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Military Administration of Abyssinian Frontier District

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Previous Paper.

This copy despatch for Major Dodds stating military administration in Amoy and asking when change will take place. It is understood Prot Goddard will inform him when change is made.

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Copy for copy of the 4/11/19

but making  
You will wish to mention  
to all of our discussion  
in Amoy told us that  
19 K.M., General K. M. Collins  
& Col. Phillips were all  
agreed as to this question  
of military administration of N. & S.  
that 3 & 5 K.M. should  
retained as separate units,  
but each with 3 Corps  
only (assuming Garrison  
is no longer required)

Subsequent Paper.

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Woodcut under  
charge.

The Gov. said he wd write  
me on this subject, but  
he has not done so yet.

The new arrangements here,  
as you know, been approved  
on 6.35.7/19. - so there is  
really nothing to write about  
except as to Garrison  
& Mr. Jewell.

at Col

17.12.19

I send Sir E. & Mr. Thos. St. John

a copy of this to letter & list.

I will wait till Monday

that he begins to report on

writing on the question of the

future administrative arrangements

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at Col

17.12.19

In any further communication  
on this subject, please quote

No. 159230/W/1.

Foreign Office

December 12th 1910.

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

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Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 147965 of 5th November, relative to the military administration in the district of the East African Protectorate bordering on Abyssinia, I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to transmit to you herewith copy of despatch No. 117 from His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Addis Ababa.

Lord Curzon understands that the Government of the Protectorate will inform Major Dodds in good time before the change in the administration actually takes place, so that suitable explanations may be made beforehand to the Abyssinian Government.

I am  
Sir,  
Your most obedient  
humble servant,

Gerald Spicer

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

BRITISH LEGATION,

DISABABA.

October 30th, 1919.

Copy.

In reply to Your Lordship's telegram No 108 of the 8th and in confirmation of my telegram No 148 I have the honour to give as my opinion that military administration of the East African Protectorate frontier is advisable in view of the continued very disturbed condition of Abyssinian territory bordering the frontier.

The Abyssinian Government in the past have regarded our protestations regarding the state of disorder on the frontiers with more or less indifference. With the occupation of Gaddaduma they have been lightened of the fact that we are no longer to be put off with excuses and, the military administration of the East African Protectorate frontier will confirm this impression.

I have not been asked for my opinion from the military point of view of this change but, I venture to suggest that, in the light of our occupation of territory claimed by the Abyssinian Government as belonging to them we should be well advised to insure the safety of the lines of communication with Gaddaduma in view of possible eventualities. This can only be

Honourable

Major of Redoubt K.O. S.C.S.I. C.C.I.F.

etc., etc., etc.,

efficiently, I take it, by military administration of the frontier.

I do not anticipate, at the present time, that the Abyssinian Government would be foolish enough to attempt to force our evacuation but, it is always well to be prepared for all eventualities. The fact, moreover, of military administration of our frontier would dissuade them of any such attempt.

Further, I can tell the Abyssinian Government that we have been forced to take this step by their utter neglect to make an attempt to establish order on their frontiers and for no other reason.

I believe military administration of the frontier will have a salutary effect in general on the minds of the Abyssinians.

I have to ask that I may be informed when the time is to take place as it will be necessary to explain carefully the reason of this change to the Abyssinian Government.

I am addressing copies of this despatch to Cairo, Harthoum and Nairobi.

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble Servant,

signed J B Dodds.

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Ans'd 25<sup>th</sup> 26

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Northey Camp. C.B.

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23 December 1919

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for your info the case copy  
of a letter with stamps from  
the DO relative to the  
administration in the district  
of the C.B.P. bordering on  
Alaska.

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It is understood that the  
proposed amendment in writing  
on the question of  
administration of  
in the Northey Camp