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Transfer & Cession of Territory within British Empire War

1919  
25. Nov.

previous Paper.  
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Ranach's motion & Col Amery's reply to the Foreign  
question re - reference was made to the Treaty  
of London 1915. Questions advisability of mentioning  
Ri. officially reports and that in the Draft Treaty  
concerning the cession, care was taken to avoid reference with

~~Mr. B. H. ...~~  
There seems to be nothing to be  
done. It appears from  
the papers that F.O.  
referred the question to C.O.  
to deal with.  
It was perhaps the as well,  
in the absence of any special  
reason to the contrary, to  
ask accept of ...  
request.

subsequent Paper

The F.O. do not seem to ...  
value that the cession of territory has  
been justified before public opinion  
& that it is impossible without  
reference to the 1915 Treaty ...

make that good (with the  
same of us at my request). I should  
be inclined to study

was  
26.10.19

Col. [unclear]

I think we had express regard to the  
that the question was referred to us by F.O.  
and the F.O. minute, on the one hand  
was bound, referred to the Treasury without  
indicating that it was undertaken by  
in person.  
reference to ~~the~~ study.

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any further communication  
in subject please quote

153038/W.50

address,

not to any person by name,

The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE 865

REC'D  
Receiv'd November 25th, 1919.

Sir:-

I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to refer to the answer given in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies to Mr. Foreman on November 13th, relative to the future of Jubaland, of Kismayu and the surrounding country, and to arrangements entered into by the Allies for the transfer or cession of territory which was British before the war.

Lord Curzon observes that in Lieutenant-Colonel Amery's reply reference was made to the Treaty of London of 1915; he would have been glad to have had an opportunity of discussing the advisability of mentioning that document officially. In the draft Treaty confirming the proposed cessions care has been taken to avoid such a reference in view of the article in the Covenant of the League of Nations, in accordance with which the draft Treaty will eventually have to be published, and a reference

Under-Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

reference in it to the Treaty of 1915 would naturally  
lead to a demand for the publication of that Treaty  
also.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

*Gerald Spicer*

~~Top Secret~~

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all if

I am directed to ask the name  
of your letter No 153058/W/5  
of the 25th of Nov. to request

you to visit Lord Curzon to  
Kedleston that it is  
regretted that reference was  
made to the Treaty of London

of 1815 in the reply to the  
Parliamentary Question  
asked by Mr. Foreman  
on the 13th of November.

2. In consequence to  
the Government the Question  
was referred to this Dept.

- Mr. ...
- H. Lambert
- H. Road
- G. ...
- Amery
- A. Milner

that the committee carried in  
the 70, in which the reply  
to the Committee was based, referred  
to the Treaty, and did not indicate  
that it was unreasonable to  
mention it in the reply.

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(SIGNED) H. D. READ.

Dec. 16/19

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Dear Read

Your letter 67445 of Dec. 4  
and the disclosure in an  
answer to a P.Q. by Mr.  
man of the treaty of  
with Italy.

Can you tell me to  
whom in the F.O. your  
is referred? We cannot  
the author of the  
which you mention.

R. Spurling

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Quasi p. to Board's  
Explanation

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Not speaking by

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Don speaking

- Mr. Dec 24/1909
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr. G. Lambert
- Mr. H. Lamb.
- Mr. G. Fiddes.
- Col. Amory
- Lord Minton.

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*[Handwritten scribble]*

In case  
+ in 645.16  
in request

Have received your  
letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> about  
the Foreman's Election  
in the W. C.

I send you for  
perusal & return  
the F.O. paper  
which contains  
the Board's decision

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[December 3]

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No. 1.

Foreign Office to Colonial Office

Foreign Office, December 3, 1919.

I AM directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to transmit to you herewith two copies of a memorandum communicated to His Majesty's Government by the Italian Delegation recently in London to negotiate the conclusion of the African negotiations carried on at Paris by Lord Milner and Signor Tittoni. Copy of this memorandum has already been communicated to your department semi-officially.

You observe from the memorandum, copy of which is also enclosed herewith, that His Majesty's Government broke off the negotiations partly on the ground that the proposals contained in the Italian memorandum went far beyond the questions raised by Lord Milner in Paris. Lord Curzon feels, however, that the Italian Government may raise these further questions at any time in the future, and he is therefore glad to receive the observations of the Acting Secretary of State on the points thereon at your early convenience.

The map of Abyssinia has not been reproduced, but it may be stated that it is intended so as to include in the Italian sphere the whole of Abyssinia except—

(A) A sphere adjacent to French Somaliland, bounded on the west by the course of the Oudda river from its source to its junction with the Blue Nile, thence down the right bank to its junction with the Muger, thence, approximately, south-east past Adis Ababa to the Hawash, thence along the Hawash to the intersection of the Jibuti railway and along, but south of, that railway to Doré Dawa. From Doré Dawa to the sea, thence, roughly, to the Jigga, which is not marked by name, and due south to the intersection of latitude 8° north and longitude 44° east, thence along longitude 44° east to its intersection with the frontiers of British and Italian Somaliland.

The northern frontier of this sphere from the source of the Oudda towards French Somaliland is so roughly marked that it cannot be described.

(B) A sphere bounded very approximately by longitude 36° east from the neighbourhood of Gallabat to its intersection with latitude 8° north, thence due south to the north end of Lake Regina Margherita to latitude 6° north, along that line of latitude to the intersection of the River Ganale Doria, and down the right bank of that river to Doka. The distance within the above area west of Adis Ababa between the Blue Nile and Ganale Doria, where these rivers flow respectively roughly west and east, is marked in lines as being of doubtful allocation, but, as stated above, the whole map is very roughly drawn and has no geographical value.

GEBALD SPICER.

\* "Africa," Confidential Print, Section 1, No. 10,018.  
† "Africa," Confidential Print, Section 1, No. 10,017.

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No. 1.

*Memorandum communicated to the Marquis Lampedusa, November 25, 1919.*

THE Italian Delegation, referred to in the letter of the 15th October from the Italian Ambassador to Lord Hardinge as proceeding by cable in order to transform the formal exchange of notes the colonial agreement previously concluded between Lord Milner and Signor Tittoni, was received by Lord Milner on the 14th instant.

Lord Milner stated that he was unable to refer the attention to Italy of a zone in Jubaland without consultation with the Governor of British East Africa, who was on his way to London but could not arrive for some two or three weeks.

The Italian Delegation then desired to reopen the question of the frontier between Egypt and Cyrenaica as previously agreed upon between Lord Milner and Signor Tittoni in Paris. For this purpose they were referred to the Foreign Office, where they were received on the 24th instant, and were handed a draft convention embodying the arrangements agreed upon in Paris.

At this meeting the Italian Delegation developed their claim as regards the Egyptian frontier, and it became apparent that the presence of the official who was detailed to Lord Milner during the negotiations in Paris would be required. This official could not be spared for the moment from his duties in Paris.

The Italian Delegation also communicated to the Foreign Office proposals for an agreement about various other African questions, which had not previously been discussed with Lord Milner nor with any other representative of His Majesty's Government.

On preliminary examination it was evident that these questions could not be dealt with without reference to His Majesty's diplomatic and colonial representatives in the countries concerned, and the Italian Delegation would have been so informed at the next meeting at the Foreign Office.

Before any such meeting could be held, or the views of the Italian Delegation on the draft convention were received, the Foreign Office was informed by the Italian Embassy that the Italian Delegation had been recalled to Rome and would have to leave by the beginning of the present week.

In these circumstances His Majesty's Government felt that it would be useless to resume the negotiations.

His Majesty's Government note with satisfaction from the letter of the Italian Ambassador that the Italian Government are prepared to recognise the British Protectorate in Egypt, and they are ready to discuss any modifications in the formula communicated semi-officially to the Italian Ambassador.

His Majesty's Government consider, however, that it would be best on general grounds to postpone any further discussion of the African proposals until a settlement can be negotiated of all territorial questions at issue, especially as these questions arise out of the Peace Treaty and the recent action of the United States Senate creates some uncertainty with regard to the final form which that treaty will assume.

*Foreign Office, November 25, 1919.*