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MESSRS BRIDLER & COY LTD

States firm is receiving goods from most European countries including Germany. Desire to know if there is any reason to believe that the goods sent to them are finding their way into German East Africa.

Mark 30 Oct 15

*Mr. [unclear]
Mr. Davis
Mr. Reed*
My note out of a telephonic enquiry by Mr. Pady of H.O. as to whether we had any info about the activities of a firm called Bridler at Avenue Marguerite. I could recollect nothing at the time, but suggested that they should write, when further enquiry is made. I have now been through our series of intelligence reports upon Port. E. A. and can find no mention of the firm in connection with the despatch of goods to German S. Africa.

It might be well to refer officially to this effect and at the same time to inform Bureau of the proposal to extend the T. with E. Roads to Port. S. Africa, which is now under consideration. They ought to know the position as they are concerned with the shipping of the firms in that Port.

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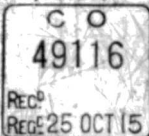
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T.E. 3840/5

23rd October, 1915.



Dear Sir,

With reference to your telephonic message yesterday evening, about the firm of Bridler and Company, Limited, Lourenco - Marques, I write to say that practically all we know about this firm is that it is receiving goods from most European countries, including Germany, a good proportion, I believe, from the latter country, ^{and that they are making payments to Germany.} What we are, however, interested to learn is whether there is any reason to suppose that the goods which are sent to Bridler find their way into German East Africa. As far as we are aware, the Company is formed under Portuguese law, and the managers are born Swiss.

yours faithfully,
E. G. S. Machtig

E. G. S. Machtig, Esq.,

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Sir,

The U.S. g.S.
Home Office

With reference to ^a your
official letter from the H.O.

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date the

23^d of Oct. (T.E. 3820/15)

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I am to request you
to inform Secy. Sir J.

Simon that there is
no mention in the

records of this Office

of the firm of ^{Bridler} ~~the~~

Hosler, of Lawrence -
Marques, in connection

with the despatch of funds

to German East Africa

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Signed H. A. READ.
Secretary of State

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T.E. 3840/5.

1st November, 1915.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my note of the 23rd October about the firm of Bridler and Company Limited, Lourenco, Marques, I should be much obliged if you could let me know whether anything is known to your Department about this firm. As the decision on one or two necessary letters depends upon your answer, I should be obliged if you could let me have it as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

T. G. Maehbater

S. G. Machtig, Esq.,

Colonial Office,

Ans? referring him to our
letter of 30 Oct. on the paper

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