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Handelsgesellschaft Ltd.

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Last previous Paper

Money due from German firms

Sends statement of amounts due from
Africans Handelsgesellschaft Ltd a German
firm trading in Bombay & Zanzibar
request advice & assistance in protecting their
interests.

By order 18 Feb '15
M. P. East Zanzibar Jan. 22 Feb '15
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W. Reed ~~Director~~
S. J. Anderson

I understand from you
that we know nothing
of any form of official
liquidation of German firms
having been undertaken
in E.A., although all the
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Manchester Feb. 17th.

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The Right Honourable Lewis Harcourt,

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

We have received from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce various notifications in respect of accounts due by German firms to the East Coast of Africa, but no reference has so far been made to accounts on the West Coast, and we think it advisable to mention we were carrying on an important business prior to the war with a German firm trading in Zanzibar and Pemba, namely, Messrs. [illegible] and [illegible], and the firm at the present time [illegible] which had been shipped to us must necessarily be lying over there and on the 27th. Nov. last we wrote to the Consul at Nairobi, Africa Protectorate, enquiring whether a receiver had been appointed in respect of the business hitherto carried on by the firm of Messrs. [illegible] at the same time we wrote to the British Consul at East [illegible] in respect of the goods shipped to the same firm at Zanzibar, but this letter, of which we beg to enclose copy, we have received no [illegible] from Nairobi, however, we have received a reply under date of 7th, which reads as follows:-

.... " I have the honour to inform you that no receiver has appointed to any alien enemy firm in this Protectorate. In any event I suggest that you should instruct such local agent as you may deem fit to collect your debts in such cases the Agent may be advised....."

M. G. & C. L. // The Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, LONDON

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It seems to us very extraordinary that no Receiver should have been appointed, as a very important business was being done by the Africana Co. and certainly a Receiver was necessary to take charge of the goods, both those which would be on the premises of the Company out here, and those which they would have already delivered to their clients and which would not be paid for. The members of the firm both in Mombasa and Zanzibar were made prisoners of war and the Offices were closed already in October last.

May we ask what instructions if any have been sent out from the Colonial Office to protect the interests of British Merchants who are placed in this position, as we consider the reply from the Secretariat at Nairobi very disappointing. We were entitled to consider that when the business of the Africana Co. was closed by Government order a Receiver would be appointed.

We should be much obliged if you would inform us whether you have received any reports from East Africa in reference to the position of such accounts as ours, and if you can assure us that British interests in this matter have been carefully safeguarded. We were informed at Nairobi that a local British agent was instructed to collect our debts in such manner as the agent may be advised to do, especially where, as in the case of the Government have not appointed a representative or trustee of the property and assets of the enemy firm.

We are, Sir,
Yours respectfully,

[Handwritten Signature]
MANAGING DIRECTOR

copy letter to Br. Consul - Zanzibar.
Various statements

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His Excellency,
The British Consul General,

ZANZIBAR.

Dear Sir,

We have been informed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt that all German and Austrian firms established in British Colonies and Protectorates are being closed down, and that wherever practicable Receivers are being appointed. Further, that any British firm which owes money to, or are owed money by a firm so closed should apply to the Colonial Government direct.

We are a British Limited Company, registered in 1899, none of our shares being held in Germany or Austria, and we beg to inform you that the firm of Africana Handels Gesellschaft mbH, a German firm with its headquarters in Frankfurt a/M, and with branches at Basrah, London and Darussalam, owes us for goods shipped by us and delivered to these West African ports, the sum of £3978-7s-11d. On the other hand, we owe them no money whatsoever.

We therefore respectfully request you to put our claim before the Receiver who has been or may be appointed in respect of the estate of the firm of Africana Handels Gesellschaft, mbH, so that we may be credited pro rata with other creditors of this estate out of any sums which may come into the Receiver's hands.

- We beg to mention that we have written a similar letter to your Excellency The Governor & Commander-in-Chief- Nairobi, as it seems to us probable that for the purpose of distribution the Estate of the Africana

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M. G. & Co. L.

The British Consul General,

ADEN. Nov. 2, 1914.

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Handels Gesellschaft mH. in East Africa would have to be taken as a whole, otherwise we do not see how an equitable distribution of the proceeds could be made.

We should be glad to furnish the Receiver with the Marks and Numbers of the Packages which have been shipped by us to the respective Ports, and which represent our debt.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind intervention on our behalf, We beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MATUSCH, GOLDSCHMIDT & Co.

R. Goldschmidt
Managing Director.

Neuss²² Africana Handels-Gesellschaft m. b. H.

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Shipped to Zanzibar

9	AFRICANA	1124/1125	2 Bales	31	11	8
9	.	1126/1127	2 Bales	38	2	6
9	.	1133/1137	10 Bales	119	14	1
9	.	1133/1143	6 Bales	106	15	1
9	.	1144/1156	3 Bales	55	9	4
11	.	1147/1148	2 Bales	38	2	6
11	.	1149/1151	3 Bales	47	14	8
11	.	1152/1165	14 Bales			
		1169/1180	12 Bales	307	6	9
1	.	1181/1182	2 Bales	38	2	6
1	.	1207/1210	4 Bales	65	4	2
		1186/1204	19 Bales			
		1205/1206	2 Cases			
		1231/1216	6 Bales	322	7	10
3	.	218/1219	2 Bales	38	2	6
3	.	232/1237	6 Bales	132	10	5
		223/1229	4 Bales			
		238/1237	2 Cases	100	6	8

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Africa's ^{no} *Africana Handels-Gesellschaft* m. b. H.

Shipped to Mombasa

9	AFRICANA	6357	1 Bale			
		6364/6366	3 Cases		84	4 9
9		6358/6361	4 Bales		58	- 2
9		6362/6363	2 Bales		33	8 9
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3		6395/6398	4 Bales		49	11 8
3		6399	1 Bale		15	9 4

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Messrs. Africana Handels-Gesellschaft m. b. H.

Shipped to Dar es Salaam

April 5	AFRICANA	8763/8764	2 Bales	38 2 6
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	.	8774/8796	23 Bales	350 6 7
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July 3	"	1220/1222	3 Bales	39-1-0

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Mess-^{es} Africana Handels-Gesellschaft m. b. H.

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Mr. Tennison 20.2.15.

Mr. Reed 22

Mr. Davis 22 7.15

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Mr. J. Anderson

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24 Feb 15

Dear Sir
In reply to

DRAFT
Massachusetts Goldsmith
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- MINUTE
- Mr. Fenington 20.2.15
- Mr. Lead 22
- Mr. Davis 22.2.15
- Mr. ...
- Mr. H. ...
- Mr. J. Anderson 22.2.
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...

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Handelsgesellschaft
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