



EAST AFR. PROT

C O  
22306

22306

REC'D  
REG. 1 JUL 13

Foreign Office

1913

30 June

Last previous Paper

22/02-1

Disturbances on S. Abyssinian Frontier

Leads tel. from Adis Ababa resp. compensation to be demanded, and draft of proposed reply.

Mr. G. Zeldes.

The nature of the frontier is the important thing from our point of view, as it will enable us to patrol it more easily. There was a discussion [with Mr. R. Wiegand] at the F.O. then morning with regard to the future of Abyssinia (the result will be communicated to us officially) & from what he said I am convinced in my mind that we ought to try to make our forces on the frontier more mobile. Mr. R. W. has got about 800 miles of frontier to patrol on the Abyssinian side & he has found that more mobile force & more frequent patrols work much better than the old system of placing small detachments at fixed stations along the line. The Camel Corps in S. land shows what

Copy raised for Col. 31 Dec. 14, 24005

Next subsequent Paper

22730

what can be done by a very mobile force  
even if it is a small one.

Concern in the terms of the  
proposed tel.?

H. J. R.

2/11/13

M. 2.7.13

W. 3.7.13

Like the idea of more mobile  
forces on the frontier.

E. 3.7.13.

I agree.

H. 4.7.13

2306

2251

22306  
REC'D  
REG. 1 JUL 13

No. 23098/16



FOREIGN OFFICE.

1014

June 30, 1913.

Sir:-

With reference to the letter from the Colonial Office of the 20th ultimo, No. 20743, on the subject of the death of Captain Aylmer in British East Africa, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Gray to transmit to you herewith copy of a telegram which has been received from His Majesty's Minister at Adis Ababa.

I am also to transmit to you the draft of a telegram which it is proposed to address to Mr. Thesiger in reply and I am to enquire whether Mr. Secretary Harcourt concurs in the terms thereof.

*etc*  
I am, Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

*W Langley*

Under Secretary of State,  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

*cap*

C. O.  
28306  
JUL 13

278

Excl 1 - No

... Mr. Theisger, ... June 26th 1913, (at 4 a.m. 27th ... 11 35 am.)

Your telegram No: 9.

These hunters live practically under the protection of local chiefs whose soldiers frequently join with them in these raids, which are preventable.

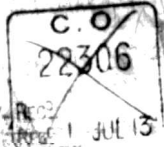
I would concur in lessening compensation subject to acquiescence granting rectification of frontiers.

Suggest holding back final demand until answer given on the point.

Amount immaterial, but in general demands put forward in my tel:

No: 13 should be insisted on at all costs.

Defrain payment in rifles impracticable.



226

Mr. Theisger, Acis Abata, June 26th 1913, (d. 4 a.m. 27th  
r. 11 30 am.)

to: 13.

Your telegram No: 9.

These hunters live practically under the protection of local chiefs whose soldiers frequently join with them in these raids, which are preventable.

I would concur in lessening compensation subject to any gain in granting rectification of frontier.

Suggest holding back final demand until answer given on the point. Amount immaterial, but in general demand put forward in my tel:

to: 13 should be insisted on at all costs.

Afrain payment in rifles impracticable.

Vol 2 in No  
H. Office

June 1913

Draft

Telegram to Mr. Theisger.  
Addis Ababa.

Your telegram No. 18.

I concur in postponing demand for compensation. Let me know your views as to amount in due course. Why is payment in rifles impracticable?

22306  
EAP  
101  
228

783



8<sup>th</sup> July 1913

DRAFT

To H.S.P.

Foreign Office

MINUTE

Mr. Bostwick 5/7/13

Mr. Read 7

Sir G. Fiddes

Sir H. Just

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Emmott

Mr. Harcourt

big call in...  
200's - R. ...

\* No 22306

Copy for Mr. 26/6/13 24835

Sir,  
I am directed by Mr. Secy. Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, and to request you to inform Mr. Edward Grey that he concurs in the terms of the Act which it is proposed to send to H. M. Minister at Aden, Aden on the subject of the compensation to be derived from the Abyssinian Gold in respect of the murder of Col. L. Byler in the East Africa ...

(Signed) H. J. READ  
Secretary of State

For H. J. READ