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MAFIA: 1915 1a. Aniline Carmine of Indian Expeditionary Forces handstamped G.R. MAFIA (Type 1) in Lilac (reddish violet), an unlisted variety, unused with large part original gum is in my opinion genuine.

A rare stamp of unknown status, this is akin to the contemporary issues of Zanzibar with the same overprint. (See NOTE in the middle of page 246 of G.R.I.)



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