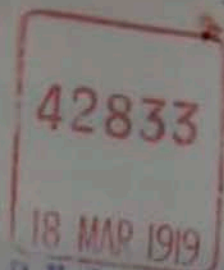
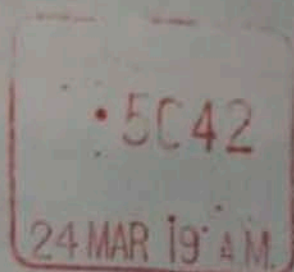


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My Lord,

There has been considerable discussion in the Swiss Press recently with reference to the wish expressed by a considerable portion of the population of the Vorarlberg to be eventually attached to the territories forming the Swiss Confederation. The Romand press, as a whole, deprecates such an idea as it considers that the German element in Switzerland would be still further strengthened at the expense of the Romand portion of the Confederation. This is indeed, I understand, the view taken by the President of the matter, though I have not discussed the question either with him or with any other member of the Swiss Government.

A report gained ground that the Vorarlberg might be attached to Switzerland in exchange for a rectification of the Italian-Swiss frontier, but the Swiss press is unanimous in saying that, in no circumstances, will Switzerland give up an inch of territory which at present belongs to her.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,
humble servant,

(signed) HORACE RUMBOLD.

The Earl Curzon of Kedleston, K.G.,

tc. etc. etc.

