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NORTHERN FRONTIER DISTRICT

Encloses Report by Mr Archer and Memo. by Col. Theiger. States arrangements made in anticipation of cessation for the administration of the Virenia country. Does not discuss the question of the distribution of troops and replacement in certain stations by irregulars to be known as Border Police

Sir G. Fiddes

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approve of the Gov<sup>r</sup> having authorized Mr Hope as stated in the 14<sup>th</sup> para. of the despatch.

With regard to para 8 the question of the "expedient" will no doubt come up in the Budget Estimates & we can then explain to the Treasury in the meantime approval of the Gov<sup>r</sup>'s action?

These papers sh<sup>d</sup> be re-issued when Sir P. Froward & Col. Henger have returned to London.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.



No. 125.

21st February 1912.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I took advantage of the simultaneous presence in Nairobi of the Inspector-General, King's African Rifles, Mr. Noyce, Officer-in-charge of the Northern Frontier District, and Mr Archer, who has been acting for him during the last 8 months, to discuss the general situation as it exists on the Abyssinian border.

2. We had before us the very full and comprehensive Handing-Over Report compiled by Mr Archer, and also a Memorandum by Colonel Theisiger on our future policy in regard to the frontier tribes. Copies of these documents are enclosed herewith.

3. You will perceive that in the opinion of both these officers the most pressing problem which confronts us at the moment is the treatment of the Marrehan, and that they agree in thinking that unless we take decisive action immediately sanguinary inter-tribal warfare will inevitably result, as the Galla, who have hitherto refrained from retaliatory action in the belief that we will protect them, cannot be expected.

Mr Archer  
Jan 29th  
I.G., K.A.R.  
Jan 29th

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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expected to remain quiet much longer.

4. In view therefore of the urgency of the case and of the complete concurrence of Colonel Theisger I have, in anticipation of your sanction, which I feel confident will not be withheld, authorized Mr Hope on his return to the frontier to inform the chiefs of the Garre that it is the intention of the Government to establish administration in the Garre country at the time of the next floods on the Juba. Mr Archer is to be sent there at the same time, and he will get into touch with the various chiefs and make himself acquainted with the customs and organization of the tribe. He will give them clearly to understand that the Government, while not proposing to take any action in regard to past delinquencies, will allow no further raiding amongst the neighbouring tribes and will, if necessary, employ troops to prevent it.

5. It is hoped that no display of force will be required, but in order that it may be forthcoming, if needed, I am increasing the garrison of the post at Serenli.

6. In order to provide for the necessities of this station it is essential that some system of military transport should be organized forthwith. I have therefore authorized the O. C. Troops to purchase 100 camels and to incur expenditure amounting to £400 on the transport service generally up to June 30th. I have given this date as one prior to which I shall

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have had an opportunity of discussing the whole question with you and Colonel Theisger. The urgency of the situation has compelled me to give these instructions without taking financial considerations into account, but the necessary adjustment will not, I hope, present any special difficulties, and delay would in the opinion of all concerned be most dangerous. I attach a memorandum on the question of transport by the D.C. Troops

Col. Breeding  
in I.G.  
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7. I have remarked above that in establishing relations with the Marrehan I propose to ignore all raids and acts of aggression which have taken place in the past. There is however one case which demands special treatment. While Mr Zaphiro was at Moyale the Marrehan Galti, under a chief named Shirre, raided the Garre and looted 232 cattle belonging to the chief Gabbaba. Gabbaba's only son and brother were killed in the raid. Major Gwynn, R.E., subsequently visited the district and promised Gabbaba that he would be compensated for his loss. Finding himself unable to bring this about, he then stated that the Protectorate Government on assuming control of the frontier would rectify the matter.

8. By this promise we are clearly bound, and, as I think it inadvisable to make any exception to the general amnesty for past misdeeds which it is proposed to offer to the Marrehan, I have instructed Mr Hope to give Gabbaba £200 compensation in cash. I trust that you will approve of this, which I consider unavoidable in the circumstances.

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9. The other main question affecting the Northern Frontier District is, as you will perceive from Mr Archer's report, the distribution of the military forces and their replacement in certain stations by a force of civil irregulars, whom it is proposed to designate Border Police. These men will cost much less than regular troops, their requirements in the way of transport will be very small, and they can more conveniently be employed on the multifarious duties which fall to the lot of the garrisons of remote posts than can detachments of the K.A.R., which remain essentially military.

10. I am entirely in agreement with the proposal, and so is Colonel Theisger, but I have been unable to authorise its immediate adoption because the latter does not consider that a reduction of one company K.A.R. would follow as a natural corollary, and it was to this reduction that I was looking to provide the necessary funds for the Border Police and at the same time effect a substantial reduction on our total expenditure.

11. I shall have an opportunity of discussing this point also with yourself and the Inspector General on our arrival in England.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble obedient servant,

  
GOVERNOR.

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