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Sends depts. Adis Ababa reporting steps taken by Mr. Zaphiro to counteract the machinations of Balambaras Walda Gabriel. Considers that action taken reflect great credit on Mr. Zaphiro.

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Reply that the S. of B. concurs in thinking that the incident of the Boran chiefs reflects great credit on Mr. Zaphiro & in the proposal to inform him that his action is entirely approved; & send a copy of his letter & its enclosure & our reply to the Genl. (conf to) for information.

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The Under-Secretary of State,
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FOREIGN OFFICE

November 20, 1909.

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Sir:-

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With reference to the letter from this Department of the 26th ultimo respecting the affairs of the Southern Frontier of Abyssinia, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before the Earl of Crewe, a further despatch from His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Adis Ababa on the subject.

H. Hervey
No. 67

Sir E. Grey considers that the incident of the Boran chiefs, as reported in this despatch, reflects great credit on Mr. Zaphiro, and he proposes to inform him through Lord H. Hervey that his action is entirely approved.

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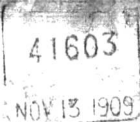
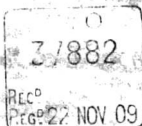
Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. Langley

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.



British Legation,

Adis Ababa October 23 1909.

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Sir

I have the honour to report that Mr Zaphiro, British Inspector on the Southern Abyssinian Frontier, has been taking active steps to counteract the machinations of Balambaras Walda Gabriel, reported in my Despatch No 62 of the 24th ultimo.

He took possession of all the principal roads to the South, and caught three Boran Chiefs named Tazo Warayu, Hassano Djilo and Hassuma Adeno, who had been sent to the natives of Debel with orders from Walda Gabriel and Gedu to call together the Chiefs of that country and tell them that the British had no rights over any portion of the Golbo except the Gharri district, and that if their people did not at once come up to the highlands, they would be raided and their animals confiscated.

Mr Zaphiro then summoned a great meeting of the

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tribes in the Golbo, and the charges against the Abyssinian chiefs being substantiated, their horses and spears were confiscated and they were sent back to Walda Gabriel with a message that any Abyssinian or Boran found intriguing south of the red line would be punished and his property confiscated, and that the Balambaras would be held responsible for the consequences. Herr Schubert appears to have supported Mr Zaphiro in his action, and a good effect generally has been produced. The German Commissioner was reported to be at Gadaduma, at which place Mr Zaphiro was proposing to set out at once to meet him.

With regard to the murder of British natives referred to in my Despatches Nos 63 and 65, Pitaurari Wapta Giorgis carried out his promise and sent Pitaurari Waldi from Gardula to institute the necessary investigation at Marimo. Several hundred of the principal hunters were assembled before the Pitaurari, and Mr Zaphiro brought forward his charges on behalf of the Chiefs from the South whom he had brought with him. Other charges were also made, including one for the arrest of Mr Vincent of the Boma Trading Company and the confiscation of his animals. A long

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed formation of a Public Record Office.

It is a pleasure to hear that you are so interested in the subject, and I am sure that your views will be of great value to the Commission. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

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