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COLLECTION FOR SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE

1914

10th October

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made by an Austrian Subject, Dr A. Stuck. The letter from Washington enclosing one from the Smithsonian Institute enquiring if H.M.G. would permit the collection to be forwarded. Enquires what answer.

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Mr. G. Fielder

Copy to the file & say that if he sees no objection he should give what assistance he can in the matter - & info. the F.O. that the list has been done - & ask F.O. possibility of whether they have seen the list referred to & facilitate proc of same. If so, send it to file?

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No. 64351/14
address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

~~Reference to previous correspondence~~

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~~Letter to~~ Foreign Office:
~~from~~

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy of a despatch which has been received from H. M. Ambassador at Washington respecting an inquiry as to whether H. M. G. would give permission for recovery of collection made in Africa by an American subject for the Smithsonian Institution.

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to Sir C. Spring Rice

Foreign Office,
October 29, 1914.

(Similar letter sent to

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON,

October 17, 1914.

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Sir:

I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter from the Smithsonian Institution enquiring whether His Majesty's Government would give permission for the recovery of a collection made in Africa for the Institution by an Austrian subject, Dr. Adalbert Smetan, which he left behind at Nairobi.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Sd.) CECIL SPRING-RICE.

*Recd. by
7.13.14*

The Right Honourable

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., K.G.,

etc., etc., etc.,

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

October 13, 1914.

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SIR:

Some months ago Dr. Adalbert Shuck, a citizen of Austria, was commissioned to obtain certain collections, casts of natives, photographs, etc., etc., for the United States National Museum and for exhibition at the San Diego, California, Exposition to be held in 1915. A letter has just been received from Dr. Shuck, under date of September 9, informing the Institution that he had about completed this commission when, shortly after the news of the breaking out of the war between Austria-Hungary and Great Britain, he was arrested and after being detained for some days at Nairobi, British East Africa, was allowed to leave the country. He states that he was, however, unable to arrange for the forwarding of his camp equipment and collections which were left in a store on a farm near Kyambu (Tinganga Farm, Kyambu, c/o Mr. E. I. Barton). He also left two large trunks at the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi. This material is urgently needed for use in the preparation of the exhibits for the above-mentioned exposition. I beg leave, therefore, to bring the matter to your attention and to ask that you will have the goodness, if possible, to arrange for permission for its shipment to this institution.

In the hope that it may be practicable to allow this material to be forwarded, I venture to enclose a letter addressed to Newland, Tarlton & Co. Nairobi, directing them to obtain the material in question and to attend to its forwarding at the expense of this Institution.

With the assurance that the Institution will greatly appreciate any assistance you can give in this connection,

I am, etc.,

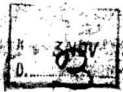
R. HATHBURN,
Acting Secretary.

His Excellency
The British Ambassador,
Washington, D.C.

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th of Oct. (No. 64357/14) and to ~~inform you that~~ request you to inform Secy. Sir E. Grey that a copy has been sent to the for. of the EAP with a request that if he sees no objection he will render what assistance he can in the matter of the recovery of the

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collection made in
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(Signed) H. J. READ.
for the Under Secretary of State

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Ans'd 11/4/14

4 November 1914

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Mr. H. S. Gifford

[for 7720/13]

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 87 of the 7th of Feb. 1913 I have the honor to ~~acknowledge~~ ~~you that~~ transmit to you for your info. the accompanying copy of corres. on the subject of the collection made in Africa by Dr. Schick for the Smithsonian Institution, and to request that, if you see

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Foreign Office

M. J. Scott Brown.

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29 Oct

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Member of Cape to Cairo motor expedition
& believed to be prisoner in German E Africa.
Sends copy letter from Mrs. Scott Brown
& note addressed to British Ambdr. & inquires
whether Ct has any info regarding M. Scott Brown

Reply that we have no info

at once

H. J. R.

31/10/14

Answer 2/11/14

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FOREIGN OFFICE

October 29 1914

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Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit a copy of correspondence, as marked in the margin, and to enquire whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies has any information in regard to the whereabouts and position of Mr. James Scott Brown.

Brown
Oct 26/14
United States Amb.
Oct 29/14

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Ralph Page

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

ROSS BEC,

ELLIS ROAD

GLAUCON ON SEA

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31 OCT 14

October 25th 1914.

Sir:-

I am in great distress concerning my husband, who I believe is a prisoner in German East Africa, but unfortunately I am unable to find this out. I shall be very grateful if you are able to give me any information; the war Office cannot.

My husband, James Scott Brown was one of the members of the Cape to Cairo Motor Expedition and was returning home through German East Africa when the war broke out, and was nearing Tabera when he last wrote a letter dated August 2nd. He said he was meeting trouble with Germans but had booked through to Daresalaam. I have no further news, and my letters are returned from Daresalaam undeliverable, so that I am quite unable to find out anything, or when he is likely to be released if a prisoner. I am in great distress financially having no means. I understand I could get assistance if I could prove my husband is a prisoner, but of this I am not

quite

quite sure.

The Cape to Cairo members were received by the King himself before they left England last July twelve-month. The car was christened by Princess Louise. The leader Captain Kelsey dies of leopard wounds in Africa which brought the tour to an end.

Trusting you will favour me with a reply,

I am &c.,

(Signed) K. Scott-Brown.

P.S. I do not know if it is necessary to say that I and my husband are English.

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POLITICAL OFFICE.

October 29 1914.

Your Excellency:-

I have the honour to ask Your Excellency to be so good as to request the United States Ambassador at Berlin to use his good offices with the German Government with a view to ascertain whether Mr. James Scott Brown, a member of the Cape to Cairo motor expedition, who is understood to have been returning home through German East Africa on the outbreak of war, is detained in that colony, or, if not, whether the German Government have any information as to his position.

The request is made on behalf of Mr. Brown's wife who has endeavoured unsuccessfully to correspond with him in Africa.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

Humble Servant,

Excellency.

Honourable

W. H. Page,

Esq., Esq., Esq.,

NO 42249/14

Africa

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22 October 1914

Sir,

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The U.S. & S.
F.O.

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper Recd 2/9/14

Mr. Bottomley 2/11/14 for

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Mr.

Sir G. Frides.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Jelington.

Mr. Harcourt.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary
Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 29th of
Oct (No. 64000/14) and to
~~inform you that~~ request
you to acquaint Secy
Sir Edward Grey that he
has no information
with regard to Mr
James Scott Brown, a
member of the Cape to
Lairo motor expedition

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Secretary of State

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