

Commission of 1 April 1915  
 Vice-Consul of the Kalanga  
 in  
 reference to account of detention  
 of last of Commission of 1 April 1915  
 by the Vice-Consul of the Kalanga  
 taken to the port of Mombasa  
 & before the Vice-Consul of the Kalanga  
 also) has accepted (note 70)

letter of 2 December no 82594/14) 5425  
 subject ~~for consideration~~  
 account will follow therefore that

the paragraph should be worded as  
 follows: "Conspectus"

should take place

should be worded as follows  
 as to the Commission of the  
 Commission of the Kalanga

H.L.  
 for the V.C.

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Last previous Paper

Seizure of motor boat

belonging to the von Malmann (referred to in  
 Consul at Mombasa) (note 70)  
 Lt. Smith, Berlin, was proposed to release boat  
 in exchange for motor boat belonging to the H.S.  
 Jachell, agent for German boats in Mombasa (note 70)

To Genl. Sir 23 Jan 15  
 That - copy above sent to you 15th  
 How do you feel about it?

M. G. Fildes

Ref: to the file of the V.C.P.  
 saying that the proposal has  
 been made & ask him to report his  
 views by tel. stating briefly the circumstances  
 in which the boat was seized.  
 - copy of my tel. to V.C. 15th Jan 15  
 The boat was offered for M. Fildes  
 help to have been private property of the  
 little & seized).

H. J. R.

(But in other requisitions 19/1/15  
 is required) I did advise the V.C. (note 70)

Next subsequent Paper

Govt 4358

Mombasa 22.1.15

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 5452/15

and address—  
The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

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Reference to previous correspondence—

Letter to  
from Foreign Office.

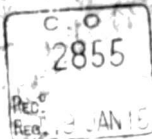
The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to The Under-Secretary of State  
for the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of  
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy of  
a note which has been received from through  
the U.S. Ambassador relative to the  
detention of W. Gastrell's motor car +  
Herr von Hedemann's motor-boat.

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised  
what answer should be returned to Dr. Sage

Foreign Office,

18 January, 1915.

(Similar letter sent to



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BERLIN

Berlin, January 8, 1915.

JAN 5 1915

S i r :

I have the honor to inform you that some time ago the Embassy received a letter from Mr. Edward Higgins, the American Consul at Stuttgart, dated October 8, 1914, a copy of which with its enclosures are herewith enclosed, relative to the seizure of an automobile belonging to Mr. R. L. Castrell, former English Consul in Stuttgart, upon the receipt of which the Embassy addressed a Note to the Imperial Foreign Office, a copy of which is likewise enclosed, asking for the release of this automobile, and that it might be turned over to Mr. Higgins, the American Consul in Stuttgart as aforesaid. The Embassy is now in receipt of a reply from the Foreign Office and is likewise enclosing a copy of the Foreign Office's Note Verbale thus received, from which it would appear that the German Government is ready to turn over the automobile as requested, provided that a motor-boat, said to be the property of Mr. von Hedemann, the retired German Consul in Mombasa, and which is alleged to be confiscated by the English authorities there, will be placed at the disposal of some person to be named by Mr. von Hedemann. I would request His Excellency that you

The Honorable Walter Hines Page,

American Ambassador,

London.

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that you communicated this proposition to the British Government and ask that answer they wish to be given thereto.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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COPY.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Stuttgart, October 9th, 1914.

To his Excellency

James V. Gerard.

American Ambassador, E. & F.,

Berlin.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find copies of two letters in relation to the seizure of an Automobile belonging to Mr. E. N. Gastrell, former English Consul. The Automobile was not directly in my care. The key of the garage was in the possession of the former English Vice Consul, who is a German citizen. Can anything be done to save the value of the automobile to Mr. Gastrell?

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(signed) Edward Higgins

American Consul.

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COPY.

Königl. Hocht.  
Ministerium der  
Auswärtigen Angelegen-  
heiten, Stuttgart.

Stuttgart, den 1. Oktober 1914.

Hochwohlgebornen,

beehre ich mich auf das gefällige Schreiben vom  
30. d. M. ergehen zu erwidern, dass die in Württemberg  
befindlichen Kraftwagen von Untertanen der mit dem  
Deutschen Reiche Krieg führenden Staaten seitens der  
Militärbehörde für Kriegszwecke mit Beschlagnahme belegt  
worden sind.

Ich bin hiernach nicht in der Lage, wegen Freigabe  
des von dem vormaligen Grossbritannischen Honorarykonsul  
Castrell in Stuttgart zurückgelassenen Kraftwagen's  
eine gewünschte Verfügung zu treffen.

Mit vollkommener Hochachtung

(signed) Weiszäcker

An

Seine Hochwohlgebornen  
den Konsul der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika,  
Herrn Edward Higgins.

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C O P Y .

Stuttgart, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1914.

Excellency: -

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I learned to day that by order of the General Kommando the garage (H. Bais & Co.,) where the automobile of Mr. H. H. Gastrell, former English Consul was kept, was forcibly opened and the Automobile taken.

I respectfully request that the Automobile be returned and since it is the private property of Mr. Gastrell that he be reimbursed for all damage. Except, Excellency the renewed assurance of my very distinguished consideration.

(Signed) Edward Higgins  
American Consul.

To His Excellency  
Dr. von Weisshaker  
Royal Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of  
Wurttemberg.

St u t t g a r t .

F.C.No. 797.

NOTE VERBALE

5452  
JAN 5 1915

The American Embassy has the honor to bring the following matter to the attention of the Imperial Foreign Office:

Mr. Higgins, the American Consul at Stuttgart, informs this Embassy that the automobile belonging to Mr. H. H. Gastrell, former British Consul in that city, has been taken by the Württemberg military authorities.

When Mr. Gastrell left Stuttgart, the key to the garage in which his automobile was stored was left with the former British Vice Consul, who is a German subject. The American Consul states that the garage was forcibly opened and the automobile taken. This matter was brought to the attention of the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Württemberg by Mr. Higgins, but the Ministry replied that, as the automobile belonged to the subject of a power at war with Germany, it had been confiscated by the military authorities for war purposes.

The Embassy therefore respectfully request the Imperial Foreign Office to investigate this matter, and if the facts are found to be substantially as here stated, to take the necessary steps with the competent German authorities in order that the automobile may be turned over to Mr. Higgins, the American Consul, who is Mr. Gastrell's representative in this matter.

Berlin, October 13, 1914.

To the

IMPERIAL FOREIGN OFFICE.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

No. III b 21900  
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## NOTE VERBALE.

In reply to the Note Verbale of October 13th of this year (F.O.No.797) the Foreign Office has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the automobile belonging to the retired British Consul in Stuttgart, H.E. Gastrell, will be delivered to the American Consul, Mr. Higgins, of Stuttgart, when the British Government declares itself ready to see that the motor-boat belonging to von Hedemann, the retired German Consul in Mombasa, and confiscated by the English authorities there after the breaking out of the war, will be placed at the disposal of some person named by Herr von Hedemann.

The Foreign Office awaits a decision in the matter.

Berlin, December 31, 1914.

To the  
Embassy of the United States  
of AMERICA.

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DRAFT Telegram

Governor  
Nairobi

MINUTE

- Mr. Harper 23/1/15
- Mr. <sup>24th 22</sup> ~~Porter~~ 23/1/15
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Jast.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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property of Hedemann  
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alcohol

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has been confiscated by  
compravano

Portuguese authorities there  
botascales

is placed at disposal of  
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by Hedemann (C)  
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Telegraph your views

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seizure of the boat  
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