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Release of British Cargo from interposed enemy vessels.

Submit appln of Messrs H. White Watson & Co of London for delivery of 70 Cases of Swedish safety matches originally shipped per B. Adolph Goeremann & now conveyed to Bombay by B. Janka. Requests instrs. & inquires whether future similar cases are to be reported to us before action is taken locally.

W. Dixon
W. Thompson

W. Butler

? Copy to Foreign Trade Dept. & ask what reply should be sent.

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The Board license of Sep. 25/14 (see p. 383 of Manual of Emergency Legislation) authorized "British owners of cargo lying in a neutral port in a ship owned by an enemy to pay freight & other necessary

Copy F.I.D. case (Jan 17)
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charges to the agent of the
Shipowner at the port
concerned" for the purpose
of obtaining possession of
their cargo. It might be here
evident the agents at Rotterdam
of the owners of the "Adolph
Woermann" + Messrs A.
White Wilson's action could
therefore appear quite
unobjectionable.

? Copy F.V.D. saying
that having regard
to the terms of the
license of Sep 25/14
there would seem to be
nothing objectionable
in the transactions
referred to in the
Gov's despatch + that
he would propose
with their concurrence
to reply in this sense
& to inform the Gov
that no report need

be furnished regarding
cases covered by the
or any other license
of the Govt.

+ Cf. Circular of
10 April 1915 +
13 Jan. 1916 below.

W. Read.

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+ J.R.

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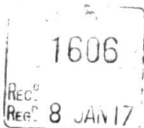
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 160.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

CONFIDENTIAL.

November 29th, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence which has taken place on various occasions on the subject of the release of British cargo from interned Enemy vessels, I have the honour to inform you that the firm of Messrs. H. White Wilson and Company, of Nairobi, have applied for the delivery of ten cases of Swedish safety matches originally shipped by the Deutsche Ost Afrika Linie S.S. "Adolph Woerman" and now conveyed to Mombasa by the Union Castle S.S. "Gaika".

2. The goods are supported by a certificate of origin issued to F.A. Voigt and Company, a firm of forwarding agents in Rotterdam who appear in Black List "A".

3. The following extracts are taken

from

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

from the compilation "Who's Who in relation to War Trade" with reference to this firm:-

Totta J.H. & Co. of Lisbon sent through the intermediary of F.A.Voigt and Company Rotterdam, two cheques on the Nederlandsche Bank vereeniging for Fl.1850 and Fl.86 in favour of Stuben and Company-Portuguese East Africa.

Wurfel K.M. 499 Northmain St. Springfield, Mass. asked the British East Africa Corporation for payment for 100 cases Kaffer picks bought by the British East Africa Corporation from H.Hefendehl through Edens and Company London. These goods were ordered prior to the war and are now at Rotterdam. The British East Africa Corporation had been in negotiation with Voigt and Company but when the latter's credits were stopped Wurfel who was unknown to the British East Africa Corporation took up the correspondence. They are evidently in close touch with Voigt and Company. British East Africa Corporation to War Trade Department 5th April 1916".

The Kaffir picks mentioned above are probably the native jembsies referred to in the enclosure to your despatch No.236 of the 29th of March.

4. Messrs.White Wilson and Company state that payment has been made to the Swedish manufacturers.

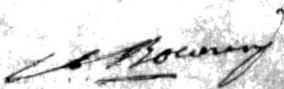
manufacturers through English agents i.e. W.M. Kneale of Liverpool, but they make no mention of the payment of freight, general average or other necessary charges to the agents in Rotterdam.

5. I should be glad to receive your instructions in the matter and to be informed whether similar cases which may occur in future are to be reported to you before action is taken locally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



GOVERNOR'S Deputy

Gov. E.A.P.

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The Controller
Foreign Trade Department

MINUTE.

- Mr. Jewell 17/12/17
- Mr. ~~Butcher~~
- Mr. ~~Butcher~~
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

I am to transmit to you
to be laid before the Sec. Bd. for
the acc. copy of a book for the Gov.
of the E.A.P., regarding an application
made by the firm of Messrs. H.

White Wilson Company, of
Nairobi, for the delivery of ten
cases of Swedish safety matches
originally shipped by the German
East-Africa Line S.S. "Koch
Woermann" and now conveyed to

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Copy for (ref. 31 Jan 17 4344:17)

Monrovia by the Union Castle
Castle, S.S. "Gaika".

2. Having regard to the
terms of the Board of Trade licence
of the 25th of Sept. 1914, there would
appear to be nothing objectionable
in the transaction referred to in their
despatch, ^{as Mr. Lang would prefer,}
^{with Mr. Balfour's}
~~subject to the concurrence of Mr.~~
~~Sec. Balfour,~~ to reply in this sense,
as to inform the Gov. that no report
need be furnished regarding cases
covered by this or any other licence
of the Board of Trade.

(Signed) H. J. READ