



Rome.

August 2 1915.

Dear Mr. Brewster

Many thanks for
finding me several Howell's
notes. He puts the case very
clearly and I think his
conclusions are right. Our
great difficulty is however that
we can never get alone, but

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4th August, 1944.

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Dear Noel. Buxton.

I have seen for some days past in the Minutes that you have a Question not for Oral Answer on the Anglo-Ethiopia Agreement.

I wonder if you could be persuaded to table this as a Motion instead of a Question not for Oral Answer. ~~There is a great deal which could and should be said on the subject and I myself would very much like, if my discretion and conscience are not too sensitive, to speak on the subject.~~ I feel that the whole of the Ethiopia situation has been very badly mishandled and that in spite of an almost unparalleled opportunity we have missed the chance of instituting reforms and making Ethiopia into a country under its own administration which is worth keeping in existence. I am far from satisfied that in its present form it is likely to survive without military support from us, and indeed we may have to intervene to cure some of the scandals, which will only be apparent when more people have an opportunity of going there to have a look.

M. S. J. J. J.
Jennell.

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Upshire Bury,
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.

23, GREAT WINCHESTER STREET,

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3rd. of March 1948.

Dear Noel Buxton,

I am very flattered to think that the Committee of the Anti-Slavery Society want me to be a Vice-President which, in certain circumstances, I should have been glad to do, but I fear that as I am at present placed it will not be possible for me to accept this invitation since I know that I should not be able to devote any time to the affairs of the society. I do not like to be associated with any organization without taking some interest or part in the work. Will you please excuse me, therefore, if I do not accept the invitation of the Committee.

Incidentally, I do not find myself wholly in agreement with the policy advocated by the Society in regard to the disposal of Eritrea. I feel that the northern part should be incorporated in the Sudan and the southern part, but not all the Highlands, should be incorporated into Ethiopia, leaving, however, the port of Massawa and the European settlements on the Highlands which are likely to continue to be occupied by Europeans in the northern area, to be incorporated in the Sudan. I must say I am against mandating or trusteeing small bits of territory which adds to the administrative complications quite enormously without achieving very much. I have seen the result of it in the Cameroons area of Nigeria, as well as in the former Togoland mandate which is divided between the French and ourselves.

I confess I do not think that the present state of development of Ethiopia would warrant anything except a minimum accession of territory in the extreme south of Eritrea. I am, of course, in favour of all the Somalilands being united into one Greater Somalia.

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In case you want them, I return the documents which you were good enough to enclose, knowing the difficulty and cost of printing.

*Your sincerely
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