

1911

EAST AFR. PROT.

C O
30740

REC'D
Rrs 20 SEP 11

30740

Foreign

Date.

8 Frontier of abyssinia

2 Sept

at previous Paper.

In copy of despatch to adis ababa
resp. Sir P. Biron's proposals

30303

W. Reed.

Copy to Col. (L.R.) for inf. with
ref. to our conf. despatch of 28 July on 7.0
23535

2/23

Sept. 26

at once.

H. V. R.

27/9

R. SEP
D. 27

418. W.L.B. 11/10. 2. 11/10.

subsequent Paper

5640

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 29702

address 1911
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

C.O. 163
30740
REC'D
SEP 11

Confidential

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,

September 12, 1911.

FC
23535

Reference to previous letter:

Colonial office July 27.

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<p>To H. M. Charge d'Affaires at Addis Ababa.</p> <p>No. 74 <u>Conf.</u> August 3</p>	<p><u>Southern Frontier of Abyssinia</u></p>

(Similar letter sent to ...)

C O
30740

REC^d
REC-20 SEP 11

AFRICA.

[August 3.]

CONFIDENTIAL

SECTION 1.

02

No 1

133

Sir Edward Grey to Major Douglas Wylie.

1. Confidential.]

Foreign Office, August 3, 1911.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the southern frontier of Abyssinia, I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, enclosing a despatch and enclosures from the Government of East Africa Protectorate.*

Opportunity was taken of the presence in London of Mr. Thesiger and Mr. Hope to discuss the points raised by Sir P. Girouard in his despatch.

Mr. Thesiger expressed the opinion that nothing could be done at Adis Ababa for the present, but that if the authorities of the British East Africa Protectorate would patrol the country in the neighbourhood of the proposed frontier and arrest trespassers they could discover, the Abyssinians would, in all probability, themselves effect a definite settlement of the frontier at no very distant date.

Mr. Thesiger went on to say that in his opinion, the proposals now put forward by Sir P. Girouard would provide a suitable basis for negotiation, although it might be necessary for him at a later stage to recommend the transfer to the Abyssinians of a somewhat larger area of territory in the vicinity of Lake Rudolf.

His Majesty's Government concur in the opinion expressed by Mr. Thesiger at the meeting, but hope that it may be found possible to carry through the negotiations on the basis proposed by Sir P. Girouard.

It is of course understood that no such transfer of territory as mentioned by Mr. Thesiger should be arranged without previously obtaining the sanction of this Government.

A copy of the map enclosed in the Colonial Office letter will be sent out to you as soon as it has been reproduced.

I am, &c.
E. GREY.

* Colonial Office, July 5, 1911 (in print) [26329] (East Africa, July 6, 1911, section 1).