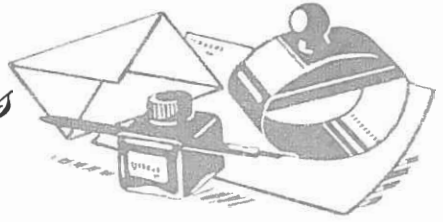


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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for "ABBIA" N° 4 which I have just received today. I must congratulate you for the very splendid job you have done ; the magazine is becoming more and more interesting and is must for anyone interested in research into Cameroon history and cultural awakening.

Regarding Eldridge Mohamadou's interesting article on the history of Reï-Bouba, I have just one small comment to make : it is stated that the first contact with the whites was made in 1890 with an Englishman whose name is forgotten, an agent of the Niger Company of Yola. This Englishman who was received with such pomp in Bubanjidda was Sir Claude MacDonald afterwards the first Commissioner for Southern Nigeria with head-quarters at Calabar. In 1889 he was commissioned by the British Secretary of State for Colonies, Ferguson, to investigate complaints made against the Royal Niger Company and also confidentially to undertake certain investigations in view of the pending Anglo-German boundary negotiations in Nigeria/Kamerun. Sir Claude eventually represented Britain in boundary negotiations in Berlin and his report influenced the British stand culminating in the Anglo-German Agreement in November 1893 on the Yola-Chad boundary. An account of the 1890 visit of Sir Claude MacDonald, up the Benue will be found in : 1. Up the Niger by A. F. Mockler-Ferryman, 1892. 2. Sir Claude's own account will be found in Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society, 1893 and Journal of the Royal Geographical Society, London, 1914.

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