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Refund of Stamp Duty

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H. GARTON ASH,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

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AGENTS:
WESTERN UNION,
BROOMHALL'S,
BEDFORD SQUARE,
A.B.C. SIX EDITION.

5th January 1912

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The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Whitehall Gardens,
London, S. W.

Sir,

I am instructed by my Board to apply to you for a refund of the sum of £2515: 0 paid on the 1st April 1911 by our Solicitors, Messrs Spencer Gridland & Co., to Messrs Sutton Osmanney & Co. Solicitors acting on behalf of the British East Africa Protectorate.

During the preparation of the documents for the transfer of the Fibre areas at Voi from the London and South African Agency Ltd and Holman James to my Company, Messrs Sutton Osmanney & Co. demanded the above mentioned sum as Stamp Duty upon the documents. As they were acting for the Protectorate, it was only natural to conclude that their demand covered and was in respect of ^{the} full Duties payable on the Deeds in connection with the transfer in the Protectorate. The documents were sent to the Registrar of

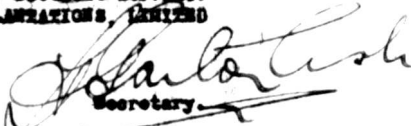
Documents at Nairobi but he declined to register the transfer until the Stamp Duty was paid at Nairobi thereon. This Stamp Duty was the same amount as had already been paid to Messrs Sutton, Gannanney & Co. being calculated in each case on the actual consideration money passing under the Deeds.

We have had a lengthy correspondence with the Crown Agents in London with a view to securing the refund of the amount so paid, as we recognize that the Registrar in the Protectorate is able to withhold registration of our transfer unless and until we pay the amount demanded.

We are satisfied that the amount was demanded in error by the Crown Agents Solicitors here and we therefore request its refund. It cannot surely be contemplated that an individual or firm doing business in land in the British East Africa Protectorate is to be charged Double Stamp Duty on the same documents.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant.
VOI PLANTATIONS, LIMITED


Secretary.

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The C.A. for
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- Mr. Knorr *10/1*
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- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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have to transmit
to you for any obson
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the stamp duty payable, and
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to them ^{of the areas} of the Land in South
Africa Agency, the said ⁱⁿ Bolmer
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Vice Plantations Limited
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