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FROM  
FOREIGN OFFICE,

DATE  
21st October 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION:—

Mr.  
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Mr.  
1st U.S. of S.

*Mr. Sturley*

2nd U.S. of S.  
3rd U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

ABYSSINIA, MALADMINISTRATION OF BORAN PROVINCE.

Consider it best not to make representations for the present. Seek concurrence in terms of draft despatch to Mr Bentinck regarding future treatment of the Degodia.

Previous Paper

*O.A.C. 46050*

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*There is no reason for pressing  
70. if they think it best to go slow.  
And I suppose it makes little  
difference in the long run.  
I ask & answer &  
send copy of 47525 sub. &  
reply to Kenya in next conf.  
despatch ref. 43955.*

*W. Sturley*

*C.P. 27/10 22.10.25*

Subsequent Paper

*O.A.C. 46011*

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*27.10.25.*



the additional population of the frontier region would be drawn from the south, or from Abyssinian refugees. But the fact that in 1924 the reception of Abyssinian refugees up to the limit of available water was contemplated, <sup>and</sup> and the further fact that the acting Governor has now pointed out that, if the Degodia are unwilling to return to Abyssinia, their retention would be a first stage towards the filling up of the frontier region, seem to point <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ looking to the additional population being drawn from Abyssinia rather than <sup>from</sup> ~~to~~ any northward movement of the British tribes.

In the same despatch, the acting Governor of Kenya <sup>has</sup> ~~pointed out~~ that, if the Degodia remain, doubts exist as to the possibility of their remaining on friendly terms with the Gurre, and any conflict (which would almost certainly originate at the watering places) would be the first stage of the resistance of local tribes to new arrivals from Abyssinia, which the acting Governor suggests as the sequel to his policy of filling up the frontier.

It is clear <sup>that</sup> ~~though~~ the attitude of the Degodia to repatriation, whatever it may be, is likely to have a material bearing <sup>on</sup> ~~of~~ future policy, but, apart from that, it seems desirable that the Government of Kenya should be asked to define more closely the policy which they have in mind, and the steps which they contemplate for carrying it into effect.

As regards Abyssinia, it has been stated above that the climate of the <sup>Boran</sup> ~~Boran~~....." and so on to the end of page 13.

Keep page 14 as it stands and omit the rest.

In any further communication  
on this subject, please quote

No. J 3008/1121/1.

and address  
not to any person by name.

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

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

S.W.1.

21st October, 1925.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 43955/25 of the 12th instant in which Mr. Secretary Amery suggested that strong representations should be made to the Abyssinian Government on the subject of the maladministration of the Boran Province.

2. Mr. Chamberlain is inclined to think that, the appointment of Fitaurari Ayella to the Boran Province, being designed to prevent further disturbances in that province, it would be best to postpone making any representations of the sort suggested by Mr. Amery until it is known whether the Fitaurari will be strong enough to put a stop to the brutalities of subordinate officials. In the circumstances it would seem to be sufficient if instructions are sent to Mr. Pentinck in the sense of the enclosed draft despatch and I am to enquire whether Mr. Amery concurs. If a recrudescence of official persecution occurs under the Governorship of Fitaurari Ayella and appears likely to lead to fresh migrations, Mr. Chamberlain will of course be prepared to instruct Mr. Pentinck to address a strong remonstrance to the Abyssinian Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*John Murray*

Under-Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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Mr. Bentinck.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 116 of the 21st August regarding the repatriation of the Degodia to Abyssinia, I transmit to you, herewith, copies of the recent correspondence on this subject with the Colonial Office. The enclosures to the first letter from the Colonial Office have been omitted as you are already in possession of the facts to which they relate, if not of copies of the papers themselves.

2. I consider that the departure of Fitaurari Ayella to his post will afford a suitable opportunity for a note to the Abyssinian Government stating that, on the occasion of the repatriation of the emigrants, His Majesty's Government desire, in the most friendly spirit, to urge the Abyssinian Government only to appoint officials in whom they can place complete trust to the province where maladministration and brutality in the past have resulted in the flight of the oppressed to British territory and in recriminations between the two governments. His Majesty's Government trust that the high hopes which they and the Abyssinian Government place in the integrity of the Fitaurari will not be failed by events and that a stop will be put once and for all to the oppressions of petty...

petty officials in the Baran Province to  
escape from which the unfortunate  
inhabitants have been forced to take  
refuge in British territory.

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SIR,

31 October 1925

Sir,

Uganda  
~~the British~~

With reference to  
~~the correspondence~~  
 the correspondence  
 the correspondence  
 noted in the margin  
 with regard to the repatriation  
 of the Degodia to transmit  
 for your information copies  
 of the correspondence with the  
 Foreign Office on the subject  
 of ~~Abyssinia~~ maladministration  
 of the Bora Province,  
 Abyssinia.

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 27 Aug  
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(Signed) L. S. AMERY

Handwritten initials 'L.S.'

