

out and surrender himself to them. They were informed that the Pasha had gone south in his steamer, upon which the malcontents advanced and seized the commandant and officers, and flogged them severely with the kourbash. Some of them they carried away with them to Dufflé. Commenting upon this, the Pasha said, 'All the members of the 1st Battalion stationed north of Wadelai have been opposed to making a retreat, and any suggestion to leave their watchpost at Dufflé has only provoked indignation and scepticism. But now, as you have come, and many of our people saw you while in Uganda with Linant Bey (1876) and know you personally, and many more have heard of your name, all of them will be convinced that there is another road to Egypt, and that you having found them can take them out of the country. They will see your officers, they will see your Soudanese; they will listen respectfully to any message you may send them, and gladly obey. That is my opinion, though nobody knows what the sentiments of the 1st Battalion are, because there has not been time to hear them so far.' Shukri Aga, the commandant of Mswa Station, on Lake Albert, is a brave, intelligent officer, an ex-slave promoted to his present rank for distinguished service against Karamalla, the agent of the Mahdi, when he was wounded three times.

"Between our line of route to Kavalli and a line drawn west from Mswa Station lies a section unvisited by any European. The people are devoted to Kaba Rega, and therefore hostile to our expedition and to Emin Pasha, and they have had orders to do their best to molest us. Those lying near our route to the south are hostile to Kaba Rega, and opposed to us all equally, but the lessons taught them by us in piercing through their country on our first visit have inspired in them a wholesome respect for us. My idea