

WATER PROT.
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Abysmalis *Seabrae*

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FOREIGN OFFICE

2006/1910

November 26 1910

Sir

With reference to my letter 41071 of the 21st instant I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit, for the information of Mr. Secretary Harcourt, copy of a further despatch from His Majesty's Minister at Accra relative to the ...

Handwritten notes:
to Mr. Harcourt

I am to request that Sir E. Grey may be favoured with Mr. Harcourt's views on the proposals contained in the ...

Sir

Yours obediently,
Herbert Gladstone

Handwritten signature: W. Langley

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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BRITISH LEGATION,

ADIS ABABA,

29th October, 1910.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to report that I had a very satisfactory interview yesterday with the Minister regarding the wells on the frontier which we wish to obtain. I took with me Mr. Daphin, while he on his side called a Borana chieftain to discuss the matter. They were forced to acknowledge that what I had told them of the want of water on our side was true and also that they had on the highlands considerable supplies of permanent water, and the Minister promised to have an early date to discuss the question before the Council.

He again raised the question of the Borana tribes at Bajira and other places on our side and put forward Abyssinia's consequent right to an extension of territory. I pointed out however that these tribes had invaded the country of our tribes and that the fact that they returned yearly to their pastures in the highlands for religious purposes proved that they had no intention of settling there.

R. E. Grey, Bart., M.P.,
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ADIS ABABA,

29th October, 1919.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to report that I had a very satisfactory interview yesterday with the Fitaurari regarding the wells on the frontier which we wish to obtain. I took with me Mr. Lephire, while he on his side called a Borana chieftain to discuss the matter. They were forced to acknowledge that what I had told them of the want of water on our side was true and also that they had on the highlands countless wells of permanent water, and the Fitaurari promised to name an early date to discuss the question before the council.

We again raised the question of the Borana tribes at Wajeira and other places on our side and put forward Abyssinia's consequent right to an extension of territory. I pointed out however that these tribes had invaded the country of our tribes and that the fact that they returned yearly to their birthplace in the highlands for religious ceremonies proved that they laid no claim to Wajeira &c

Borana

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&c., &c.

as a point of justice the Ethiopian Government has a right to expect the return of these members of this tribe as by the first agreement we recognised all Borana as Abyssinian subjects and left the question of those who were then living in British territory for settlement when the final discussion should come on.

I would ask therefore that I may be informed telegraphically whether I may settle the question on these lines: the Abyssinians to give us Major Quinn's line with the wells of Mugaddo and Garai, where we agree to return to check the Borana and Gabbra living on our side with all their flocks and herds, giving them to understand however that in future we do not oblige ourselves to return refugees.

This I am honestly convinced is not alone the only possible settlement if we are to avoid constant friction, but the only just one by which we can keep faith with the Abyssinians.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) Wilfred G. Theisiger.