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The Under-Secretary of State,
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
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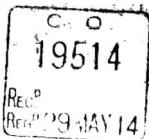
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May 28, 1914.

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Mr A Aflalo May 21/14 28	Protection of African Elephants



7, COURTENAY PLACE,
TEIGNMOUTH,
S. DEVON,

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May 21st, 1914.

Sir:-

Seeing that a conference is being held at the Foreign Office on the subject of protection of African elephants, I think that the enclosed, which I had a day or two ago from a friend with whom I lately stayed in Khartoum, may perhaps be of interest, and I therefore have the honour to submit it. I should be glad to have it returned to me when convenient. The writer is Colonel Smyth Pasha, V.C., Commandant Khartoum District.

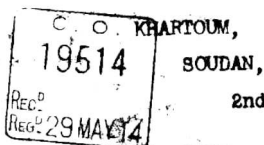
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) B. Aflalo.

Right Honourable

Sir Edward Grey, Bart.,

&c., &c., &c.



SOUDAN,

2nd, May, 1914.

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Dear Aflalo:-

I hope you had a good journey down to Port Sudan and that you got some more fishing on your way home. General Kenyon-Blaney who managed to walk down from Uganda has been staying with me laid up with fever as a result of his experiences. To show how elephants and hippos are being killed it is rather startling to be told by a banker that 125 tons of Ivory were exported from the Sudan in 1913 and 103 tons in 1912.

The Government figures I do not know perhaps they would not be as trustworthy.

100 tons of ivory = 224,000 lbs that represents, at 50 lbs of ivory per elephant, the lives of 4480 elephants.

The other 25 tons may be put down as hippo and wart hog tusks, perhaps at a too liberal estimate.

Every African official is allowed for a small fee to shoot about 2 elephants a year, everyone

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takes his share in order to increase his income.

We may thus suppose that the officials of Uganda, the Sudan and the Congo numbering say 1000 account for the deaths of 2000 elephants. Then there are at least several hundred say 500 sportsmen who will shoot about 500 elephants, the rest may easily be killed by natives thousands of whom have obtained rifles of late years, notably French rifles have been sold in Abyssinia probably numbering 150,000, and there are certainly half a million rifles in the hands of natives in the elephant countries of Africa at a mild estimate. Everyone of these negroes or Abyssinians wishes to shoot an elephant and loses no opportunity.

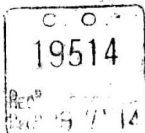
I am off on tour again in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

N.M. Smyth.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

May 28th, 1914.

Sir:-

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I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and to state that the information contained in the letter from Colonel Smyth Pasha has been communicated to the British Delegates to the Conference for the Protection of the African Elephant and Rhinoceros.

The enclosure in your letter is returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) Earl of Curzon.

Esq.,
Courtney Place,
Teignmouth,
Devon.