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Juba River Commission

Sends despatch to Rome. Supports view of  
Ital. Govt that their Commis should be selected as  
one & has no objection to selection being  
entrusted to Netherlands Govt. Enquiries re  
of salary of British Commissioner, & where Commis should  
meet

Mr. Butler.

As to this <sup>arbitral</sup> Commission, see (a) Resolution  
21 in the report of the Anglo-Italian  
Commission in May / 1905 " East  
which put forward a series of  
suggestions -

(1) F.O. / 16559 / " in which the  
technical arbitral Commission was  
proposed by the Italian Govt.

(2) Govt 16323 / " in which the  
Govt accepted the suggestion (on condition  
that a technical adviser to examine  
the Juba pools be included) -

(3) F.O. / 24372 / " in which we accepted  
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the suggestion of the Italian Gov.  
as to the composition of the Joint Commission  
(\*) 707 31625/11 on which we have  
asked the Gov. to advise the British  
representatives on the arbitral Commission.

I don't see any objection to the selection  
of the third Commissioner being entrusted  
to another Gov. - if the 70. are  
satisfied that the Netherlands Gov. will do.  
I suppose we shall concur.

As to salary, we shd ask for the  
Governor's recommendations.

As to where the Commission should meet  
we shd also request the Governor's recommendations.

It is perhaps worth while drawing  
attention at this stage to the Governor's  
~~recommendation~~ condition in G of 16323/11  
which may be overlooked.

? (1) ack: accept - say that SPS concurs in X -  
& that he is in comm. with the Gov. as to  
the other points.

(2) copy of G of 16323/11 to Gov. for comment &  
ask for recommendations as to Y & Z.

(3) ask hup. list in confidential letter  
whether they could recommend an expert  
to

to analyze the soils for cotton  
growing - if so what kind of  
salary wd be required - making it  
quite clear that the appl. is not even  
yet approved -

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W. Fildes.

We appear to have committed ourselves  
to the arbitral commission without any  
consideration of ways & means. It may be  
a very expensive affair. I would not agree  
to the selection of the third Commt.  
until this aspect of the matter has been  
cleared up. It would be too awkward  
if we allowed the Netherlands Govt.  
to select him, & then had a difficulty  
in paying him.

It seems to me that we want  
to know

(a) approximately what how long the  
enquiry will take.

(b) who is to be the British Commt., &  
what remuneration he is to have.

(c) what would be fair remuneration  
for the third Commt.

For (a) & (b) we must go to the Govt.

The F.O. must suggest as to (C), in  
the light of the standing & remuneration  
of the other two Commt's.

Having got some ideas on these  
points, we can frame a heavy sort of  
estimate of the cost, represent to  
the Treasury why it is considered  
necessary to have the commission, &  
ask them to put up the British  
share of the money. If they agree, but  
not till then, the 2<sup>d</sup>. appt. of the third  
Commt. might be proceeded with.

I think we ought to explain to  
the F.O. in this sense, & go to the Govt.  
to (A) & (F).

I would refuse to mix up the  
question of an analysis of the Java soils  
with the arbitral commission. They are  
entirely separate questions. The analysis  
is for the E.A.P. alone, or for someone,  
like the B.C.G.A., interested in cotton.

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M. H.

I imagined that the Indian Office  
would meet in C.A. Office & that there  
would be no expense ~~except~~ except perhaps  
an allowance to the latter. We had  
better telegraph to Govt. (to H.C.);  
we must explain why, but be kind not  
suppose that we want a cooked book.  
Commt.

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at end  
M. H.

In any further communication  
on this subject, please quote  
No. 42770/11.

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

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November 7 1911.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter 31645 of the 6th  
ultimo respecting the Juba River Commission, I am  
directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you  
herewith to be laid before Mr. Secretary Harcourt a  
copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at  
Rome on the subject.

Sir E. Grey is disposed to agree with the view  
of the Italian Government that the third Commissioner  
should be selected at once and he sees no objection  
to the selection being entrusted to the Netherlands  
Government.

I am to enquire the rate of salary to be assign-  
ed to the British Commissioner and also where it is  
proposed that the Commission should meet.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*W. Langley*

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

*Handwritten notes:*  
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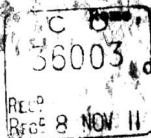
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No. 22 Africa

Sir,



October 23rd 1911.

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With reference to my despatch No. 22 Africa of September 15th. relative to the proposed arbitral Commission to decide the levels for the irrigation head works on the Juba River I have the honour to transmit herewith copy and translation of a Note which I have ~~received from the Italian~~ *received from the Italian* Government informing me that Ingeniere Nicola Colonna has been selected as the Italian Commissioner.

The Italian Government ask to be informed of the rate of salary which His Majesty's Government propose to assign to their Commissioner in order that they may accord similar treatment to the Italian Commissioner.

With regard to the appointment of the third Commissioner they suggest that in order to save time and negotiations his selection should at once be entrusted to a third Power, such as Holland, rather than to the British and Italian Commissioners.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

your most obedient,

humble servant,

The Right Hon.

Sir E. Grey Bart, M.P.,

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Ministry for Foreign Affairs,

October 15th., 1911

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*Sig. Ambassador,*

Di seguito alla mia Nota il settembre u.s. No. 11 in quanto essa si riferisce alla commissione arbitrale per la determinazione del livello delle prese d'acqua sulle sponde del fiume Giuba, ho l'onore di informarla che il commissario italiano viene designato nella persona dell'Ingegnere Cam. Gr. Off. Nicola Coletta, Presidente di Sezione del Consiglio Superiore dei Lavori Pubblici.

Rimango in attesa che Ella mi comunichi il nome del commissario britannico appena sarà scelto, e Le sono particolarmente grato se vorrà anche farmi conoscere il trattamento che il Governo di S.M. Britannica farà al proprio delegato durante il compimento di tale missione, per opportuna uniformità di criterio nei riguardi del delegato italiano.

Come è noto all' E.V. della Commissione arbitrale dovrà far parte un terzo Commissario da nominarsi d'accordo dal delegato britannico e da quello italiano, ed in caso di disaccordo da nominarsi da una terza Potenza.

A mi parrebbe più agevole, a risparmio di tempo e a semplificazione delle intese che dovrebbero intervenire tra il Commissario britannico e quello italiano, che la nomina del terzo arbitro venisse senza altro affidata ad una terza Potenza, che, a mio avviso, dato il carattere speciale della missione, potrebbe essere l'Olanda, o altra Potenza che il Governo britannico indicherebbe.

Sarò grato all' E.V. se su tale proposta vorrà richiamare l'attenzione del Governo di S.M. Britannica, affinché ove la proposta stessa trovi favorevole accoglienza, si possa d'accordo procedere oltre.

Gradisca etc.

A. di San Giuliano

P. Sir Rennell Road,

TRANSLATION

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Sir,

In continuation of my Note of September 11th, 1911, in so far as it concerns the Arbitral Commission to determine the level of the irrigation head waters on the banks of the Jubba River I have the honour to inform you that Ingegnere Commendatore Ufficiale Nicola Coletta, Head of Department in the Superior Council of the Ministry of Public Works has been appointed Italian Commissioner.

I await the receipt of information from you as to the name of the British Commissioner as soon as he has been selected and I shall be very grateful if you will also inform me of the salary which His Britannic Majesty's Government will pay to the ~~British Commissioner~~ labours of the mission in order that similar treatment may be accorded to the Italian delegate.

As Your Excellency is aware the Arbitral Commission is to include a third Commissioner to be appointed <sup>by</sup> agreement between the British and Italian delegates, and in case of their failure to come to an agreement by a third Power.

It appears to me more convenient, in order to save time and to avoid the exchange of views which would have to take place between the British and Italian Commissioners, that the selection of the third arbitrator should at once be entrusted to a third Power, which in my opinion, in view of the special character of the Commission, might be Holland, or some other Power suggested by His Britannic Majesty's Government.

I shall be grateful if you will consult His Britannic Majesty's Government on the subject in order that, if the above proposal is acceptable to them, the two Governments may proceed with the matter in concert.

( Sgd. G. R. Bollati



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of 18/11

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Telegram

Governor  
Nairobi

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- Mr. Packinson 17/11
- Mr. Butler 18 (on 21/2/25)
- Mr. Fiddes 18
- Sir H. Just. alone
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Lucas.
- Mr. Harcourt.

567 Italian Government  
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