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(Subject)

Abyssinians at Loriam.

Corroboration of report has now been received from other sources. They have ^{also} occupied El Wak - further advance on Afonada feared by British Somalis. If this happens asks if he is to assist with troops available in Jubaland.

(Minutes)

For Mr. Ommeney.

The frontier between the northern part of the Prot. E. Africa Prot. & the southern part of Abyssinia has not yet been settled. ^{F.O.} ₁₁₂₉₁ will show you the present state of the negotiations & you will see that owing to the ^{negotiations} ~~negotiations~~ ^{position} ~~position~~ is difficult. Meanwhile the Abyssinians in the South, whose chiefs seem to be very little under British control are raiding into our country.

You will see from ^{F.O.} ₂₉₆ that a similar incident to the present one occurred at the beginning of the year. In mentioning the paper Sir C. Hall said that their southern

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... of Algeria had been frozen
but that the F.O. had been against
any policy of occupying advance posts
had hoped that the settlement of the
frontier would put a stop to incursions
into our territory. On that occasion it
was decided to refer the objection to
Sir J. Hannington with instructions to
bring the contents immediately before
himself & after seeing in how far
the necessity of controlling his subjects
prevented the operations

In the present case I take it that Lozian
& the Lozian Swamp which must be
regarded as well within our territory.

El Dak is just above the 3rd parallel
of N. lat. Afonada is the
place about 70 miles from Koumou
the occupation of which by a military
force we have just approved

If the objection comes down to
Africa I think that we are
warranted to assist our own
troops with any troops which may
be available. I also think that it
is well of things to keep really serious
troops in the boat on the spot
in case of any trouble

... of the ... to the F.O. & say

perhaps
devised

that ~~the~~ ^{has been instructed} ~~the~~ ^{to assist} the Somalis in the
Stewart) territory with the troops available
in Jubaland & the west of the 32.
Abysinians advancing to Afmaka
& also to all us know whether he
considers it desirable that the
Adv. of S.H. be asked to send one
or two men to Kisingo to assist
the troops - & all that the contents of the
telegram may be brought to the
notice of the Abysinian Govt as
soon as possible & that the latter
may be urged to take the necessary
steps to send a small force to the
assistance?

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In Reply, Please Refer to
~~the files of the~~ the East African Protectorate to
the Director.

Colonial Office, S. E. A. 101, Apr. 1905

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Reference is made to the letter from
the Director of Abyssinia of
the 10th inst. in which it is stated that
the Government of Abyssinia has
agreed to the proposed arbitration
of the boundary between the
British East Africa and the
Government of Abyssinia.

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Telegram to
Stewart
Kawaha
Mombasa

Referring to your telegram
Pathos

MINUTE.

Read 19 April

No. 113 what is strength of
soldiers repress

troops available

in Jubaland

If you consider that
you cannot exercise
control that you

cannot prosecution of
opposites
should if possible
Samuel's readers is

establish part of
desirable you should
exercise it

establish post at
Afrada ^{dragging} but it

it would be held in
it should only be successful
if you had sufficient

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fact to preclude
probability
probability of reverse
outcome

do you consider it desirable to
discussing
~~work~~ ask

Admiralty to send

Your boat to Kismayu
Tobacco

You shall endeavor to
obtain from friendly
distancing

take all possible
redundant

information as to
and force
movement of
in the

of your interest and

subject to be by telegraph

2. Mr Lytton would
suggest for Lord
Lansdowne's answer
that the contents
of Mr Stewart's
telegram should be
brought to the
attention of King David
as soon as possible so
that he should be
charged to take the
necessary steps to
recall & punish the
officers who are
now serving in the
... ..
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