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Last previous Paper.

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Want more infn as arranged.

(Minutes.)

See minutes within.

Sgt: Smith.

H. J. R.

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These are the papers which I
return herewith in order to get further
info. from Mr G. Clark, now at the F.O.
but formerly Sir J. Hamilton's understudy
at Adis Ababa, & from Capt. Grand,
now at the W.O. & formerly Head of the
Anglo-Abyssinian Boundary Commn.

A letter from Mr Clark is attached to
Foreign
3665 & it gives, from
personal experience, the reality of the
hardships entailed upon the tribes on our
side of the frontier by the Abyssinian
raids.

Capt. Grand is unfortunately still in
Switzerland & I have kept it better to
send on the papers again rather than
further delay, as the Estimate for the
S.A.P. are now under review. I also
I have obtained from the Detail. staff
of the W.O. the accompanying [illegible]
shows the place referred
Letter from Capt. Rendle [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cadell

& his friends [illegible] about [illegible] will of

having Inspectors at all, as they may

upset the tribes, I think that

the depends ~~[illegible]~~ on the sort of men

who are chosen for ~~[illegible]~~ the posts.

& the case of one of the ~~[illegible]~~ mentioned,

the Wanderers, an Englishman (Mr. Neumann)

had to win their confidence, that he was

was all powerful with them, while he was in fact of other

idea was to settle down among them his own

for the rest of his life. But ...

matter of fact, Mr. Clark suggests that

the Inspectors should – at any rate

the first instance, be located among the

ab-geriginals & working from that base,

gradually get into touch with the

tribes on our side, & this seems the

[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]

A. H. H.

Feb. 1/08.

been thinking [illegible] and there are one or two points which [illegible] definitely [illegible] policy of the [illegible] Abyssinia.

The constant raids made by the Abyssinians [illegible] Southern borders into territory that was [illegible] and steadily British led to the temporary appointment [illegible] plus as Acting Frontier Inspector, pending the [illegible] of a frontier Twany. Zaptieh's precisely on [illegible] line had [illegible] checking them [illegible] the line heart

Feb 1/08.

[illegible] Read

[illegible] conversation of

[illegible] refute [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible] Martin

Abyssinia.

The constant raids made by the Abyssinians

the Northern border into territory that was

entirely British [illegible] temporary appointment

Zaphiro O. Acting [illegible] Inspector, pending

[illegible] Zaphiro's [illegible]

[illegible] on [illegible]

they pass in British territory

raids and begin again and the

devours

nothing into it. The

lands of the Lake district. From these mountains

they drop in lower levels, carry off women

When this process has

surrounding country is

speak from personal experience, for I have seen the

results in our territory of a visit from Abyssinians — a

elephant in bush so thick that it could only

along the elephant path, and where I was

tripped on a [illegible] pottery or traps

— and have had myself to drive them out of

villages and turn them back to their own

mountains.

I fully appreciate the difficulty of adequately

facing the frontier, when your base is at Kisumu and

the intervening territory is still an unadministered

land. But it has occurred to me that

you might like to come

considerably

tritable. What I would propose is for your [illegible]
officers to be dependent for their instructions on the
[illegible] at Adis Ababa. The Abyssinians, by [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] are [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible]
cease. The officers themselves would be in perfect
safety among the Abyssinians, they would only require
small escorts, they would gradually get into touch with
the tribes on our side, and would be to them the
an outward visible sign of the weight of our authority.
In my opinion the moral responsibility we would incur
by leaving the frontier unwatched is a heavy one, and
God help the Gheri, when the Abyssinian elephant hunters get their chance at them again!

Yours very sincerely

George V. Clerk

these gentlemen may be [illegible] risk and [illegible] to persevere in their undertaking and if they succeed they will have done a very useful work for us as well as for themselves. Their plan is to establish [illegible] little permanent posts in which one or [illegible] will live and [illegible]

[illegible] of any find [illegible] which the [illegible] tives feel when they [illegible] evidence of military preparation, there is every reason to believe that all trouble will be avoided and that peaceful [illegible] penetration in its truest sense will proceed. The [illegible] man being there on sufferance will take good [illegible] not to quarrel with the natives, and the Marquis [illegible] who quite unarmed traversed the whole of this [illegible] on the last occasion treated with the greatest [illegible] hospitality [illegible] they [illegible]

[illegible] I think these operations must have a bearing [illegible] the proposal to establish [illegible] travelling [illegible] along the Abyssinian boundary and a [illegible] be that our [illegible] friends [illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible] often [illegible] with their women [illegible] that their independence is about to be deserted [illegible] certainly fighting [illegible] the Bandiagaras and possibly with the Wandergbo [illegible] I do not believe that the Government inspectors would [illegible]

would be able to control any serious [illegible] in the region, while their presence [illegible] would [illegible] one. Now that the boundary line [illegible] much further south than we had [illegible] when the whole of the fertile Borana [illegible] has been abandoned to Abyssinian encroachment, the harm is done. South of the boundary line the country is waterless and valueless until the Guasi Nyiro river and the northern slopes of Mount Kenia are reached. There is no likelihood whatever of an Abyssinian force penetrating into this wild country and attacking the fertile districts and peaceful tribes around Kenia. Nothing would be easier than to repulse any raiding party who make such an attempt. The force operating from Nairobi would only be 150 miles away from a railway line, and we could easily deal at that range with any intruders in the most severely effective fashion. I therefore see no necessity to police the frontier at all at present. I doubt very much whether the cost could be confined to the £4,000 which the East African authorities now fix, and certainly if a post at Marsabit is to be established, it will cost £2,000 [illegible] £3,000 more, quite apart from any military operations entailed by the disturbance of the tribes. [illegible] be less than [illegible] days [illegible] Nairobi via [illegible] it is [illegible] beyond Embo which [illegible] yet attained. The Abyssinian [illegible] on which our travelling inspectors are to be, will be eleven days severe travelling further off still. The post and still more the inspectors will therefore be absolutely in the air, separated by

an enormous expanse of country impassable except to very small parties from a[illegible] lef[illegible]

[illegible] northern fro[illegible]

[illegible] persons of thoroughly good [illegible] position tentatively to stretch [illegible] sealers northwards at their own risk and cost. I therefore think we may with perfect propriety tell the Treasury that we no longer wish to press for this new expenditure. It is so very difficult to judge of these matters when one has only a paper case put before one, that I do not think we ought to be unwilling to change our mind in view of fresh information. Sir Francis Hopwood and I had the opportunity to-day of cross-examining the Marquis Hornyold and Mr. Ward on the whole question, and we agree that although no doubt these gentlemen are not wholly disinterested in their desire to have the districts undisturbed by the passage [illegible] soldiers and officials, they are nevertheless [illegible] which it is not possible to controvert.

W.S.C.

12.1.08.

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MARQUIS T. RIDDELL.

Boma Trading Company.

SAFARI OUTFITTERS.
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

CAPTAIN G. H. RIDDELL
MARQUIS GANDOLFI HORNYOLD.

P.O. BOX 56.

Nairobi, 10 Nov. 1907.

To The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Sir,

I have the honor to place before you during your visit to the British East African Protectorate a proposal for opening up for the purpose of trading and ultimately for purposes of settlement the Northern parts of the country from the Tana River on the South to the Abyssinian Border (excluding Ogaden Province) on the East to the Nile

I will [illegible] the [illegible] stating that I have [illegible] on either side of the Abyssinian [illegible] my special study for the [illegible] Tana [illegible] to all [illegible]

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it is presumed that the [illegible] were advanced for reasons [illegible] politics alone.

At any rate when [illegible] under the Abyssinian Power [illegible] on several occasions to [illegible] which protection so noble favour [illegible] petition was taken.

Again when Sir [illegible] the British Representative [illegible] Ethiopia (the Abyssinian Capital) [illegible] negotiation [illegible] to [illegible] the Northern tracts of [illegible]

[illegible]

propose a [illegible]

The [illegible] settled upon [illegible] Borana & all the [illegible] of this country Abyssinian.

I am not as representative of [illegible] Trading Company concerned with the [illegible] which caused the British Govt to cede a rich & fertile district to which [illegible] had

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previously laid claim to Abyssinia. I wish merely to recapitulate the history of the Southern Boundary of Abyssinia to the present time.

The Borana both on the British side towards Lake Rudolf & also on the highland now presumably Abyssinian are a peaceable nomadic stock people & are desirous of an outlet for the commodities of their country (skins, hides, beeswax etc) in return for cloth & other articles of which they stand in need.

They have attempted on several occasions to open up such a route through the Gadabursi Somali Country to Berbera but the great insecurity of the country owing to the tribesmen 'Dumbi' makes the undertaking very irregular & uncertain.

A British Company the [illegible] as the Emperor Navigation Company was formed [illegible] years ago to tap the [illegible] trade and the large caravans that pass at the [illegible] time all along the Borderlands to reach the upper reaches of the Juba River, Lake Rudolf, Jubaland etc.

This company proposed to secure the

trade by means of steamers on the 'Juba' which is at present going to Lugga & thence to Magdishu.

In May 1906 I went to Kismayu to examine the feasibility of this under-taking & was convinced from personal inspection that the Company would fail from two separate & distinct causes. First the reckless way they set to work on insufficient data & acting under very indifferent advice & second because of the hostility of the Oudan Somali Tribesmen who inhabit the banks of the rivers. [The Company failed]

In December 1906 I approached the British East African Govt on the subject & pointed out to them that the strategic importance of the border was at the present moment [illegible] in the hands of the Abyssinians [illegible] Lugh & Magdishu [illegible] to Boma & they [illegible] [illegible] the Protectorate [illegible] [illegible]

The Boma Trad[illegible]

~~This [illegible]~~

project [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

who [illegible]

of [illegible]

+ also [illegible]

the [illegible]

~~[illegible]~~

who [illegible]

from Sir [illegible]

~~by [illegible]~~

[illegible]

purpose [illegible]

of opening [illegible]

[illegible] perceived [illegible]

[illegible]aphites at [illegible] in Tuff 907.

In May. 07 I returned to Nairobi leaving Marcus Horngold on the [illegible] examine carefully the whole [illegible] commercially & politically.

Before parting we had become thoroughly convinced of the enormous volume

[illegible] on either side of the Border, at [illegible] Bonny entirely into the hands of [illegible] at Lagos & Kano & their [illegible] at Bagdon in Italian Somaliland.

This trade is kept in Italian hands for several reasons: first the [illegible] of its route to Italian ports; second the activity of the Italian residents & at last third the active support of the [illegible] Agent. But emphasis on the [illegible] necessarily acting under instructions from Addis Ababa.

As for an evidence of this [illegible] trade which actually takes the place of [illegible] which is a peculiar kind of [illegible] locally known as Lagh Madras [illegible] largely used [illegible]

[illegible] time & [illegible] Traders [illegible]

[illegible] support they [illegible]

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Italian Somaliland [illegible] largely augmented from revenue obtained from British & Abyssinian territory [illegible] affairs [illegible] would at once [illegible] of British Traders were allowed access to [illegible] Parts of the B[illegible]

The Bo[illegible] formed & registered in [illegible] capital of 10,000 £ [illegible] if possible through [illegible] Rendile Samburu [illegible]

Repr[illegible] Company [illegible] beg to su[illegible] your cons[illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] in the Samburu [illegible] if possible [illegible]

[illegible] charge of
the Men [illegible] personally responsible
[illegible] spend at least
[illegible] Rs. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] personally

[illegible] shall deposit a good security
[illegible] money to the Government for the good
behaviour of the employés of the Company

Amount to be fixed by arrangement
& the same to be forfeited in the event
of any breach of the peace or any regulation
[illegible] proved against any
[illegible] of the Company — The Govt. to
[illegible] right to withdraw [illegible]
[illegible] for such breach of the peace or
regulation —

This condition not to [illegible]
Bom. Trading Company [illegible]
obligatory to every trader [illegible]
a part of "Closed" dis[illegible]
Protect[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] regulations is above [illegible]
[illegible] arrangement [illegible]

[illegible] ten
of the Bu[illegible]
of the Com[illegible] also
of the B.E. [illegible]

I [illegible] conclusion [illegible]
that the spot [illegible] under which [illegible]
closed district [illegible] granted [illegible]
great disa[illegible] [illegible] of the
protectorate [illegible]

I th[illegible]
necessary to [illegible]
white man whe[illegible]
counties where
by post & [illegible]
doing [illegible]
supervision or [illegible]
for [illegible]

[illegible]
the loss of hundred [illegible] pounds (£[illegible])
annually, shall be liable to forfeit in
the [illegible] of misdemeanor [illegible]
fact of a [illegible] company [illegible]
to furnish such property [illegible]
[illegible] any change [illegible]

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desiring to enter the country for the purpose of legitimate aims clearly shows that further that such guarantee should be given on an equality & not only to the prevailing discretion under the present system — Further that any proposal is far more likely to succeed with regards or trade every one of the last three months or 6 months addition to great his profit (under present opinion) a permanent trading concern and water by a Company or Ass. in direct — Further that the revenue of the Protectorate in dutiable articles would be increased on a fresh impetus given to trade which is badly needed — Lastly that prospectors should be given a chance to determine whether there are or are not minerals in the Country.

I feel sure that in appealing to you this application of mine will be kindly & openly considered & that in its merits & that at any rate any scheme which has for its object the opening up by individual enterprise of the country

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productive portions of the British Empire
will be assured of your hearty support &
sympathy.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obt. servt.

J. Middell late Captain
6th Lancers
Manager Bona Trading Company

Nairobi.
10. 11. 07.

Wasa-Pollo.
Southern Abyssinian Station.

June 30.07

Dear Jack

I am sending off following report on my journey up here from Marsabit & subsequent doings, per Samburu runner immediately on my return to Marsabit & hope it will reach you before you start back for B.E.A.

Shall leave here on or about the 10th of next month but the amount of stock I have to take will prevent my moving fast & I do not expect to reach Naivasha much before the end of October.

It will take the best part of a month to collect all our equipment at Marsabit however which my stock will require a good rest after crossing the desert

John Rogers came in 14 days back & takes on Zaphiro's job whilst the latter goes on leave. Get a promotion [illegible] Rogers as you will [illegible]

[illegible] I see of transporting the [illegible] to get possible stores [illegible]

Wanga - P.O.
Southern Abyssinian Frontier.

June 30. 07

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This month I am of the opinion the [illegible] to get [illegible] started [illegible]

Ras with relief expedition arrived June 14th. Halted over standing camp & started North June 17th arriving Wa[illegible] Zaphiro's Camp June 27th

Journey March [illegible] Wa[illegible] Tollo 11 days over Waldi desert. Rendile [illegible] & permanent water on way.

Route perfect for camels [illegible]

Camels can be obtained in practically unlimited numbers. Price 1½ Tora = Rs 11.8 each.

Zaphiro the A P Inspector. Of Greek parentage but born & educated in Egypt. he is a chemist by trade. Came to Abyssinia 11 years ago & started a dispensary at Harrar. He is a Jackson's travelling [illegible] & went in this capacity with Baron Ganzen, Rothschilds & Isaac Pullen's expeditions.

Through the latter's influence became a member of the British Legation at Addis Abeba under Sir John Harrington.

[illegible] Inspector for the [illegible] two years

His [illegible] work is [illegible] the boundary with the Abyssinian [illegible] & prevent the raiding & killing [illegible] on the border by natives. Also [illegible] the carrying out of law

John Harrington's pledges to Menelik. Chief amongst these being a guarantee that no abyssinians should cross the frontier from the British side without his - the Abyssinian's - sealed permission.

My own opinion of Zaptieh's methods founded on a two months sojourn on the frontier is that he is deliberately driving the whole of the border trade into the hands of the Italians at Lugh.

I'm an numberless [illegible] trade traders, Somali Swahili & Arab who divert abyssinian trade in Ivory, horses, [illegible] cattle, sheep & mules along both sides of the frontier from Lugh to Lake Rudolf.

Thus an [illegible] Italian subjects in as much as they are provided with passes by the Italian Resident at Lugh or Bardera. I have [illegible] any of these passes when brought by holders to Zaptieh who assists them by all means in his power.

Aforesaid traders Zaptieh claims are natives of the country. His reason being that they marry in many cases women of the country.

In my opinion however they are simply forfeiting the immunities of British traders in order to avoid the [illegible]

from them safe egress & most important of all to give themselves a digit in the country.

It is more than significant that the staple article of trade throughout the border is a brand of American White Drill known locally as 'Leigh Mardaf' which said article is only obtainable at ~~Leigh~~ Mogdishu on the Italian seaboard where it is dispatched to Leigh.

No further proof is I think necessary of the outlet for trade on the border at the present time.

I have been unable to elicit any information as trade over the border from Zaphiro. He has written a long report on the trade capabilities of the country to the B.E.A. Govt. via Addis-Ababa in answer to the first letter which I gave him on arrival here. You should apply at once for access to this report which Zaphiro tells me is very comprehensive.

We can then check his statements with the information I have obtained through myself, Borges, my trade guards & the native traders as far as we know it.

There is [illegible] about the volume of trade. I have myself had [illegible] offer of cattle & mules innumerable on the border itself

Prices. Mules average 40 dollars (Rs 60/-) Naindi price Rs 400 to 500.

Heifers 3 year olds 15 dollars (Rs 22/8) Naindi price Rs 80 to 100.

Sheep & goats 14 annas Americani (Rs 2/3). Naindi price Rs 6 to 7.

Goat & sheep skins are so far untouched by traders owing to transport. They are used locally for saddlery & clothing. They are beautifully flayed & undressed as there are 40 pan Sambuns in Rendile. I am bringing samples down.

Bullock hides are a great feature of the country obtainable in any quantity & equally well flayed.

Reports ~~[illegible]~~ Border report large supplies of beeswax obtainable. Unfortunately I did not obtain samples. It is too late to send back now besides I know Zaphaino in his report supplies a point of both these & gum-Arabic.

There is any amount of rubber for sale at Rendile which we use [illegible] & large consumption has to be met at Naivasha.

Gabriel feathers ~~[illegible]~~ plenty are obtainable throughout Borana. I have samples [illegible]

Cereals. — You will find I think most interesting details on this subject in Zaphiro's report. From information received, I have no doubt that by means of the 'Juba River' transport we can compete with the Indians on equal or favourable terms.

Ivory. — In Abyssinia fast increasing but very freely smuggled. On this side the matter stands as follows. Zaphiro has orders to stop the trade of ivory. Cow ivory he confiscates bull tusks male ivory (In order to induce natives to 'find' ivory) he returns one tusk to 'finder'. This ivory does go to Lagos & is supposed to go to Khartoum. There is no bar to the native traders bringing this ivory & there is probably no check on what ivory they bring. In this way there is an enormous profit to be made legitimately. No less than 30 large tusks have been given away during my stay here. The best weight 22 lbs & ranging down to 30 lbs.

Horses. — I have left this subject last. Bornu horses are expensive & weakly. Owing to their small size. Abyssinian ponies come through at 15 to 25 dollars apiece (Rs 32/9 to 46/8) proved Arcadie Rs 300 to 650 each.

A special feature are the Ogaden ponies, at the same price, from the Somali hinterland. I have seen several & the stamp is exactly what we want in East Africa. We can get these by means of Somali traders, delivered at Marsabit.

To end up. Together we have proved the Naivasha - Marsabit route thoroughly practicable & perfectly safe & have all the wells marked down on the map. The remaining eleven days as to follow on the border is ideal for camels transport.

I have proved to my own satisfaction that the reality is equal to our hopes.

Consequently try your utmost to get this overland route organized on as large a scale as you can.

Don't be frightened of the "Juba River". We tap the trade "en route".

Even if our expedition up here has not forced Zaphirshand the above facts coupled with the information [illegible] shall if possible [illegible] at home [illegible]

I shall be [illegible] all now about [illegible] head of cattle. Have no good [illegible] ponies

There will also be a sample lot of 500 foot skins to come from Marsabit. This is the most I shall be able to carry.

A small lot of foot ivory, 50% of which is ours.

Not bad for a purely pioneer trip for if all goes well we should realize a thousand pound at current prices Naisdi

If the Govt. have bought in & realized the Juan Hyro ivory, we ought to get the best part of another thousand. & shall have done devilish well all round.

There are every quantity of skins waiting for us as soon as we have the route organized & are backed up financially & by the Govt. This restoritt you at home.

Best of luck & all success

Yrs ever

Randolph Koringold

Guards Club,
London.
January 27th 08.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Colonial Office.

Sir,

On behalf of the Boma Trading Company, of 4, Lloyd's Avenue, and Nairobi British East Africa, I was last week informed that the Anglo-Abyssinian Boundary Treaty had been definitely signed, that the line, in its main points, was the Southern boundary of the Borana country as delineated by Captain A. E. Butters's C. M. G. Commission, that it was the intention of H. M. Government to add three more inspectors, with their necessary police escort, for the proper policing of the boundary, and to establish - as a support to their posts - a Government station at Amsabit, British East Africa.

I would most respectfully urge that any steps on the part of the British East Africa Administration, to attempt to control, administer, or in any way establish government authority in these districts at the moment, would result in trouble with the natives inhabiting them, and would kindle a flame of rebellion, of a magnitude impossible to gauge at the present, but which could only result in military operations on a large and expensive scale, or a severe loss of prestige to the British East African Administration, thus turning these districts - at the moment favourably inclined towards white traders - into a veritable hornet's nest, unenterable, from a commercial point of view, for some years.

The Rendile - the chief inhabitants of the districts between the Guaso Nyiro and the Abyssinian border, are a wild and untamed tribe, to whom the existence of the white man has come only as a rumour. They are perfectly amenable to trade, but regard their country as their own absolute property, and

[illegible] to demand tribute from, and [illegible] to [illegible] entering there in.

[illegible] detailed account, it will suffice to say that the history of the Rendile country is the history of the Masai, as found and described by the Rev. Joseph Thomson in 1884, characteristics, habits, temperament all are identical.

It is in our opinion, only by getting thoroughly into touch with them, by the peaceful influence of [illegible] and exchange, and by reasoning, that these people can be brought under the influence and authority of the white man.

By gradually accustoming them to the presence of white men in their midst, and the various attributes of civilisation that they bring with them, can the way be paved for future administration, and the introduction of "Pax Britannica."

It is absolutely essential for the ultimate success of our Company's schemes, that peace should reign in these districts, and that the country should be brought under proper government administration in the future. The most successful method of effecting this, is by supplying the natives with their wants, and by introducing commercial intercourse into the country.

The proposed Government station would be within reach of the Ogaden Somalis, without in any way controlling them, and if even not molested directly, would be compelled to remain in-active spectators, of raids into their districts, which they were sent to administer, and the inhabitants which they had directly brought under British protection.

Further disturbing elements exist in the Karamojo and Wanderobo and other tribes of lawless people, where acts of [illegible] would [illegible] administration, but which [illegible] finally checked by the introduction of [illegible] and the personal influence of peaceful [illegible] constantly coming into contact with them.

The Marquis Gandolfi Hornwold, who has personally studied the conditions existing on the Anglo Abyssinian [illegible] siders Marsabit as totally unsuited for a government station for the following reasons.

The distance from any district whence the necessary supplies for the men of the station could be bought. The grazing in the neighbourhood contains many poisonous grasses, deadly to live stock. The water is unsuitable for live stock, owing to the presence of leeches.

The Mwera station when built, was [illegible] 17 days from Marsabit through thick bush country, from Marsabit to the Abyssinian frontier is a distance of 1[illegible] days march with [illegible] over the Karrai Desert the route traversing country [illegible] favourable [illegible] raids, the [illegible] being most difficult to afterwards [illegible], owing to [illegible] bush, and the waterless nature of the country.

He is of opinion that there is no danger of raids [illegible] of Abyssinians, into British Territory East of Lake Rudolph. That the easiest, and usual route for these raiders is via Turkwal and Uzoia rivers towards Narobi and Masai country, and that though there is a route via Marsabit, it would be most unprofitable, and is, and would never be used. As regards the likelihood of Abyssinian raids into British Territory:- I [illegible] the intention and object of the Bona Trading Company to acquire concessions [illegible] Menelik of Abyssinia to trade [illegible] country.

[illegible] matter [illegible] support [illegible] [illegible] of the Colonial [illegible]

[illegible] with a nature [illegible] due [illegible] receive [illegible] mission and support for the [illegible] through [illegible] es in that direction.

In reply to this letter the following Number should be quoted.

TREASURY CHAMBERS,

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08.

31st January 1908

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Antrobus's letter of the 10th instant (44721/1907), further respecting the revised arrangements proposed by the Earl of Elgin for the control of the frontier between Abyssinia and the East Africa Protectorate.

In reply I am to state that My Lords do not yet feel satisfied that the proposal of the Secretary of State is one which They can accept; but They would be glad to receive further information as to the position which it is intended that the frontier inspectors will occupy, and particularly whether they will be officers of the Protectorate under the control of the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, or under the control of His Majesty's Minister in Abyssinia. In the latter case it would seem proper that their salaries should be charged to the Diplomatic and Consular Vote.

My Lords further request to be furnished with a more detailed estimate of the annual cost, distinguishing between salaries and transport and other expenditure.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. A. Mann

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Uganda.

I can take no share in the responsibility for opening this unnecessary correspondence upon the Uganda Treaty through the mediation of the F.O. instead of the C.O.

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Under Sec.y of State.

Foreign Office.

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Mr. Read. 24. Feb.

Mr. [redacted]

Mr. Just.

Mr. Antrobus. 25

Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lucas.

Sir F. Hopwood. 26. 2

Mr. Churchill. 27. 2

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The Earl of Elgin. 27. 2

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The alterations made in the draft by S. of S. fully meet my point & I concur in the draft.

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2 March 08.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Elgin to transmit to you, to be laid before Sec.y Sir E. Grey with ref.ce to the F.O. letter of the 16th of Nov. 1907 (No. 36957) the accompanying copy of further correspondence respecting the control of the frontier between Abyssinia & the Sudan above Port Ted., from which it will be seen that the L. C. of the Treasury demur to the proposals which

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[illegible] to stand by his bargain.

2. But Upon [illegible] indemnible [illegible] the frontier inspectorship [illegible] the under the [illegible] of the S.A.R. [illegible] he is convinced that [illegible] the tribes on the British side of the boundary would become [illegible] more dependent upon the [illegible] and the [illegible] of the Pr. would be [illegible] on the assume effective administration of the disputed territory — a [illegible] which his [illegible] is answering to which [illegible] to the [illegible] stern [illegible] [illegible] the frontier [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible] strong Pr. block is troubled with the tribes in the country [illegible] authorities [illegible] to stand [illegible] all the efforts of [illegible] the development of the more settled & civilized portions of the Pr.

3. So far as the Dept. is concerned the principal objects which it has in view are:

(a) To protect the tribes on the Br. side of the frontier from the aggressions [illegible]

(b) To divert into Br. territory the trade which is at present being exploited by the Natives & to [illegible] the S.A.R. a share of the [illegible] on this trade [illegible]

(c) To secure that [illegible] Br. officers are placed on the frontier [illegible]

[illegible] valuable infor-
[illegible] to the [illegible] taking place
[illegible] the little-known
districts [illegible] upon which Egypt
[illegible] that these objects could be
obtained by establishing
the inspectors on the
Abyssinian side of the
[illegible] a [illegible] of them
under the control of
H. M.'s Minister at
Addis Abeba. The
Abyssinians, knowing that
the inspectors were there
[illegible] arrangement with the
Emperor Menelek, would no
longer recognize their
authority, & guiding, it
might be hoped, would
[illegible] cease. The
[illegible] would
[illegible]
Abyssinians, they would
only require a small escort,
& they would probably
get

get into touch with the
tribes on the Eastern side
of the frontier, and leave
5. and Egypt would
[illegible] 5. [illegible]
[illegible] that this plan
should be adopted.
[illegible] in accordance with
the [illegible] stated in the
second [illegible] of the Treaty
[illegible] 31st of January,
the [illegible] should be
asked to approve of
the [illegible] of the
inspectors being changed
to the diplomatic or
Consular [illegible]

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

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Mr. Antrobus.
Mr. Ottley.
Mr. Lucas.
Sir E. Hopwood.
Mr. Churchill.
The Earl of Rosebery.