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May 10th 1921.

My Lord:-

With reference to my telegram No 22 of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith to Your Lordship a translation of the note therein mentioned relating to the despatch of Ras Tafari to the Southern Frontier, and to the relocation of Giddanna.

Being under an obligation to reply to the note before Ras Tafari's departure from the capital, I gave him a verbal intimation in the same sense as the second paragraph of my telegram and trust Your Lordship may approve my action.

I enclose also copy of a despatch I have addressed to His Majesty's Consul in Northern Abyssinia on the same subject.

In my opinion there is now nothing to be done but to await the effect of the measures taken by Ras Tafari. The good results of these, if any, should be apparent within the next few months.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

Signed Claud Russell.

The Rt. Hon.

The Earl Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.

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From His Excellency

His Excellency to the Throne of Ethiopia.

To General Russell Esq.

H.E.M.'s Minister at Addis Ababa.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of March 15th regarding the wells at Gaddaduma in the Boran country, within the territory of the Abyssinian Government. The agreement we made formerly with Mr. Theisiger was that permission was granted to British troops, camped on the Boran frontier, to draw what water they needed from Gaddaduma as a temporary measure. But there was no question of the wells at Gaddaduma being occupied by British troops. Again, at a later date, when Mr. Campbell asked about the matter we assured him in the same way that the Abyssinian Government had never granted any permission for British troops to occupy Gaddaduma, nor would they in future.

With reference to the attacks made by the rebels on the Boran frontier which you told me of, that indeed is a source of danger, and we have given orders to Dejazatch Melesse to go down there and stay at Gaddaduma and the district round there to examine the matter and keep watch, and at the same time to destroy all the rebels down there so that these 'shiftas' may not cause any estrangement of the friendship between our two Governments or harm the interests of our subjects.

As I asked you the other day at our conversation at the Embassy, I now ask you that an order should be sent as soon as possible that the British troops who have camped at Gaddaduma should leave that place quickly and go back

to their territory. We ask you that because it is necessary
for the officer who is going to Berber that the British troops
should first leave Sudanese and Abyssinian territory and
should await the arrival of our officer.

Adis Ababa.

April 28th 1941.

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Head of RA Tafari.

I have no reason to anticipate that an attack on
Siam is intended. It would seem advisable, however,
that on the arrival of Rajasath Assafen in the district,
the local authorities should take all military precautions,
and should avoid any proceedings, or any action that might
be construed as provocative.

Your most obedient servant,

Signed Oland Russell.