

Political Resident Burrows, who will be responsible for implementing various details of agreement, flew here from Bahrain to attend signature ceremony. After dining with King he and Pelham came to see me last evening. My general impression is that while each side feels it must continue support, it yielded more than other. Both are pleased long negotiations finally terminated in atmosphere mutual professions reaffirmed friendship.

Young and Rentz tell me Burrows also brought letter from Shaikh of Bahrain to King Saud proposing new basis (line cutting through Abu Saafah Reef) for settlement water boundary between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

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which the British oil companies would be allowed to conduct operations, and another area was labeled where Aramco would be allowed to do the same. Faisal's answer stated that he considered that letter and his answer to constitute a binding agreement between the two parties. (780.022/8-2054)

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*Editorial Note*

Despatch 57 from Jidda, August 29, reported that the British had named as their delegate to the Buraimi Arbitration Tribunal Sir Reader William Bullard, British Minister to Saudi Arabia from 1936 to 1939; Amir Turki bin Ataishan had left Buraimi and arrived in Jidda on his way to report to King Saud; and both the British and Saudis were reporting minor infractions of the agreement by the other side. Telegram 85 from Jidda, August 31, informed the Department of State that Yusef Yassin had been named Saudi Arabian member of the Tribunal. It also reported that Yassin said he welcomed the chance to collaborate with his "old friend Reader Bullard", and suggested that Bullard join him in Saudi Arabia. The British Chargé, however, expressed a preference for a neutral country as the site for the first meeting and Yassin then suggested Bad Nauheim, Germany. Telegram 108 from Jidda, September 9, and despatch 732 from London, September 14, reported that Yassin and Bullard were expected to arrive at Bad Nauheim around September 23. By the end of September, the two members of the Tribunal agreed that of the three remaining members of the group to be chosen, one should be a European and one a Moslem. The question of the fifth arbitrator was not discussed at that time. (Despatch 951 from London, October 5) Despatch 1657 from London, December 8, reported that the three neutral members of the Arbitration Tribunal had all accepted the post. The