

SCHOEBERLEIN & LOBENHOFFER
LONDON.

TELEGRAMS:
PELOPIDAS, LONDON.

Market Buildings,
29 Mincing Lane,

London, E.C.3. 28th March, 1918.

Mr. D. L. Lacombe,

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Dear Mr. Lacombe,

I confirm my letter of the 22nd inst., and wish to mention to you privately, that we were forced to dismiss our Christiania agent, Mr. Haakon Vold. Mr. Vold was involved in legal proceedings and left about three months ago for New York without making adequate arrangements to carry on the business. We wrote Mr. Vold privately and gave him every opportunity to clear his character, but remained without any reply. Yesterday we had a cable from him demanding us to re-consider our decision and reinstate him as agent, failing which he will undertake a trip to Rio and make arrangements with you behind our backs. We naturally wrote to him that we can laugh at such childish threats, but in case Mr. Vold should turn up, you know now how matters stand. We have no doubt that Mr. Vold will spin a very tall yarn which you may be sure will not be in accordance with the facts.

We have now made temporary arrangements with the Trans Oceanic Trading Co., A/S, Christiania, who used to be his former employers and we trust to obtain for you your fair share of the business as soon as further business is possible. At present, it is very difficult, the more-so, as telegraphic and mail communication is practically suspended.

Should our present arrangements not prove to be

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Mr. D. D. Macombe, Rio.

satisfactory, we shall make different arrangements and have already obtained very good names from the British Bank of Northern commerce. Anyhow, you can assure Messrs. Jessouroun, Rio and Santos that their interests are quite safe in our hands.

We hope Messrs. Jessouroun will be satisfied with the account sales per s/s "RE VITTORIO".

We remain, dear sir,

yours faithfully,

Emmanuel Lobenoffer