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Foreign Office,

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1914

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter to Foreign Office: 3694/1914. S, Sept 30

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Telegram from to HM Representative Adis Ababa No 68 of October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Integrity of Abyssinia

(Similar letter sent to

*Sir Edward Grey to Lieutenant-Colonel Doughty-Wylie (Adis Ababa).*

(No. 68.)

*Foreign Office, October 1, 1911, 5:25 A.M.*

YOUR telegram No. 58 of 20th September.

Suggestions in your telegram No. 50 of 13th September have been considered.

His Majesty's Government cannot at present assume any further liability with regard to maintenance of Abyssinian integrity beyond that contained in articles 1 and 4 of the Tripartite Treaty, which was communicated to Menelek and which contains adequate guarantee. I have no objection to a joint communication being made to Abyssinian Government reminding them of these articles, and assuring them that we will respect engagements thus taken so long as Abyssinia does not herself disturb *status quo* by attacking any of the signatory Powers. If situation becomes really serious, you could yourself point out plainly to Lij Yasu, as from His Majesty's Government alone, that these engagements might lapse entirely if he attacked Italy or undertook threatening movements of troops; but it would be dangerous to make any joint communication in this sense.

I have no objection to acting as you propose in regard to our frontier claims if Abyssinia again raises the Gabra Silasse affair. At present I understand it is in abeyance.