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This memo. summarising events for week ending 15th July.

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No. 443.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

July 21st, 1916.

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Sir,

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In continuation of my despatch No. 425 of the 10th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 15th July summarising the events in connection with the Somali unrest in the Northern territories of the Protectorate.

Memorandum

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway, Resident.

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDING

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SATURDAY JULY 15th.

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REG. 31 AUG 16I. THE DETAILS.

(i) On the 13th of July a letter dated Kismayu June 16th was received from Mr. Power. The two Herti runners sent to the Marehan country have returned and state that they saw the Chiefs of the Rer Farah Ughas who informed them that the Marehan have had many small affrays with the Aulihan and are waiting until the Government makes a move when they will give us assistance.

The Aulihan are reported to be deserting Abdurrahman Mursaal and a considerable number of his own section to have joined the Marehan.

N.B.- If this is correct Mr. Power thinks the Marehan in question would be the Rer Tulha or Rer Hassan (Rer Doi sections). The remaining sections are Galti who would not be likely to welcome any Muslim Wafattu.

Some sections of the Aulihan intend to go to the Usse Nyiro and it appears that messengers have been sent to the Abd Wak to try to persuade that tribe to join them.

(ii) On the same day a letter dated Kismayu July 6th was received from the Acting Provincial Commissioner. He has been informed that during May the Marehan took considerable loot from the Aulihan. He learns also from Maalia Abdi (vide Preci for week ending April 1st I(11))

(a) that Abdurrahman Mursaal has sent Gabobi Abdi

(Chief

(Chief of the Garreh?) to Abyssinia with 30 camels loaded with cloth looted from Serepli as a present to the Abyssinians in the hope of obtaining permission to live in Abyssinian territory;

(b) that the Mohamed Zubeir are quite loyal, in spite of repeated efforts on the part of Abdurrahman Mursaal.

The Bartiri and Tur Adi have been ordered not to go to Kismayu, Gobwen, or Yonte. The Aulihan obtain much information from caravans composed of members of these sections;

(c) that the Serepli Aulihan have moved towards Wajheir. Mohamed Aden, probably Intelligence Agent, reports confirming the raids by the Marchan on the Aulihan and states that the Habr Suliman (the Mad Mullah's section) wish to join the Mohamed Zubeir.

It is stated that a dispute has arisen between Abdurrahman Mursaal and some of the Rer Afgab, the former wishing to go to Abyssinia, the latter to Wajheir.

Abdurrahman Mursaal is reported to have ordered his own section, the Wafattu, to loot any Somali near Wajheir. They accordingly took 200 camels from the Maghabal, whereas Abdurrahman Mursaal's intention was that they should raid the Mohamed Zubeir, to prevent the Rer Afgab from coming to terms with them.

(iii) On the 10th the repeated telegram referred to in I(ii) of last week's precis was received. It was to the effect that all ^{the} Mohamed Zubeir chiefs asked for permission for their young men to proceed to Wajheir to fight the Aulihan.

(iv) The Somali Ali Khush, vide precis for June 17th

17th I(i), tried to escape en route to Gobwen and was shot. His body was hanged the following morning for one hour before an enormous crowd.

(v) On the 13th Mr. Power telegraphed reporting a rumour that the Mijjertein and Warsengeleh Somali had attacked the Mullah who suffered 2000 casualties. The Mullah is reported to be at Obbia.

(vi) On the 2nd Captain Porcelli, Officer Commanding Troops, Jubaland, reported the Mohamed Zubeir to be quiet, but he intended, shortly to take a large patrol to their country with the object of increasing their intention to remain loyal.

The garrison at Alexandra is being reduced to 21 Jubaland Irregular Constabulary and 21 police.

Abdurrahman Nurmaal is said to have received news that the chief of the Abyssinian Aulihan, Dagulli, will permit him to join him.

The Government of Italian Somaliland has consented to allow stores of every kind to be sent to Brava and will be responsible for their delivery at Bardera. This will greatly facilitate the reoccupation of Serenli.

(vii) Farah Got, vide Precip for week ending April 1st I(i) is proceeding to Kismayu to see Mr. Power.

II. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS. Mr. Kitformaster will proceed to Nairobi from Marsabit.

III. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES. Certain of the Aulihan are reported to be at Mirgis near Wajheir.

IV. DECISIONS ARRIVED AT. A reply has been sent to I (iii) above that the Government cannot consent to the request of the Mohamed Zubeir. As far as is known, no Aulihan are near Wajheir, and raids by the Mohamed Zubeir might make the situation there more complicated.

Nairobi,

18th, 1916.

Sd/- T. S. Thomas.