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TANGANYIKA (MAFIA ISLAND). 1915, July, 2 1/2 Heller, brown of German East Africa, surcharged G.R. Post 6 Cents Mafia, variety double overprint in blue and in violet, S.G. M11 (var.), Michel 11 (var.), unused without gum, is in my opinion genuine.  
Ex "Bute" Sale, R. Lowe Ltd., May 1959, lot 367.  
All of the Bute Mafia stamps were effected by moisture due to being in a safe deposit which was bombed in 1941. Stamps and overprint have rather washed colours and are all without gum and in some cases stained. The colour of this stamp is a little dull and the surcharges are somewhat washed out.  
A very rare variety.



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The Committee is of the opinion that the

*Mafia Island 1915 (May). bc. on 2 1/2 h  
brown of German East Africa Yacht type,  
handstamped "G.R.-POST-6 CENTS-MAFIA"  
in blue and in violet (S.G. M11 variety)  
unused without gum is genuine.  
Affected by moisture.  
Ex. Bute.*



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David Brandon