up here their chief  
 and Karanly, and they promised me  
 having any rifle which his tribe may have.  
 It was reported to me that the natives on  
 Italian side have communications with the  
 Ogadans of our side, and even they sell them  
 rifles I don't know if the above report is true  
 if the Ogadans are procuring rifles surely  
 they will be given to them from the natives of the  
 line as to the Abyss selling rifles, I don't see  
 any possibility, for they are about 400 miles from  
 the line, and they don't come except for fight, since  
 their arrival not a single Abyss crossed the line

at Solo neither at Borana.

According to your desires I told to all the  
aris to buy mules from Kiso and Borana  
hope to send you many Safaris with  
mules and Cattles hoping that they will find  
good market.

Kindly inform me what articles can  
be a good market at Kismayu.

Hoping that you will send Mlamo back  
at the stores as soon as is possible to you.

I have the honour to be Sir  
Your most obedient servant

J. C. Maphing.  
British Southern Frontier Inspector

Major H. F. Kirkpatrick,  
Sub. Commissioner  
Kismayu  
Sudaland.

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The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office

15 April

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- Mr. Reid - 9/4
- Mr. [unclear]
- + Mr. [unclear] 15/4
- Mr. Cox
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Sr. H. Gannonney
- Mr. Churchill
- The Earl of Elgin

Sir, I am directed by the  
 Earl of Elgin to transmit  
 to you, to be laid before  
 the Committee, my note with  
 reference to your letter of  
 the 4th of March (N. 4017),  
 the accompanying copy of  
 the report from the  
 O.A.G. of the S.A.P.  
 enclosing two letters  
 from the Abyssinian  
 boundary Inspector regarding  
 the division of the land  
 trade from Helan to  
 British territory

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2. Lord Elgin proposes,  
subject to his & Grey's  
consensus, to authorize  
Mr Jackson to  
establish a College  
at Marsabit for the  
purpose of promoting  
the commercial intercourse  
& controlling the <sup>traffic of the</sup> caravans  
passing between the  
Protestants & Korans.

3. Marsabit is

situated about

2° N. lat. & 58°

E. long.

3. I am <sup>very</sup> to wish

attention to what is stated

by Mr Jackson in the

last para. of his despatch

& to suggest, for his &

Grey's answer, that

some representation should

be

be made to the Italian  
Govt. as to the necessity  
of its carrying out its  
obligations under the  
Geneva Convention

I am

Yours