CO REU 22 001 25 FOREIGN OFFICE. 21st October 1925. R CIRCULATION :--Mr. ABYSSINIA. MALADMINISTRATION OF BORAN PROVINCE. Mr. 1.81 U.S of S. hi shockery 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. mi I'N ALK de US of S. -tary of State Previous Paper JA & 46050 MINUTES There is no reason for pressay 70. if they think it book to go show. and Implose it makes with deffective in the long were. Pack y concer + sena Why of 475252 refly to theye in despetit ref. 43 955. sis moure. 22.10.45 Subsequent Paper A 6-48011 27.10.15. 3382) Wt. 11010/26 Gp. 140 12000 8-25 W &

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Page 2, and of paragraph fead but to return them forcibly without guarantee of good treatment, to the horrors from which they have escaped would, except for grave reason, be an act of whumanity."

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Page 6, first sentence, second paragraphe at fome sections of the Boran tribe, migrants of an earlier date, now live permanently across the frontier in British territory."

Page 8, at the end of the paragraph fead "West of the present boundary between Jubaland and the Morthern Prontier Province, and a Somali . . . . . .

Page 13, substitute the following: \*\*in-theother side, it has been laid down that the arrangements the repatriation of the Degodia may proceed,
on the understanding that they will not be removed
forcibly, and that the decretary of State for the
Colonies will be further consulted if the arrangements
for voluntary repatriation break down.

Such is the position at present. There

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remains to be considered what measures should be taken to safeguard the future. On the Abyssinian side of the frontier, administration of a sort already exists, though too frequently of a permicious type, On our side of the frontier, there have been military patrols, which have been consideredly successful in checking the progress of indursions from Abyssinia, but we cannot hope entirely to prevent such incursions in the future. A certain amount of civil administration in the Northern Frontier Province is a large area. largely there, and only inhabited by scartly tribes.

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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, 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 his looking to the additional population being drawn from Abyssinia rather than any north ward movement of the British tribes.

In the same despatch, the acting Governor of Kenya phinted 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 policy of filling up the frontier.

It is clear though the attitude of the Degodia to repatriation, whatever it may be, is likely to have a material bearing of future policy, but apart from that, it seems desirable that the Covernment 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.

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in any further communication this subject, please quote

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

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21s6 October

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 Boren Province.

2. Mr. Chamberlain is inclined to think that, the ap cintment 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 crutalities of subordinate officials. In the circumstances it would seem to be sufficient if instructions are sent to Mr. Bentinck 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 Abysainian Government.

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Sir,

Your bedient Servant,

Under-Secretary of State,

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With reference to your despatch No. 115; if the 21st August regarding the repairination at the Degodia to Abyseinia, I transmit to you, berewith, dopies of the recent serrespondence on this subject with the Colonial Office, the anglosures to the first letter from the Colonial Office have been amitted 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 emigra His Mujesty's Government desire, in the most friendly spirit, to urge the abyesinian Government only to appoint officiels in whom they can place complete trust to the province where maladministration and bruselity in the past have resulted in the flight of the oppressed to British territory and in recriminations between the two governments. His Majesty's Covernment trust that the high hopes which they and the Abyssinian Government place in the integrity of the Fitaurari will not to belief by weste one that a stee will be put once and for all to the oppressions of

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