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Date

26th March 1925.

S. DENHAM.

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SALE OF USED POSTAGE STAMPS.  
OFFERS TO POSTAL OFFICERS.

Fwded letter from one M. Schwarz, proprietor of Fleet Stamp Co of London, suggesting that the Postmaster General should enter into surreptitious relations with the firm.

Previous Paper

MINUTES

The H.O. may not be ready to adopt Mr. Fitzgerald's suggestion as to deportation but they might be interested to see the course

? Send copies of despatches & enclos. to H.O. for info & for any action they may have to order

Signed 29.4.25

to Yarkon of any similar instances.

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See for 9474/21 B. Nondukas

'of 3000/21 Elocast + 675/19 J'a

AA 55

he has had a hard deal about his somewhat similar cases in the papers

RELATION  
*Allen 30*  
*Wentley Blake*  
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22/11/25  
Lambie  
3/2/25  
29 JUL 1925  
H.O.  
around you

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mentions above. In the 3. Coast comes <sup>22</sup> ref <sup>22</sup>  
was made to Footlans Trust but with a view  
to the detection of any offences in the Colony.  
It is also very nice for the local P.M. to suggest  
in re-arrangement of deportation of the  
Schwarz, but has been fairly of any act in  
which proceedings could be taken? If not  
a really severe note, which to trouble the  
H.O. & as regards the G.P.O. in that ref in  
a somewhat similar case in 1636/21 B.H.  
in that case it was decided not to send a  
General Circular but only as to the H. Indes  
instructor of a General for might have to  
whether needed in this?

VVA 18/5/25

Mr. Bottomley.

I should let the Home Office have a copy  
of this correspondence, in order that they may see this  
ex-Moravian's activities, but I do not think that any  
further action is feasible. Even if some offence has  
been committed it could not be proved without bringing  
witnesses from Kenya, and you will probably agree that  
it is not worth incurring any such expense.

Bottomley

Copy of the letter of introduction for  
the 1st of 18/5/25 as the Schwarz  
admission P. Council be long, I should  
like, no return of success  
Wed 21.5.25

Mr. Bottomley

I do not think a circular is called for.  
The only doubt, in my mind, is whether we should  
not simply send the G.P.O. for their information  
L.F., a copy of the correspondence (as well as H.O.)

AF 22/5/25

Let letter 27.5.25

at all

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI.  
KENYA.

26th March, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit in original a letter, with its envelope, which has been received by Mr. T. Fitzgerald, Postmaster General, purporting to emanate from one:-

M. Schwarz,

Proprietor of the

Fleet Stamp Company,

5, Inglewood Mansions,

West End Lane,

West Hampstead,

together with a memorandum by Mr. Fitzgerald commenting upon the suggestion that he should enter into surreptitious relations for the sale of used stamps with a firm of this nature.

2. I trust that suitable action may be taken in this instance, you will no doubt agree that offers of this kind, which I have reason to believe have been made to other Postal Officers in this Colony, have an obvious danger.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL L.C.M.S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

From Mr. Fitzgerald  
Dated 17-3-25.  
with enclosures.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

Registered No. "B" 427/25.

Office of the Postmaster General,  
P. O. Box No. 311,  
Nairobi, 17th March, 1925.

The Hon. The Ag. Colonial Secretary,  
N a i r o b i.

RE: THE "FLEET" STAMP COMPANY, LONDON.

I submit, in original, a letter which I have just received from the above named Company.

2. It will be observed that the letter is in effect an offer to enter into surreptitious relations for the purchase of used stamps and is of such a brazen and impudent character that I consider it should be brought to the notice of the Colonial Office so that suitable action may be taken to prevent the issue, by firms of this type, of circular letters of this description the dangers of which are obvious.

3. One way of dealing with the matter would I suggest be to restore to the gentleman in question his Moravian nationality and deport him.

4. I am sure Sir Geoffrey Clarke is quite unaware of the use which is being made of his name and I need hardly add that the statement that it is possible to obtain from me by purchase or otherwise used stamps is a falsehood and if it would help the authorities at home I may say that I personally desire that statement to be traced to its source.

(sd) T. Fitzgerald.  
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POSTMASTER GENERAL.

## THE "FLEET" STAMP CO., 193

Sole Proprietor: M. SCHWARZ, British (N.B. 1904) formerly Moscovitz.

PRICES GIVEN FOR COLLECTIONS

Small or Small

LOOSE STAMPS WANTED  
In Any Quantity

INGLEWOOD MANSIONS

WEST END LANE

WEST HAMPSTEAD

London, 12/2

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N.W.4

The Postmaster General Nairobi, Kenya,

Dear Sir,

With my letter of to-day I beg to approach you on a subject which no doubt will greatly interest you.

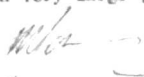
I am a fair buyer of used stamps and was told by a friend of mine that I can get from you any quantity, from 1/ up to £5 and higher as you can get the same from the used telegraph forms, which are after time useless, and are destroyed.

I may mention that as an old man, I treat the matter strictly private and confidential and you can trust me implicitly.

As soon as you send me a parcel with the amount asked, I remit the money in any way you prefer.

Sir Geoffrey R. Clarke the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs Delhi, India, who knows me personally will gladly give you any information you may require.

Trusting to get your good news and a very large parcel of used stamps, believe me yours sincerely



P.S. I buy also all the small values and any other stamps