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To
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Mr. Zaphiro's claim

for expenses incurred in construction
Fort Harrington

Sends despatch & statements recd from
Mr. Kinnels at Addis Ababa

Mr. Bittmanley

Now send Gov East with ref. to

to 43143 copies of letter to go

of 22 Sept (43143) to letter of

4 Oct (45674), letter to go of

16 Oct (45674) and this letter

of 1 Jan (with enclosures) for his

concern. Observe re. at A in my

minute on 45674 and give a lead

in the direction of paying the

£322 from East funds in the case.

Copy for to case of Jan 15
Cms: 7 April 16 15200 to

Next subsequent Paper.

To
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H.H. Johnson

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Room 3

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 49014 1915

and address—
The Under-Secretary of State
Foreign Office,
London.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies, and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office

January 1, 1916.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter to Foreign Office: October 16 (45674/1915)

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
His Minister at Adeos Ababa, No. 47, December 3	Mr. Laphiro's claim for expenses incurred in construction of Fort Harrington.

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Paris, Alsace

December 3, 1915.

Sir:-

With reference to the correspondence forwarded to me on the 21st. October last on the subject of Mr. Zaphiro's claims for expenses incurred in the building of Fort Harrington, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith

- (1) a general statement of accounts from October 24, 1905 to April 24, 1908 handed in by Mr. Zaphiro;
- (2) copy of Sir John Harris's despatch to the Foreign Office forwarding the accounts and raising the question of the loss of three hundred and thirty pounds incurred by Mr. Zaphiro in two and a half years' work;
- (3) a statement on honour that Mr. Zaphiro expended three hundred and thirty two pounds on buildings which has never been repaid to him.

I would further state that I cannot find in the archives of this Legation any trace or reference to the present claim.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

with the highest respect,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Wilfrid Hussin

The Right Honourable

Sir Edward Grey Bart. M.C., M.P.

etc. etc. etc.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs.

Ph. C. Saphire R.A.F. general statement of

Government grant
 Sale of mules at Berah
 Sale of confiscated ivory,
 for rations, Presents

L. 2250-0-0
 " 98-2-I
 " 63-3-2
 balance 450-3-I

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Accounts from 24th October 1905 to 24th April 1908.

Pay for 2 1/4 years L. 500-0-0
 Subsistence allowance 2 1/4 years " 456-5-0
 Paid Mr. Beyer a/c expenses incurred
 for transportation of confiscated
 ivory to Nairobi 120-3-9
 Rations & Presents (sale of confiscated
 ivory 63-3-2
 Camp Equipment (L. 50 Every 2 years) 100-0-0
 Servant " g 359
 Messengers. Presents etc. " 1070.50
 Transport " 5796.25
 Pay Rations " 5815.20
 Mohammedally & Co " 1894.75
 Sumaries 375.50
 g 15309.50

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Sir John Harrington to Sir [unclear]

Adis Ababa

May 25, 1908.

Sir:-

I have the honour to forward herewith the accounts rendered by Mr. P. Zaphiro, Frontier Inspector on the East African and Abyssinian boundary. It will be seen from the statement rendered by Mr. Zaphiro that, exclusive of the expense incurred by him in forwarding confiscated ivory with about £2000 to the East African Administration at Nairobi, which expense has been recovered ^{from} by them by Bill on the Crown Agents and refunded to him, he has suffered a personal loss of £330 on two and a half years' work.

It was clearly intimated to Mr. Zaphiro on appointment that his pay was £200 a year, his camp equipment allowance £50 every second year, and his personal allowance 10/- a day, and that an expenditure of £900 a year was in no case to be exceeded. His explanation is that, with the number of men which £900 a year allows him to maintain, it was impossible for him to watch 400 miles of frontier, and at the same time prevent the smuggling of ivory from British territory, and that he supposed that the cost of the necessary extra men employed to prevent illegal trade in ivory would be met from the value of the ivory confiscated.

Mr. Zaphiro has never been in Government employment previous to this appointment and evidently laboured,

which

which is excusable under the circumstances, under the idea that, if he could collect ivory for the benefit of the East African Administration, he would be refunded the expenditure incurred in collecting it. A point to be borne in consideration is that, when sanction was asked for the appointment, exchange was 10 dollars to the pound sterling. Ever since it has been less, varying from 8½ to 9 7/8 from October 1905 to December 1907. This has made his dollar expenditure heavier than he anticipated.

The result of his two and a half years' work is that outside his subsistence allowance, he has received in pay £170 only, and I venture strongly to recommend for your favourable consideration his plea that he should be re-imbursed the £330 he has personally paid from the value of the ivory he confiscated and handed over to the East African Administration.

He has done most excellent work on the Southern frontier and I have no hesitation in declaring that the results have been obtained more economically than by any other arrangements that could have been made.

I have etc.

(signed) John Harrington.

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I, the undersigned P.C. Zaphiro, hereby declare upon honour that I actually expended the sum of three hundred and thirty two pounds on the construction, between April 1907 and January 1908, of the fort at Boyale, and that I have never included this sum in my accounts with His Majesty's Government, nor has the expenditure ever been repaid to me.

British Legation,

Adis Ababa.

December 2, 1915.

P. C. Zaphiro
B. F. Couraud

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Mr. Harper, 5 January 1916

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With reference to your despatch No. 627 of the 19th of August I have the honour to transmit to you the acc. copy of copies on the subject of Mr Zaphiro's claim for the refund of exp^{ts} incurred in building Fort Harrington

2 In view of the admirable work done by Mr Zaphiro in performing on the Abyssinian boundary for many years

inclined to think
I am ~~opinion~~ that
the mere delay of
presentation should be
allowed to prejudice
of his claim, and

I shall be glad if you
will consider most carefully
whether ~~the~~ the sum of £332
~~circumstances~~ ~~the~~
~~amount~~ cannot rather

be paid to him from
Est. funds.

Yours