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S Abyssinian Frontier Control

Considering time has now come to consider the
1. Institute Control by officers of the frontier
district to be formed with station at Mera (Marsabit)
and Harar. Zephiris this has return to frontier. Cannot
this be adequately supported. Note for resurvey of boundary

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We have asked the Genl to consider the
1. ion of the administration of the frontier
the neighbourhood of the Abyssinian and
the Italian boundary & we must look
to him for a lead on the subject. But I
think we might have expected a reasonable
despatch, stating just what he proposes,
what his proposal will cost, and where
the money is to come from. The S. of B.
can hardly come to a decision on this
telegram. Even if he were willing to do
So, it would not satisfy the Treasury

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whom any change involving additional expense will have to be explained before it can be approved.

In the meantime I think Mr Zaphiro should continue his work on the frontier. He has done admirable service there, out of all proportion to the meagre 6000 a year which is all that is allowed him for his work, including his own salary & transport. I would see from the enclosures in 90, which details yet another ³⁷⁸⁸² piece of work by him, that he has already returned to the frontier. No doubt he is playing a great game of bluff, and it will be difficult to get him on to any more regular pay & administration of the frontier district such as is inevitable in the long run. But he should be allowed to go on at least until a new form of control has been devised, approved, & brought into effective operation; & it will be a great pity

if some place cannot be found for him even then.

I should be inclined to reply by telegraph that the S. of B. will be glad to give careful consideration to any proposals which the Govt may submit by despatch, & that it is necessary that any such proposals should be explained in detail & accompanied by an estimate of cost & an indication of the manner in which the cost is to be met, for the purpose of reference to the Treasury. That it appears from a dispatch from Adis Ababa dated the 20th of October that Mr Zaphiro has already returned to the frontier, & that the S. of B. commandant there should continue his work there until new arrangements have been approved & made effective; & that the W. O. will be asked to extend the period for which Capt. Colburn has been seconded

So as to permit of his remaining
in East Africa for 3 months from the 20th
Jan^y next, with arrears to send copy of
the telegram & our reply to the 7.0 (20)
& ask W.O. as to Capt. Aylmer or
that officer's papers.

Harb.

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Mr. Fuller
I agree. Mr. Zephier has an
extraordinary knowledge of the
local conditions & of the various
languages & I should have thought
that he would have been invaluable
to the new administration, at any rate
until it had had time to acquire
its own experience.

H. J. D.

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I agree P.M. 8

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Sods J.

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Paraphrase of a telegram from the Governor of the East Africa
Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the
Colonies,

(Received, Colonial Office, 2.15 p.m. 15th November 1909.)

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with regard to opinion expressed by Quinn
in his memorandum enclosed in your confidential des-
patch of August 27th I consider that time has now come
in Imperial matters and especially control by officers
of this Protectorate on the Abyssinian boundary. I
regard this as essential both for administrative reasons
and owing to the growing importance of trade in horses
and cattle I suggest that frontier district should
be formed with stations at Keru, Marsabit and Fort
Harrington. Gagniere should not return to frontier.
It is necessary to support Barrett who has succeeded
him (Afen). I have to request that the War
Office may be asked to consent to the re-secondment
of Aymer who is at Moyale or Fort Harrington for
three months at least - see my telegram 20132 and
previous correspondence.

H. H. H.

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Mr. H.S. 18/11

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Mr. Baller 13

may submit by despatch

Mr. Pidd

Proposals should be explained

Mr. Just

Mr. Coar

Sir C. Lucas

Sir F. Hopwood
Col. Seely
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