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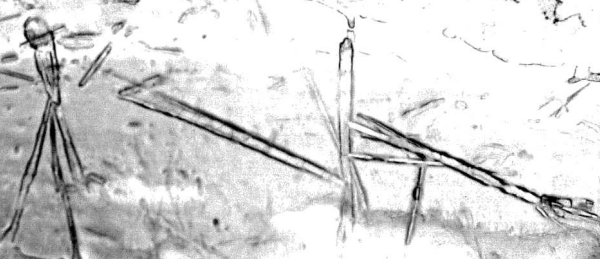
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BOYCOTT OF ITALIAN SHIPPING
BY MAHOMEDAN NATIVES

The ~~Consul~~ ^{Consul} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~Port~~ ^{Port} ~~the~~ ^{the} Provincial Commissioners in Tanaland and Jubala were instructed to do their best to get the boycott removed and the latter was successful largely through the influence of Sheriff Abd-el-Bari bin Abd-el-Rahman.

Copy to the P.O., with reply to
on 12th of the 4th of April. D.T.
at once
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BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

April 26th 1912.

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~~EAST AFRICAN PROTECTORATE~~

No. 308

Sir,

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With reference to your despatch No. 188 of the 4th instant respecting the boycotting of Italian ships by Mahomedan natives of the Protectorate, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of correspondence with the Italian Consular Agent on the subject.

Cav. Frigerio
Jan. 31st

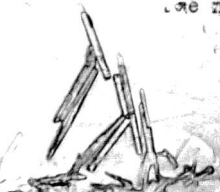
2. The Provincial Commissioners in Tanaland and Jubaland were instructed to do their best to get the boycott removed and the latter was successful in doing so, largely through the influence of Sheriff Abd-el-Bari bin Abd-el-Rahman, who is highly respected by his co-religionists and has always been of great assistance to Government.

To. do.
Feb. 10th

3. I have had no report from Tanaland, but as no further complaints have reached me from Cavaliere Frigerio I presume that there also matters are now satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,

W. B. ...



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

ENCLOSURE

G. O.

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23 Nov 12

the Italian steamer
 S. S. "Strasburgo" of the Societa' nazionale di Servizi
 Crittini found last December to
 touch at the port of Lamu on account of the boy-
 cott declared against everything Italian by cer-
 tain elements of the native population.

For the same reason the said steamer having put
 in at Kismayu in accordance with her regular time
 table was unable to deal with cargo or to embark
 or disembark passengers.

Great Britain having officially promulgated
 and declared her strict neutrality in the Italian-
 Turkish war, such a proceeding on the part of
 British protected subjects in Lamu and Kismayu
 is in complete conflict with the principle of
 neutrality and forces me to protest strongly
 against a state of things so prejudicial to
 Italian interests.

Our steamer "Entella" must shortly return
 to the port and touch at the port of Kismayu in
 order to avoid
 the result of the boycott.
 In order to avoid
 and as to issue
 appropriate instructions to local authorities.
 at Lamu and Kis.

EXCELLENCY

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I had scarcely said that the steamers of this company, in addition to the rights which should be assured to them by the neutrality of a friendly Power such as Great Britain, are deserving of special regard in virtue of the undoubted benefit conferred by their monthly call at Kisumu, both on the outward and homeward journey.

I trust that Your Excellency will be willing to take active measures to satisfy the legitimate desires of my compatriots and tender my thanks in anticipation.

I have &c.,

Sd/- C. FRIGERIO

No. 1.1949

February 1919

I am desired to ~~reply to your letter~~
your letter ~~of the 14th inst.~~

which you refer.

2. I am to state that ~~instructions~~ are being issued to the Provincial Commissioners at these ports to use their best endeavours to induce the natives to abandon the attitude of which you complain, but I would at the same time invite your attention to the fact that we are not in a position to compel private individuals to do work for anybody, and, if they refuse, we have no legal remedy against them.

3. His Excellency trusts therefore that you will understand that, though he quite appreciates the services rendered by the steamers in question and would gladly help them as far as may be possible, it is not in his power to ensure compliance with your wishes nor in ~~any way~~ a failure to do so be construed as a breach of that neutrality ~~which will always be strictly observed by the B.M.~~

THE ITALIAN CONSUL GENERAL AGENT.

1919.