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ABYSSINIA FRONTIER

REOCCUPATION OF GADDADUMA

15th JANUARY

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Does not consider Italian interests can possibly be affected and it is not proposed to make any further communication to Italian Ambassador. Points out short notice given to Adis Ababa was rather embarrassing and suggests Kenya should give due notice of any further operations even of a mixer character on the frontier.

*W. Bottomley*

In view of his...  
...speaking to you...  
...advised...  
para 3...  
...copy of...

*W.B.*

Mr. Gwille

...Gaddaduma is...  
...of the...  
...any...  
...of...

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the cessation of Abyssinian soldiers on  
the helpless tribes.

Last year when we & 20. were being  
evacuated the continuance of the temporary  
occupation of the place, we had only heard  
that the Gov. had evacuated it. Now  
we find that it has been ~~re-~~  
occupied by patrols on occasion  
allowed to my work and that it is  
now to be reoccupied until further  
notice. All this makes the delicate  
task of administering a Abyssinia  
very difficult especially with the  
Italians who are suspicious of our  
motives and (naturally) anxious to find  
a pretext for expression of some  
kind to restore the prestige of  
their front which they lost 25 years  
ago.

20/20 as usual  
S. 2/24

G. J. Hill  
1/10/21

In any further communication  
on this subject, please quote  
No. A 193/14/1.  
and address  
not to any person by name.  
but to—  
"The Under-Secretary of State,"  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE.  
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15th January, 1921.

Sir,

I am directed by Earl Curzon of Kedleston to acknow-  
ledge the receipt of your letter No. 1023/20-21 of the  
7th instant, with regard to the proposals for the reoccu-  
pation of Gaddaduma.

2. In view of the distance of Gaddaduma from the nearest  
point of the Italian frontier, and of the purely local  
nature of the operation contemplated, Lord Curzon does not  
consider that Italian interests can possibly be affected,  
and he consequently does not propose to make any further  
communication on the subject to the Italian Ambassador.

3. I am to add that His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at  
Adis Ababa appears to have been placed in rather an  
embarrassing position owing to the fact that he was given  
such short notice of the instructions given by the Govern-  
ment of Kenya, and I am to suggest, for the consideration of  
the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that due warning  
should be given to His Majesty's Legation at Adis Ababa of  
any further operations, even of a minor character, on the  
Abyssinian frontier.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

R. Spenning

The Under Secretary of State.  
Colonial Office.

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W. S. G.  
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19 January 1921

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of your letter A. 193/14/11  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst with

- Grindle.
- H. Lambert.
- H. Read.
- G. Fiddes.
- Imery.
- Miner.

referred to the proposal  
for the reoccupation  
of Maddaduma & to  
request you to inform Earl  
Cawson of Redleston that  
the Fox of Kentia has been  
incapacitated in the sense of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> of your letter as issued