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The Committee is of the opinion that the

Mafia Island. 1915. 15c. blue of
 Zanzibar, Wmk. Mult. Rosettes, Perf. 14,
 vertical pair, top stamp handstamped
 "MAFIA/G.R." and lower stamp
 handstamped "O.H.B.M.S. MAFIA" in
 circle in violet (S.G. Unlisted) unused
 with original gum is
 genuine.

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TANGANYIKA. (Mafia Island), 1915?, Zanzibar 1913 issue, 15c. blue, watermark multiple rosette, a vertical pair, handstamped "Mafia G.R." on the upper stamp and "O.H.B.M.S." in a circle on the lower stamp in violet as S.G. type M1 and M3. The status of these overprints is unknown to date, they are however made from the original handstamp, albeit the lettering reversed on the upper stamp. They are probably of a trial nature (see Gibbs book, page 246, 252, 254). As such it is in my opinion genuine. The lower stamp has a slight surface rubbing. The pair is unique to date.



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