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Governor's Office,  
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My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Manager of the Boma Trading Company relative to the trading operations undertaken by that Company on the Abyssinian Border.

Capt. Riddell  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

It is satisfactory to note that the natives are reported as being friendly and anxious to trade.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*

H.M. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE

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Nairobi,

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September 17th 1908

To His Honour,

The Lieutenant Governor,

The British East Africa Protectorate

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Sir,

I have the honour to report the accomplishment of the schemes of the Boma Trading Company, Limited, on the Abyssinian border for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

Two thoroughly equipped stations have been opened the one at Dolo and the other at Churci Noyde on the frontier.

Communications have been established between these places and Nairobi and Kismayu.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report all natives throughout the entire route friendly and anxious to trade.

The expedition between Derbera and Dolo encountered no difficulties "en route".

This was an armed expedition and the 70 rifles carried according to Sir J. Harrington's advice are now in British territory on the border. These rifles are not registered in the Protectorate and can be either handed in or not at the discretion of His Excellency.

We have reported at length to the foreign and colonial offices re the rifle traffic which takes place along the eastern frontiers of Abyssinia and have received acknowledgment of our communication.

We beg to offer any information which His Excellency may require further.

I have &c.,

G.H. Riddell