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IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
AND THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT

regarding the

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Monrovia, January 16/17, 1930.

Mr. Rule to Mr. Barclay.

*British Legation, Monrovia,
January 16, 1930.*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to refer to your note of the 16th December last informing me that the Government of Liberia are prepared to agree to the following proposals of His Majesty's Government for adjusting the situation on the Sierra Leone-Liberian boundary between the Mauwa and Moro rivers :—

1. His Majesty's Government undertake to withdraw from the area in Liberian territory which has been incorrectly regarded as forming part of the Sierra Leone Protectorate.
2. In order to prevent the recurrence of any such mistake, His Majesty's Government will arrange as soon as possible for a redemarcation of the boundary between the Mauwa and Moro rivers, and will bear the whole cost of this work, including the expenses of a representative of the Liberian Government.
3. The inhabitants of the area in question shall be given the option of moving into Sierra Leone territory not later than the 30th June, 1930, taking with them their portable property and harvested crops.

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I have now been authorised by His Majesty's Government to confirm on their behalf this agreement, and to state that they would be glad to receive a similar confirmation on the part of the Government of Liberia.

The present note on behalf of His Majesty's Government and your Excellency's reply in similar terms on behalf of the Government of Liberia will accordingly be regarded as placing on record the agreement arrived at between our respective Governments in the matter.

I avail, &c.

F. GORDON RULE,
His Majesty's Chargé d' Affaires.

Mr. Barclay to Mr. Rule.

Department of State, Monrovia, Liberia,

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires,

January 17, 1930.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your note of the 16th instant informing me that His Majesty's Government are prepared to agree to the following proposals for adjusting the situation on the Sierra Leone-Liberian boundary between the Mauwa and Moro rivers :—

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3. The inhabitants of the area in question shall be given the option of moving into Sierra Leone territory not later than the 30th June, 1930, taking with them their portable property and harvested crops.

I have the honour to inform you that I am authorised to confirm on behalf of the Government of Liberia this agreement, and to say that they regard the present note and the Legation's note of the 16th January, 1930, as placing on record the agreement arrived at between our respective Governments in this matter.

With sentiments of high consideration,

I have, &c.

EDWIN BARCLAY,

Secretary of State.