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March 1893 - April 11, 1902

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English French

Creator

Cherry, William Stamps

Extent

0.3 Linear Feet Two folders and five individual papers that are flat oversized.

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Content Description

This is a collection of papers from William Stamps Cherry's visits to Africa around the end of the 19th century. Cherry was an American businessman, explorer, and writer involved in the Ivory trade. In these letters he mentions interacting with the native people, elephant hunting as well as ivory shipping, and the possibility of treaty negotiations.

35 letters in English and French, 13 business documents such as receipts, itemized lists, and a certificate of authenticity. Two receipts are from The Red Star Line Express between Belgium and the United States for cargo transport with Marine Insurance, these are printed in French and English. Other documents include one telegram, one wedding invitation, six envelopes, a business card, a block of canceled stamps from the Congo, and a picture of two African men. The largest document contains numerical figures on one side, and a hand drawn map on the other. The map mentions several areas of rocks and water, as well as a place where something was killed.

The last item in this collection is a one page treaty signed on July 13, 1884 between the Association Internationale du Congo, and King Manda and King MZita, two chiefs of Chimbuko who were selling their property. The two Kings marked the paper alongside the Association's representatives.

Content warnings for derogatory language directed towards Africans, nudity, the Ivory trade, and allusions towards suggestions of genocide.

Keywords

Africa--Description and travel

Africa

Business records

Legal documents

Ivory

Ivory industry

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/585734

Unit Date 1893-1901

Mixed Materials Small Collections Box 125

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English French

Extent 0.1 Linear Feet

Business documents

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Unit Date 1894-1902

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Container 2 (Folder)

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Oversized items

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/585736

Mixed Materials Small Collections Oversize Box 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Contains the map, treaty, and two cargo shipping receipts.