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Sends tel from Ind. fort. conveying offer by Bahawalpur Durbar of their Imperial Service Camel Corps, 170 strong, on terms suggested Enquires whether services are required

Sir G. Fiddes

Ack: say that in view of the marked improvement in the military situation, Mr. Harcourt is glad to be able to inf. Lord Curzon that it will not be necessary to make use of the Bahawalpur Durbar, with the exception of the C: C: which the Indian fort; have been so good as to place at his disposal - & take other opportunity of expressing Mr. Harcourt's cordial appreciation of the prompt & valuable assistance which he has received both from the Indian Office & the Indian fort - throughout

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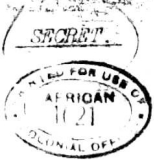
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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to
The Under Secretary of State for India,
Colonial Office,
1, Whitehall, London, S.W.
and the following reference quoted
No. 4702.

INDIA OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, S.W.

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28th March 1914.

Sir,

In reply to paragraph 1 of your letter of the 5th March 1914, No. 3063* on the subject of the supply from India of a combatant camel company for operations in the East Africa Protectorate, I am directed to forward, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, a copy of a telegram which has been received from the Government of India.

The Camel Corps referred to is a unit of the Imperial Service Troops in the employ of the Bahawalpur Durbar, strength about 170.

As you will observe, the Corps appears to have been mobilised by the Durbar in anticipation of possible orders, and for this reason the Secretary of State for India would be glad to learn as soon as possible whether their services are required.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. W. Holderness

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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TELEGRAM FROM VICEROY, DATED 25th MARCH 1914.

Your telegram 23th February. Combatant Camel Corps for field service in north-eastern district, British East Africa Protectorate. Bahawalpur Durbar offer services of their Imperial Service Camel Corps on terms suggested. Corps is ready for start at once and we see no objection to their employment if required. As far as our information goes, the camels would be with certain limitations suitable for service in north-eastern district, British East Africa Protectorate, though some sickness is to be expected. As Aden troop only maintains 50 camels there would be little advantage in sending them and it is doubtful whether they could be spared.

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~~The U.S. of S.
Military Dept.
India Office.~~

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- ~~Mr. Cooper 1/4/14~~
- ~~Mr. Bottomley 1/4/14 p~~
- ~~Sir G. Biddes.~~
- ~~Sir H. Just.~~
- ~~Sir J. Anderson.~~
- ~~Lord Emmott.~~
- ~~Mr. Harcourt.~~

Sir,

I am ^{divided by my Sec} ~~to~~ to accept
 the receipt of your letter
 (~~11662~~) of the 28th of
 March, * and to ~~state~~
 request you to inform
 the Marquess of Crewe
 that, in view of the
 marked improvement
 in the military
 situation in the
 East, ^{East India} he is glad
 to be able to state
 that

* No 11662

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necessary to make use
of the Camel Corps which
the Bahawalpur
Durbar, with the
concurrence of the
Indian Govt., have
been so good as to
place at ^{his} disposal.

2. I am to add
that Mr. Harcourt presumes
that Lord Grey will convey
to the Durbar in suitable
terms His Majesty's Govt's
appreciation of their action.

3. Mr. Harcourt wishes

to take this opportunity
of expressing his
cordial appreciation
of the prompt and
valuable assistance which
he has received both
from the India Office
and of the Govt. of India
throughout the operations
in ^{Northern} ~~Eastern~~ ^{Jubaland} Africa.

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