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Regulation of Juba River

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on proposal by Ital. Govt for a mixed Commission
to examine the questions at issue on the spot.

Italian
Mr Fiddes Reply that the proposal is
acceptable to H. M.'s Govt & suggest
that the arrangements for the app't of the
Comm: should be made locally between
the two Administrations & send copy
of the corresp^{ce} to the O.A.S. for
ref. & guidance L.D. ?

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
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FOREIGN OFFICE

July 7 1909.

Sir:—

With reference to your letter 2307 of March 20th last respecting the regulation of the Juba River, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith copies of a note to the Italian Ambassador and of His Excellency's reply on the subject.

Sir E. Grey assumes that the Italian Government wish a Mixed Commission to examine the questions at issue on the spot and he will be glad to learn if this proposal should in the Earl of Crewe's opinion be accepted by His Majesty's Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. Langley

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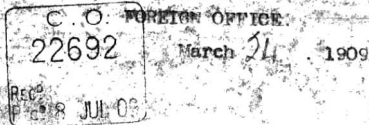
Your most Obedient,

humble Servant,

W. Langley

*Ambassy
24.09.*

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.



Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has represented to me that certain questions require settlement in regard to the Juba River which as you are aware forms the boundary between the British East Africa Protectorate and Italian Somaliland.

It will be within your recollection that in the Protocol signed at Rome on March 24th. 1891, it is laid down that the boundary shall follow the mid-channel (thalweg) of the River Juba from the sea to latitude 6° North.

It would, however, appear that there are certain islands in the bed of the river and it seems to His Majesty's Government desirable that an agreement should be come to as to their ownership.

It seems to His Majesty's Government also desirable that an International River Board should be formed

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to control irrigation during the low water season, as if the natives are allowed to divert any quantity of water they choose for irrigation, navigation cannot fail to be seriously hampered.

His Majesty's Government would propose that the Board should fix a water level below which no water should be diverted and that the head of each irrigation canal should be made permanent with masonry subject to the approval of the Board to prevent the flow of water below that level.

I have the honour to suggest that the Board might be composed of the Principal Civil Administrator on each side and of the Chief Engineer of each Protectorate.

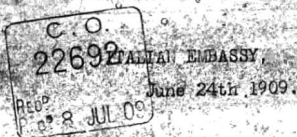
I have the honour to express to you my hope that these proposals may be acceptable to the Italian Government.

I have the honour to be,
with high consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(for Sir E. Sney)
(Signed) W. Langley



Your Excellency:-

I did not fail to communicate to my Government in due course Your Excellency's note No. 10999 of March 24th last respecting the advisability of concluding an agreement for regulating the ownership of the islands in the Juba and the control of the water of that river.

The Italian Government consider that the general proposals formulated are acceptable in principle and that the best means of reaching an agreement would be the nomination of a commission of delegates of the two Governments to whom would be entrusted the study of the proposals to be submitted for the approval of the two Governments for the regulation of the questions of common interest concerning the Juba.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency would inform me whether this mode of procedure meets with the approval of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

I have (&c.),
(Signed) A. di San Giuliano.

F.O.-21692 E.A.P.

T. U. er Secretary of State
Foreign Office

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23 July 09

Sir,

I am etc. to ack. the recd. of your
letter No. 24387-09 of the 7th of July,
respecting the regulation of the Juba river,

MINUTE. and to suggest, for the consn. of Sir E. Grey,

Mr. Denby 19th that the Marquis ^{di} San Giuliana should be
Mr. Buller 20th informed, in reply to his note of the 24th
Mr. Just. of June, that the proposals contained in it
Mr. Antrobus. for the appointment of a commission of dele-
Mr. Cox. gates of the ^{Italian & Br.} ~~two~~ governments to investigate
Sir C. Lucas. the questions of the ownership of the

Sir F. Hopwood islands in the river and the control of its
Col. Seely. waters is acceptable to H. M. G.

The Earl of Crewe. Lord Crewe would also suggest that ~~the~~
it should be proposed to the Marquis di San
Giuliano that the arrangements for the appt.
of the commission should be made locally
between the administrations of Italian
Somaliland and the East Africa Prot.

I, etc.,

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