

boundary between  
Abyssinia & E.A.P.

2. I am to call  
attention to what  
is said in Major Fegen's  
letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> of  
Dec<sup>r</sup> on the subject  
of the possession of  
rifles by the natives.

3. Lord Crewe proposes,  
with Sir G. Grey's  
consent to inform  
off. of Major Fegen's  
proceedings in regard  
to these rifles.

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EAST AFR. PROT.  
N<sup>o</sup> 6401 <sup>08</sup>/<sub>09</sub>

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(Subject.)

Abyssinian Boundary  
Permanent Control.

Submits views on nature & force  
necessary personnel & - to be retained as Political Officer.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Entwistle

See also 6399 & 6400.  
The F.O. have received a telegram from  
Adis ababa a telegram in which ref<sup>r</sup>  
is made to the deeps.

Major Fegen's private letter to me  
gives some idea of the state of security  
in these frontier districts - She 50  
cases in 8 months, mostly due, apparently  
to the Arms traffic.

His proposals for policing the frontier  
will cost money, but he thinks that  
a considerable portion could be recovered  
from the returns by a very modest  
Poll tax.

We have asked the F.O. for their  
views on the question of placing the frontier  
& suggested that they should consist of Kingston and new in the country.

Copy to F.O. on 12/29/09  
Copy sent for Arch. to Mrs. 1/10/10

Send copy of these 2 letters  
to the F.O. for their opinion with  
reference to our C: of the 12<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb<sup>r</sup> on 9 - + copy of same to  
2875  
+ see: to the F.O. of the S.A.P.?

W. S. R.

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To proceed. Experiences in other  
parts of Africa confirm Major  
Largue's view that protection  
should not be given without  
taxation; and, if a moderate  
ad val. toll tax would go a  
long way towards providing the  
funds required, the sooner we  
establish a permanent force on  
this frontier the better.

W. S. R.

Act as proposed

Tyson  
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J.H.  
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These good copies of the 2 letters  
to the F.O. for the same with  
reference to our L: of the 12<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb<sup>r</sup> in Q - + copy of our L:  
to the F.O. of the 24<sup>th</sup> P?

x J.R  
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To proceed. Experiences in other  
parts of Africa confirms Major  
Ferguson's view that protection  
should not be given without  
taxation; and, if a moderate  
duty on salt tax would go  
any way towards providing the  
funds required, the sooner we  
establish a permanent force on  
this frontier the better.

W.H. Nichol

Act as proposed

Tyler  
4.3

J.S.  
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reduce the number of small courts  
roads to a secondary position  
you have to legislate for in the  
administration of the County  
distances from Nairobi & Eldoret  
Aboba & Dapuni of course must  
be made it necessary to give the  
or the spot a free hand therefore  
he ought to be of some standing

If the Abysinian can do roads it  
will probably be on a considerable  
scale & it will be well to have  
a man who will have authority in  
the whole available force. I don't  
think the Abysinians will give trouble  
once they see us in the County.

Brookman is a most admirable  
for the job & the sooner he leaves  
I don't care for all the trouble  
it has been his business & failure will  
as you could well imagine &  
is still enforcing over his dependants  
I had no difficulty in doing  
the same that I looked on him as  
source of an excellent trade  
which I was very sorry to  
lose. I don't think he has  
any case against the County  
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he gets home. He has made no  
to me but I gather he believes he  
not been well treated. I need here  
ask you to his Court - all he says  
& at any rate take no action  
I get home. He says of my wife  
& I have today started making  
start from health. He says  
Waller is away west extending  
hands work into our territory.  
Hands work his claims in  
in Wyoming Territory & then  
a good deal the added & removed  
along the frontier. Everything is  
over will now & I am only praying  
Abrahamson may turn up. If he  
does I hope I get to the One before  
the end of Feb. & if so will I hope

C. O.  
6401  
Recd  
Dec 22 FEE 09

Banisa (N<sup>o</sup> 7)

30. 12. 08

From Major C. W. Swynnott  
To the Under Secretary of State The Colonial Office

Sir

In view of the possibility of H. M. Government  
deciding to send British Officers & a permanent force  
into this region as has been proposed, at an early date  
in the next financial year, I have the honour to submit  
the following ~~report~~ report of suggestion.

I do so with diffidence as I realize my report may be  
questioned but I am conscious of the necessity of making  
a proposal already put forward & which others will  
be likely to see.

I understand that it has been proposed to send two  
British Lieutenants each to control half the Frontier  
between Dolo & Lake Rudolf & to appoint a third to  
command a relief or one of leave or illness. These  
officers to have equal rank & emoluments & apparently  
to report separately to the British Legation Addis Ababa.  
From what I have seen of the Tribal distribution & from  
what I have heard from Mr. Zaphiro I do not think this  
could be a workable arrangement. Although for the moment  
the Anglo-Abyssinian war may be one of the most important  
questions to be dealt with I am convinced they will interfere  
very little on the first appearance of a permanent British

The main work of the inspectors will be the administration of the County in British territory & the maintenance of order between tribes. For this it will be clearly preferable to refer to the Abaka or Naurth & it will be most difficult to draw a line between the inspectors spheres. The only organization that may appear workable would be a Senior Inspector Commissioner at Head Q's. Say Chuire Moyale with two junior officers for each half of the line under him.

The Commissioner to be given very full powers to deal with the administration of the County & standing in somewhat the same position as regards B.E.A. Govt. as the Commissioner of the Northern territories stands to the Gold Coast Govt. He will have power to communicate direct with the Admin. Abaka Legation on all Abakoman questions. In case of leave or sickness his place will be taken by the senior Subaltern.

In case the Subaltern to be released <sup>by British NCO</sup> is available or by a <sup>senior</sup> Subaltern to be of Senior rank & have extra allowances & not travel often. The junior officers to be on a lower scale of pay & be given a liberal travelling allowance.

They will normally be moving about. The distribution of the military force to be at the discretion of the Commissioner but will probably be divided between.

- (a) a few small permanent posts.
- (b) Escorts for Inspectors & parties
- (c) Central reserve.

When that some such organization would have to employ a few men, would make for efficiency & eliminate many thousands of friction.



re the [redacted] to be employed in the country  
 [redacted] would amply suffice  
 at least 100 [redacted] [redacted]  
 E. A. P. R. P. or Somali force.  
 100 might be specially enlisted Abyssinians  
 100 Recruits in the Country.

I consider the retention of Mr. Tophers as political  
 officer to be most desirable especially for dealing  
 with Abyssinian questions. His knowledge of the Bora  
 dialect & of Amhara w<sup>d</sup> be invaluable to any [redacted]  
 of his intimate knowledge of the Chief & tribal distribution.  
 He is also well qualified to act as Medical officer.  
 I do not think that Mr. Tophers would remain as  
 a subordinate except for a considerably increased  
 salary.

I understand that Capt. Condon, transport officer to the  
 expedition, has been considered for the appointment of  
 Inspector on the Frontier. I think he would I believe  
 be well qualified to hold the position of Senior Inspector  
 or Commissioner & I think such a post he would not  
 be unwilling to take. He would not I believe be unable  
 or willing to take the position of a junior Inspector  
 which w<sup>d</sup> essentially be an appointment for a  
 young and energetic Subaltern.

I would strongly recommend that from the moment on

movement best is established the Commissioner or  
 others should be given authority to levy a poll tax.  
 At present the inhabitants are eagerly looking forward to  
 which protection being made a reality and assured they  
 have to pay a tax. From the number of cattle & horses  
 to be seen I am convinced they could easily pay & would  
 do so without a murmur. On the other hand if they  
 are allowed to enjoy protection gratis for several years  
 they will probably cheaply resist a tax & in that case  
 it would be a most difficult county to enforce upon.  
 I believe that a very moderate poll tax, levied through  
 the tribal chiefs, will produce a very large quantity of  
 cattle & horses which would be marketable or could be used for  
 the ration of troops. Such a tax would go a long  
 way towards paying for the frontier force.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Chapman Rogers

Commissioner Anglo-African Coy

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6 March 1909

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The U. S. of B.  
Foreign Office.

From  
Sir,

MINUTE.

- Mr. Butler. March 6
- Mr. Read 6
- Mr. Just
- Mr. Antrobus.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir C. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- The Earl of Crewe.

I am directed  
by the Earl of Crewe  
to transmit to you  
to be laid before Secy  
Sir E. Grey, with ref

Mr. Gwynn. Dec 30  
(b2)

Mr. Gwynn. Jan 3  
(attached to b2)

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