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Juba River Boundary

Sends deep N. Italy, existing cones, with Ital. fort. resp. recognition by the Govt of Italian Sovereignty over the sandpit at the mouth of the River, & arrangement for similar reciprocal procedure in the event of any future modifications to the work of the River.

Mr Fildes

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In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 29175
and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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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,
July 29, 1911.

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Colonial Office, June 26, No. 19826/1911

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Sir R. Dodd, No. 15 Africa, July 19	Juba River Boundary

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15 Africa.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch in this series No 26 of the 1st instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith copy and translation of the Note which I addressed to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs on the 4th instant and copy of the Note which I have received from him in reply dated the 19th instant, recording the recognition by His Majesty's Government of Italian sovereignty over the strip of land, left by the recent changes in the river mouth, to the north of the present issue of the River Juba into the Indian Ocean, and making provision for a similar reciprocal procedure in the event of any future modifications in the mouth of the River.

I have as instructed inserted in my Note a paragraph reserving the question of principle.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

your most obedient,

humble servant

Right Hon:

Sir E. Grey Bart., M.P.

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Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, as a result of the negotiations which have taken place in consequence of the alteration in the mouth of the Juba River, with a view to determining the present frontier between British East Africa and Italian Somaliland at the river mouth, I am authorized by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to state that His Majesty's Government recognize the Sovereignty of Italy over the spit of land at the mouth of the river, situated between the old channel and the new one, on the understanding that the proprietary rights of individuals shall be respected and that in the event of further changes taking place in the river mouth, the north bank of the mouth, with all the territory to the north of it, shall belong to Italy, and the south bank, with all the territory to the south of it, to Great Britain.

This recognition of Italian Sovereignty is made without prejudice to the question of principle involved.

I have the honour to be with the highest consideration

Your Excellency's most obedient,

Mon Excellence

humble servant

Monsieur le Marquis de San Giuliano
Ministre des Affaires Etrangères
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July 10th 1911

Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of July 8th formulating the declarations of His Britannic Majesty's Government regarding the determination of the Anglo-Italian frontier at the mouth of the Juba River - declarations of which I have taken note with great satisfaction.

In conformity with them, it is understood that His Britannic Majesty's Government recognise the sovereignty of Italy over the strip of land at the mouth of the Juba River, lying between the old and the new course of the river, reserving proprietary rights of individuals which shall be respected, it being at the same time agreed that, in the event of further changes in the river mouth, the left bank of the mouth, with the territory behind it, shall belong to Italy and the right bank, with the territory behind it, to Great Britain.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) D^e San Giuliano.

Sir Rennell Rodd

His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Rome.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma 15 luglio 1911.

Signor Ambasciatore,

Ho l'onore di segnalarle ricevuta della Nota dell'8 luglio corrente, contenente le dichiarazioni del Governo di Sua Maestà Britannica per la determinazione del confine italo-inglese alla foce del fiume Giuba, dichiarazioni delle quali ho preso atto con compiacimento.

In conformità ad esse, resta inteso che il Governo di Sua Maestà Britannica riconosce la sovranità dell'Italia sulla lingua di terra alla foce del fiume Giuba situata tra l'antico corso ed il nuovo con riserva di diritti di proprietà dei privati che saranno rispettati e nell'attesa che nel caso di ulteriori spostamenti nella foce del fiume, la sponda sinistra della foce, col territorio retrostante, apparterrà all'Italia e la sponda destra, col territorio retrostante, apparterrà alla Gran Bretagna.

Gradisca, ecc.,

(Signed) Di San Giuliano.

Sir Rennell Rodd

Ambasciatore di Sua Maestà Britannica a Roma.