

The released slaves, whose names are attached, are being repatriated to Abyssinia via Jibuti under police escort. I shall be grateful if arrangements can be made to take them over from the police and to send them to their homes. I also request that the matter be brought to the notice of the Abyssinian Government, if you see no objection.

I have, &c.
C. BARRETT.

Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

Ras Taffari to Major Dodds.

(Translation.)

(After greetings.)

I AM in receipt of your letter, dated the 8th August, 1922, relative to the twenty-six slaves who have been caught in a dhow at the Hedjaz coast. We are quite willing to help these liberated slaves and to let them live in liberty wherever they like. If they prefer to go to their respective countries we shall give them sufficient money for their provisions and also a man who will escort them to the place, and we shall give them a certificate for their liberty so that they would not be claimed as slaves for a second time. Should they prefer to live in this country we shall also give them a certificate for their freedom. And if they are desirous of learning we shall put them in touch with learned men of our country and will arrange that they should be educated in the churches and convents, and we shall give them their clothing and rations during the time they are at school.

As we were very desirous of finding out to catch and punish these slave raiders we have to inform you to send us the copy containing the conversation of these liberated slaves, if they have been examined, whether they knew the persons and places wherefrom they have been raided.

(Seal of Ras Taffari.)

August 12, 1922 (7th Nahasei, 1914).