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Abyssinian Frontier

Under imp. of the Ab. to report proceedings
as connected with Abyssinian boundary on subject
of improvement of trade by Jambela, Cal-
thron boundary of Uganda. Under Abyssinian boundary

to Jambela

See the last two parts of
page 14/15. Also in direct
communication with Uganda. The
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Very satisfactory and in view of
the intention of the Uganda Govt. to

maintain patrols between ...
and L. Rudolf it may lead to
complications.

I do not think we have told
him F.O. about this & it would be
a good thing to suggest
that it might be a good thing
to warn the Abyssinians that
what they are likely to find
their frontier patrolled.

As Major Deneval writes
only says he will inform Legation
if necessary it would be well
to send a copy of this desk to
Govt Legation

at ...



The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies and by direction of the Secretary of State,
transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office.

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BRITISH LEGATION,
ADIS ABABA,
6th May, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Mr. Theisler before leaving had two interviews with the Council of Ministers, at which I was present:

1. In the first meeting on Friday, May 5th, I presided. The first point raised by the Minister was the improvement of the Sudan trade by Gambella. He asked whether sanction for the railways had been given, and for certain other facilities as to customs gates, ivory trade and a similar change in acts in Gambella itself. The answers were satisfactory. I have however some hope that the cause of this or some extent may be found in the fact that no chief of Gore province has yet been named in succession to Ras Tesemma. In his absence the Council would be unwilling to give definite answers.

2. Mr. Theisler then passed to the East African frontier, asking the Council for their proposals, alternative

H. Grey, Bart., J.P.
Esq. Esq. Esq.

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ordered to remain in the same position of honor and rank

as before and to continue to receive the same pay and allowances

as before.

Best of wishes to you and yours.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Major-General Sir James D. Stewart

Colonel, 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

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alternative to the Gwynn line. On this the Fitzgari and Foreign Minister emphatically declared that they had no proposals to make, and that the only frontier acceptable to them was the red line as marked by Captain Maude and accepted provisionally by the Emperor Menelik. They further said that they considered this matter as settled and did not wish to discuss it further.

Mr. Theisler replied that he could never regard the matter as settled until directed so to do by the British Government, and complained strongly of their constant failure.

The prominent members of the Council of Ministers are Major-General Sir James D. Stewart, who has lately returned from his country on the illness of Ras Tassama, Negadras Igass the Foreign Minister, and Negadras Haile Giorgis.

At the second meeting on the 4th day (Fitzgari haptu Giorgis present in the absence of Li-Yasu) the main subject for discussion was the frontier north-westwards from Lake Bajjif, between Abyssinia, Branda, and further north, the Guba. Major Beru Governor of the border province, summoned to answer Mr. Theisler's accusations of raiding.

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 ... attached, both sealed by Menelik, were produced. The ...
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Mr. Theagar had stated Mr. G. Clerg's mission to the
 Government to demand the words "without dispute", and said
 that he had asked his Government to send an officer to
 that country in February next to mark the red line or any
 other frontier agreed upon as the limit of contact with
 the Abyssinians. In the meantime he would hold the
 Abyssinian Government responsible for any infringement of
 the frontier accepted by Her Majesty, and he demanded that
 he should be ordered to respect the frontier.

The meeting closed in this very satisfactory position.
 Mr. Theagar wrote a memorandum copy enclosed, to
 the Foreign Minister stating very clearly our position in
 the matter.

Before Mr. Theagar left the night before last
 Mr. G. Clerg called at the Foreign Office, ostensibly to present
 his credentials, which were to be signed in London at the last
 minute. His real business seems to have been to assure
 Mr. Theagar in a private interview that the Council after
 the departure of the British Minister had ordered the
 Abyssinians to respect the frontier, but were obliged to say that
 no taxes is collected in the countries in question by the
 British pending an agreement.

Mr. Thealger's memorandum is forwarded to-day and may perhaps include an answer in this sense. No agreement not to collect taxes in what is undoubtedly British Territory can be considered. But as a matter of fact I believe these countries have never been taxed by us, and are quite outside ordinary administration.

If I might venture to suggest it would be most advisable for the Zulu Government to send an officer at once to Doodal and if possible Turkhana. What Dejar Bero, who is very deeply in debt, wishes to do, is to sweep the countries for slaves and ivory before any settlement is arrived at. He can always say in answer to protests that he does not know where the border is, or that the Zulus are robbers and not his men. Dejar Bero's statement will be true, but cannot be disproved. The presence of a British officer is the only sure way to turn raiders. Dejar Bero would not give orders to seize British officers by force, and the taking of innocent prisoners caught red handed on our side of the border is unconscionable.

Yours

When a definite answer to Mr. Tinsiger's memorandum is received I will if necessary inform Canada by telegraph. Copies of this despatch are being forwarded there, and to East Africa and the Sudan.

I have, Sir,
(Signed) C. H. M. Deaghty Wylie

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East Africa and the Sudan.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. H. M. Doughty Wylie.



BRITISH LEGATION,
ADDIS ABABA.

5th May, 1911.

Your Excellency:

With regard to my interview on Thursday the 4th instant with the Council, I want, in order that there should be no misunderstanding, put in writing what I then told you. His Majesty's Government cannot recognise any claim whatever by the Abyssinian Government on the districts of Turkhana Dodosi or any other district south of the red line as established by the Treaty of December, 1907, which was sealed by the Emperor Menelik. It is the duty of the Abyssinian Government to explain to their officers, who are on the spot, where this line is and to forbid any of their people to cross it either for the purpose of raiding, tax collecting or elephant hunting.

Should Dejazmatch Bers insist on claiming the country as far south of this line as Dodosi, as he declared before the Council he would do, we will send soldiers to occupy

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Your Excellency

Negatare Tsezu,

Ethiopian Minister

for Foreign Affairs,

Addis Ababa.

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it or to levy taxes upon you that for any mischief that may arise in consequence of such action the British Government will hold you personally and the Abyssinian Government indirectly responsible.

The country south of the red line, until this line is altered or changed in any way with the consent of both nations, has been recognized by your Emperor as British territory and I cannot listen to any claim put forward by the Abyssinian Government to administer even the smallest part of it or to tax any single native living there.

With salutations,

(Signed) Wilfred G. Thesiger

His Britannic Majesty's Minister.

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BRITISH LEGATION

ADDIS ABABA

25th May 1897

The terms of my interview on 1 March last are
in accordance with the Council I must in order that there should
be no misunderstanding, but in writing what I then said on
the subject of the Government's intention to claim
territory by the Abyssinian Government on the districts of
Tigray and any other districts south of the red line
as established by the Treaty of December, 1895, which was
signed by the Emperor Menelik. It is the duty of the
Abyssinian Government to explain to their officers, who
are on the spot, where this line is and to forbid any of
their people to cross it either for the purpose of raising
tax or collecting it, or for any other purpose.
Should the Emperor Menelik insist on claiming the
country as far south of this line as Debarwa, as he has done,
before the Council is held, and send soldiers to occupy

Secretary
Under Secretary
The British Minister
Addis Ababa

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16 June 1848

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Mr. Pickens 15/6 Jan etc. & back the receipt
 Mr. Read
 Mr. Fulton
 Mr. Jun
 Mr. Coe
 Mr. C. Thom
 Lord Exon
 Mr. Harcourt

of your letter
 of 7 June
 a copy of a disp. from
 Major C. Thom. Doughty
 by the subject of the
 by/pointed practice
 with regard to the
 practice with view from
 L. Read of between by/pointed
 via Messrs. & Agents

Copy of 70
 letter of 7 June
 incl. copy
 this disp. to
 Pro. Ag. for
 of Conf. Lt

Obey for

I am to report that you
will inform Sec. Sec. 2.
They that, as the result
of information received

of reports furnished
by the Political Office
which accompanied the
Uganda uniform
which was recently distributed
to the Turkana District,
Mr. Macartney has ~~received~~
that approved for a
limited form of administration
being extended to the
districts of Karamoja &
the Turkwell. In the
period composed within
of the military & the
police working
within these districts to be known

forwarded between Nimule
& L. Rudolf 307

3. The objects of the
policy, which will consist
of an increase in the
of the 500 men, will
be to check the
traffic in arms &
ammunition which was
entering Uganda from
Abyssinia either by
way of Lake Kyungura
or a track near L. Rudolf
to prevent the illicit
trade in arms.

4. I am to suggest
for Sir S. Grey's consideration
that it might be
advisable to warn
the Abyssinian Govt
that

that they are likely to
find this frontier district
patrolled.

(Signed) G. V. FIDEN.