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Boran raid on Rendile village

Submit report. States that matter has been amicably settled & hopes that with close administration of the two tribes there will be little chance of such an affair occurring in future

Sir G. Fiddes

To the p<sup>le</sup> see to communicate the substance of this to Mr Denison-Pender?

H. J. R.  
12/5/14

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W. Stanley  
East African Dept.

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- Mr. Harpur 19/5/14
- Mr. Bottomley 19.5.14 cf.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

and enclosed No. 1.

Sir,  
 With reference to the letter from this Office of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May I ~~am~~ am to transmit to you for the info of the Marquess of Crewe, the accompanying copy of a report received from the Gov<sup>r</sup> of the East relating to the disembarkation at Kisumu of the Indian Transport Corps detailed for service in the R.A.F. in connection with the British operation

[for 12/6/14 out]

(Signed) H. J. READ

for the Under Secretary of State

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23 May 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to  
ack<sup>l</sup> the receipt of your Conf  
despatch no. 68 of the 17  
of April ~~informing you that~~  
relating to the progress  
of the operations in  
the Marchan country

(Signed) L. HARCOURT

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civil administration will be re-established peace would be expedited and agree would be satisfactory if Salkeld could be present provided that civil taken over without any interregnum.

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I.VI. (2)

Colonel Graham to Chief Secretary  
dated Bardera April 1st.

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An unsigned telegram received but not understood. Do you mean I am to desist from any further attempt at disarmament or am I only to partially disarm Tulha.

I.VI. (10)

Governor to O.C. Troops Serenli  
dated 5-4-14

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Reference your telegram April 1st.

Total disarmament being probably impracticable this should not be your main object but you should lose no opportunity of effecting disarmament when possible. This should under any circumstances be carried out to an extent which will enable you to re-establish prestige and ensure future control by civil power. You should understand <sup>that</sup> my suggestions are not <sup>intended</sup> to fetter your discretion but only to indicate general nature of objective.

I.VI. (53)

Col. Graham to Governor through  
Provincial Commissioner, Juba-  
land, dated 1-17-14

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Consider that if hostile tribes learn

civil

murder was 5,000 head of cattle. Subsequent details as to collection and payment could probably be obtained from archives in Provincial Commissioner's Office Kisumu.

L.V. (120)

Governor to Officer Commanding Troops  
Serenli dated 30-3-14.

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Your telegram March 28th received. Pleased to learn of progress made. Propose to instruct Salkeld to proceed Serenli and cooperate with you in effecting establishment civil administration and receive overtures from Marehan. Please wire your views on this. Inspector General here with me agrees preferable if compatible with arrangements already made that sections be informed fine will not be collected until conclusion operations when amount inflicted dependent on attitude meantime and will be collected in annual instalments proportionate to means of tribes as contribution to maintenance future controlling force. These proposals merely suggestive and may be varied by you if you consider that same can be effected by other arrangements regarding which please report.

Colonel

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Vol.V. (98) Governor to Colonel Graham 28-8-14

Your <sup>future</sup> ~~future~~ operations should be directed not to the complete disarmament of the Marehan but to their early control the re-establishment of our prestige in that quarter and the early establishment of civil administration.

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Commanding Serenli to Chief Secretary from Bardera dated 28-8-14.

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March 21st following telegram received from Graham Rer Tulha have brought in 20 rifles and revolvers of sorts and will bring few more but are haggling over fine I am inflicting. Please cable amount of fine inflicted on Ogaden after Jenner's murder expedition. Small section Hassan have surrendered rifles and agree to fine.

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From Chief Secretary to Graham Serenli dated 20-8-14

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Original fine on Ogaden for Jenner's murder

to Colonel Graham as soon as you meet. A  
copy of the same is also being sent to his

H.C. B. [unclear]

GOVERNOR & COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.



considered.

6. For your guidance you may assume that there will remain based on Serui a military force of sufficient strength and with sufficient transport to enable it to move out at any time in support of civil authority. You must bear in mind that there will not be more than two civil officers available for Serui and the Maraha District though of course the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Subaland, will exercise general supervision over the area.

7. For your information copies are attached of certain telegrams which have passed between Colonel Graham and Headquarters. A copy of the original instructions issued to that officer regarding the operations in the Maraha District was forwarded to you under cover of P. 5200 Vol. II of January 3rd.

8. You are to understand that subject to these instructions you are to exercise full discretion as to the advice which you will tender to Colonel Graham. Should you require further information on any matter you should communicate with Headquarters.

9. You are to produce these instructions to

which civil administration will be reestablished, the amount and nature of any fine to be collected from the various sections, the time within which such fine must be paid and the consequences of non-compliance with any conditions which may be prescribed as a precedent to the cessation of active military operations.

4. The conditions of peace should not be so onerous as to retard unduly the resumption of civil authority, and the surrender of all arms should not therefore be insisted on if such an order would tend to restrain the tribes from coming in. Similarly, any fine which may be imposed should not be so severe as to impoverish the tribes to such an extent that they would prefer to remain in defiance of the orders of the Government.

5. "You must be prepared with a complete scheme for civil administration of the area immediately on cessation of hostilities and when the conditions under which such hostilities will cease are explained to the tribes it must be made clear to them that civil administration will be at once established and the nature of such civil administration must be explained to them. The civil administration must in no way be oppressive and no question of heavy annual tribute can be considered.

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ENCLOSURE

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In Despatch No. 64 of 17th April 1911

**Instructions to Captain R. K. Salkeld,  
Acting Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland,  
on proceeding to the Marchan Country.**

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1. On receipt of these instructions you will proceed immediately to Serehli and place yourself in communication with Colonel Graham. Having been already instructed to hold yourself in readiness to proceed it is assumed that you will be able to leave within 24 hours of the receipt of this.

2. You must understand that for so long as military operations are necessary Colonel Graham must remain in absolute command and that your presence is in the first instance required to assist him in reducing the district to such a condition as will render further military operations unnecessary.

3. To attain this end you should advise him as to the method of treating with the disaffected tribes, the conditions under

which

H.M.S. PEGASUS left at 11 a.m. 20th March.

I was informed by the Master of S.S. ISMAILIA that he was unable to leave until dawn 21st March, owing to the necessity of trimming sails.

No losses of animals were sustained during disembarkation. All animals landed in good condition and the arrangements made for them on board the transport were excellent.

I have the following points to bring to notice in connection with this disembarkation.

- A. Owing to the lack of suitable jetty accommodation at Kismayu the process of landing a large number of animals and stores is relatively very slow, and under the circumstances unavoidable risks had to be taken. Several camels were nearly drowned.
- B. More animal slings should be brought by transports.

The "ISMAILIA" only had five slings for this purpose. At least ten are necessary and should be brought by transports in future.

Sd/- L. E. S. Ward, Lieut. Col.  
Commanding Lines of Communication,  
Marchan Patrol.

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propellers were almost buried. It was decided that every effort must be made to re-float both vessels at high water. The Provincial Commissioner placed all convict labour, Police fatigue parties and all Civil resources at my disposal and as soon as the state of the tide permitted digging operations were commenced round both vessels.

The propellers of the "BAJUNE" were cleared from the sand and deep trenches dug round her and similarly with the VITTORIO EMMANUELE whose position however did not give much cause for anxiety.

Anchors and Cables were laid out by the Naval authorities and tackles were rigged up to allow of the troops pushing and pulling out the stranded vessels. A few camels were landed from chows.

At 7 p.m. the re-floating of the VITTORIO EMMANUELE was commenced and after some 15 minutes was successful. All resources were then concentrated on the "BAJUNE" and after an hour's strenuous work she was at last got off into deep water.

19th March - The unloading of the camels proceeded quickly both steamers and chows being used with success and by 6 p.m. the transport was reported to be clear except for thirteen camels and 8 ponies. These were got off on the following morning and as far as the disembarkation authorities were concerned the S.S. ISMAILIA could have left by 10 a.m.  
20th March.

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Signalling Communications was established connecting all units of the disembarkation.

Works proceeded rapidly but unfortunately the "S.S. BAJUNE" went aground about 4 p.m. There was a spring tide running at the time and as she grounded very shortly after the tide had begun to ebb her position the next morning rendered salvage operations difficult.

"B" Company - 4th K.A.R. arrived in Kismayu for fatigue duties in connection with the disembarkation.

17th. As the Italian Steamer VITTORIO EMMANUEL was required for tender to the Italian "S.S. FIERENZE" which arrived in Kismayu on that day very little could be done in the way of landing camels but the dhows continued to take off cargo and good progress was made in this respect. The winches of the Transport were manned by men from H.M.S. PEGASUS, large fatigue parties were supplied from the Troops to handle the baggage on board and the Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland, placed the convict labour at my disposal to assist the troops in unloading the dhows as they came ashore.

It was decided to make an attempt to refloat the "BAJUNE" at high tide between 7 and 8 p.m. and a large fatigue party was employed in digging a channel for her, removing the sand and shoreing her up with timber baulks.

The VITTORIO EMMANUEL commenced to tow about 7.30 p.m. but the hawser parted almost immediately and the Vittorio Emmanuel getting out of control also ran ashore.

18th March - The unloading of baggage was proceeded with and all cargo was clear of the ship by 5 p.m.

The position of the Bajune at low water was found to be very serious as her stern had sunk into the sand and her

propellers

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INCLOSURE *Part 222*

In Despatch No 681 of 17th April 1944

REPORT ON THE DISEMBARKATION OF  
INDIAN TRANSPORT CAMEL CORPS.

Telegraphic information was received on 7th March that the Transport "S.S. ISMAILIA" would arrive at Kismayu on March 17th bringing the Indian Transport Corps.

Accompanied by the Staff Officer Lines of Communication I arrived in Kismayu 14th March to superintend the arrangements for the disembarkation.

The "S.S. RAJUNE" and one lighter belonging to the Empire Navigation Company was engaged - and six dhows were also chartered.

On the morning of 15th "C" Company - 4th K.A.R. arrived in Kismayu for fatigue duty in connection with the disembarkation.

About 12 noon the "S.S. ISMAILIA" arrived in the harbour three days before she was expected.

I at once proceeded on board and gave instructions for the unloading of camels to commence.

Forty one camels were unloaded that night.

H.M.S. PEGASUS arrived on the evening of 15th March.

16th March - I boarded H.M.S. PEGASUS early in the morning and held a consultation with Captain Ingles, R. N. Commanding. It was then decided that the Naval Authorities should take charge of all vessels and the Italian Steamer VITTORIO EMMANUEL and one barge was chartered to assist in the disembarkation.

The two steamers and barges were used to unload camels and a start was made on the 200 tons of cargo by using dhows.

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In Despatch No. *of 10th April 1914*

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JUBALAND

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25th. March- 1914

To,

The Honourable

The Chief Secretary,

NAIROBI,

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a short report on the disembarkation of the 53rd Indian Transport Camel Corps.

I would request that the thanks of His Excellency the Governor may be conveyed in due form to Captain Ingles R.N., the Officers, and Naval and Marine Ratings of H.M.S. PEGASUS for the assistance rendered by them in this operation.

I wish also to place on record my indebtedness to the Provincial Commissioner Jubaland and the Civil Staff of Kismayu for the great assistance rendered by them.

The Provincial Commissioner <sup>placed</sup> all his resources unreservedly at my disposal and on every occasion rendered personal assistance of the greatest value.

I have &c.,

SB/ L.E.S. Ward (Lieut-Colonel)

COMMANDING LINES OF COMMUNICATION

MAREHAN PATROL.

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I have issued to Captain Salkeld whom, you will observe, I have ordered to proceed at once to Senndi to assist Colonel Graham in restoring Civil authority.

I have been able to purchase 100 mules which were brought down from Abyssinia by Mr. Thesiger and his party. These animals are at present in Kairoh and will be sent to Senndi when they are considered in a fit condition to be moved, and I expect shortly to hear also of the arrival at Kishayu of the camels purchased through the Government of the Sudan.

7. I have nothing to add as to the present position in the Marehan country which so far as I am aware has not materially changed since Colonel Hoskins prepared his memorandum of March 24th.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Alonso Beyer*

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country on March 24th of which I forwarded a copy in my despatch King's African Rifles No. 32 of the 9th instant. Colonel Hoskins leaves for England in the Union Castle steamer due to sail from Aden on the 20th instant, and will be able to furnish you with any additional information you may require on his arrival in London.

4. I am in correspondence with the Admiral of the Cape Squadron on the subject of the maintenance of wireless communication with Jubaland with the assistance of His Majesty's Navy, but I am inclined to think that it will after all be possible to rely on the rather circuitous route via Aden, Massowah and Italian Somaliland. I propose to discuss this question with the Captain of H.M.S. "Astraea" at Bombay tomorrow. The Inspector General, King's African Rifles, will be present at the discussion. Apart from the additional facilities for wireless communication of one of His Majesty's ships on the Jubaland and Tanaland Coasts is in my opinion an important factor in considering the attitude of the Somali tribes and I shall have to consider also this aspect of the case in any recommendations or requests I may make on the subject of the future movements of the ship.

5. I enclose a copy of certain instructions

please report".

"Salkeld, Kismayu,

Utmost importance that experienced officer should be present to co-operate with Officer Commanding Troops in effecting establishment civil administration Barchan and receive overtures when made. Hold yourself in readiness to proceed Sereali on receipt further instructions leaving Power in charge Kismayu and take such position as may best bring you in touch with wavering sections of tribe".

Inspector General considers situation satisfactory".

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No. 126 of April 7th.

"Your Confidential Despatch of March 5th. No combatant camel company is required".

2. I enclose a report on the disembarkation of the Indian Camel Transport Corps. The convey left Yonte for Sereali on the 5th instant with approximately two months' supplies for Colonel Graham's entire force and for the Indian Transport Corps, water equipment, medical stores and one company 3rd King's African Rifles. It may be expected to arrive at Sereali about the 19th instant.

3. I have the honour to refer also to the memorandum by the Inspector General, King's African Rifles, on the situation in the Barchan country

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Soames. Have paid Aulihan friendlies from captured stock and save residue for purchase and hire camels. Health troops good, some dysentery Serenli, full precautions taken.

An ordering 'A' Company Nandi from Yareb to Serenli as normal relief. Lembeck and Bifendi fit and walking, will go Colwen river steamer. Telegraph instructions disposal captured stock, difficult handle here. Graham: LMS". In consultation with Inspector General have sent following telegrams:-

"Officer Commanding Troops, Serenli.

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please

the Officer Commanding Troops by telegraph as follows:-

"You should direct your future operations to the early control of the marches, the establishment of our prestige in their country, and the establishment of civil administration as soon as possible rather than to the complete disarmament of the tribe".

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No. 108 of March 31st.

"Following substance mutilated telegram from Officer Commanding Troops, Serendi, March 28th; Begins: Returned Serendi March 26th. Ber Tulha have brought in 20 rifles and have promised to bring more. Tulha have agreed to fine 500 camels, 600 cattle, 1,000 sheep and goats and have paid 60 cattle as guarantee. I have given one month to collect remainder. Think their submission genuine as apparently deserted by Ahmed yet when force move from Serendi. One small section Ber Hassan also submitted. Their submission considerably eases strain, hope no necessity bring up 4th Battalion companies from Youte. On the way to Lugh I sent letter Ahmed yet hearing rumour they wished submit but no reply received. Am relieving present garrison Garre Bahare and will utilise to maintain pressure on Tulha and do short patrols under

Soames.

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qualified to undertake these duties which are of a most important and responsible nature".

Cipher telegram of March 27th.

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"I have received a memorandum from the Inspector General of King's African Rifles on the military situation in Marehan country. Colonel Hoskins is of opinion that the Officer Commanding the Troops has made reasonable proposals for future action and that suitable reinforcements and transport, adequate for the purpose required, have been moved in compliance with his request owing to the doubtful attitude of the neighbouring tribes. Further, that it is essential that some troops should be released as soon as possible since the majority of British East Africa and Uganda Protectorate troops will be 250 miles from the base, with tribes whose attitude is uncertain on the flank of what will be an awkward line of communication. He recommends that the object should be to gain control of the Marehan and to recover our prestige as soon as possible, then to establish civil administration, rather than to endeavour to effect the disarmament of the whole tribe. That an officer of the civil administration should be posted to the Marehan country to be available for parleying with the tribes should they wish to submit to Government. I have instructed

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should be relieved of these duties. When may the Tombasa wireless installation be expected to arrive at Tombasa? If there will be any delay in its arrival I consider it very desirable that field wireless apparatus capable of operating for 200 miles so as to connect Guimbo with Bahr should be sent out. If necessary a half way station could be established in which case two sets of apparatus each capable of operating for 120 miles would be required".

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*Gen 1660*

No. 101 of March 25th.

"Your telegram February 17th. After consulting Inspector General, King's African Rifles, I am in agreement with his expressed opinion that it would perhaps be unwise to upset situation at Feridji by sending him up to take command. Hoskins is satisfied that Graham is carrying out his duties with judgment and discretion and unless you have strong views to the contrary I should prefer to keep the Inspector General at headquarters to advise on any situation that may arise".

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Cipher telegram of March 25th.

"A Civil Officer will be required for Barchan country to perform civil duties there and it is very necessary that he be tall and have experience of country. Is Thomson qualified."

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.



CONFIDENTIAL No. 63.

April 17th, 1914.



Sir,

In continuation of my Confidential despatch No. 54 of March 17th, I have the honour to confirm the following telegrams sent since that date:-

*See 12/167*

No. 94 of March 20th.

*1. April 5-14*

*revisions*

*See 10563*

"Supply Officers, carriers and attendants have arrived Kisumu".

No. 97 of March 21st.

"Inspector General, King's African Rifles, returned Nairobi yesterday".

No. 100 of March 25th.

"Your despatch December 19th, 1908. It is most essential that telegraphic communication may be maintained with Jubaland. At present this is being done with assistance of His Majesty's Navy and their wireless installations but Admiral is most anxious that his ships should

*See 1182*

*b.l. 103110 Hong Kong*

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