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The immediate matter is the disposal
of the troops. The question of administering
the district have been raised later

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON.

9th January 1911.

With reference to the telegram received from the
Governor administering the Government of Uganda dated
1st January, with the subject of the arrival mission,
I shall be glad to explain the who holder of af-
fairs.

July last I was informed at the
Turf that the Government and
that their administration would not
difficult matter... was not re-
ed... by... tribes in the Uganda
... particularly the Suk and the Mojo,
... of the...
... known...
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... populations have
... control. On the
... the Rudolfh Province, and al-
... and the... of the Nile Province, is still
... unadministered. The condition of the lat-
... practically to effect... East Africa,
but the unadministered condition of the Rudolfh Pro-
vince is quite another matter.

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The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies, LONDON.

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In the North, to the west of Lake Rudolph, I understand that several white traders have established "balestias" from whence they raid elephants in all directions, and in the Southern part the native tribes in an area as between the Turkwal and a line drawn from the centre of Mt. Elgon due north, are a menace to our more or less settled natives of the East Africa Protectorate.

In consequence of this I addressed a letter to the Acting Governor of the Uganda Protectorate, in August 1910, pointing out the state of affairs and the fact that no doubt the Suk of Uganda were closely allied with the Suk in the East Africa Protectorate, and that if the Government of Uganda were unable - owing to paucity of staff - to undertake the active administration of the Suk, would they be prepared to consider the temporary diversion of the boundary between the two Protectorates in order that I might be empowered to deal with the Suk who were carrying out raids against our tribes.

In reply the Acting Governor stated that the country East, to a line drawn from the centre of Mount Elgon due north, was not administered by the government of his Protectorate, and that he would be glad to know how much country I was prepared to administer if it was found possible to accede to the request contained in the Despatch under reply.

Almost immediately afterwards a very serious raid took place on our Turkhans by the Uganda tribes. The Turkhans went in for reprisals, which we were unable to control, and were somewhat inclined to taunt both our District Commissioner stationed on the Turkwal and the troops, with their inability to deal with the situation.

the Turkwal in 13 days, met with no opposition and only a few peaceable natives. If I had had any idea that this route was so safe and amply provided with food, my opinion might have been a different one on a suggestion as to the route for advance. At the same time I cannot fail to be struck with the fact that if this country can be so easily penetrated, it is highly desirable in the interests of peace and order upon our borders that it should be at once administered from Mpale.

I have no desire whatever to take over any portion of Uganda territory, as our staff at present is only too small for the work in hand. I would suggest that the Uganda Government, who are already fully established at Mpale, should now administer their country up to the Turkwal River. It seems very little to ask of this Government, considering the various areas which have been recently placed under the Administration in British East Africa.

There would appear to be no doubt whatever, from Mr. Tomkins' telegram, that the country should be looked after by their own officers.

It has been pointed out by my legal advisers that it would be quite impossible for the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to legally assume any administration unless the boundaries were definitely changed - a course which I am not prepared to advocate.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

