

Koealoe Leidong, Membang Moeda, Negara Republik Indonesia, 1947-1948

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During the Dutch colonial rule in the Netherlands Indies, Membang Moeda was one of many large rubber plantations, occupying an area of 3.104 ha. It was owned by the Dutch "NV Rubber Cultuur-Mij. Amsterdam" and produced approximately 1.3 million kilo's of rubber in 1938.

Membang Moeda was situated about 50 km south of the city of Kisiran, in the administrative division Asahan, district of Laboehan Batoe, subdistrict Koealoe Leidong, part of the Sumatra East Coast residency (Sumatera Timor). Membang Moeda was connected to the Deli railroad and had it's own railway station. The Deli Railroad Company started in 1883 with building a railroad from Laboehan Deli to Belawan. Step by step the railroad was extended throughtout the residency and the last trajectory from Kisiran to Rantauprapat was finished in 1937, connecting Membang Moeda to the network.

After the Japanese occupation of the Netherlands Indies, the Memban Moeda area was never re-gained by the Dutch troops. Actually the local population took matters in their own hands and even removed the native rulers (a.o. Sultan Tengku Mansur Shah) from power during the so-called "social revolution" in 1946.

Neither the Dutch nor the new Indonesian government were able to establish their rule throughout the island, leaving the Asahan region in an isolated situation. During the revolution period from 1945 -1949, the Asahan region had to be selfsufficient and as a consequence, several local authorities issued their own money in order to keep their local economy going.

Between 1947 and 1948, subdistrict Koealoe Leidong issued it's own paper money in Membang Moeda.

The first issue of notes in 1947 were signed by the "BAH. Keoeangan" the subdistrict's financial officer whose name is yet unknown and the "WEDANA KL. LEDONG" the subdistrict's officer (Dutch: controleur) Mr. M. Sarijan. On october 17, 1945 the "Komite Nasional Daerah Labuhanbatu" was founded and Mr. M. Sarijan was an honorary party member since the beginning. Currently a street (Indonesian: Jalan) is named after him in the nearby city of Rantauprapat. The first three denominations (50,100 and 250 Roepiah) spell "KL. LEDONG" and the fourth denomination spells "K/ LEIDONG". All four denominations spell "MOEDA"with "OE".

During the subsequent issues of 1948, the Indonesian spelling gradually changes from "OE" to "U".

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50 (Lima poeloh) Roepiah, 1 September 1947 (KUKI H-600)



100 (Seratoes) Roepiah, 1 September 1947 (KUKI H-601)



250 (Doea Ratoes Lima Poeloh) Roepiah, 25 October 1947 (KUKI H-602)



1000 (Seriboe) Roepiah, 10 December 1947 (KUKI H-603)



2.500 (Doea Riboe Lima Ratoes) Roepiah, 1 Januari 1948 (KUKI H-604)



5.000 (Lima Riboe) Roepiah, 15 Januari 1948 (KUKI H-605)



10.000 (Sepuluh Ribu) Rupiah, 27 Djanuari 1948 (KUKI H-606)



10.000 (Sepuluh Ribu) Rupiah, 10 Februari 1948 (KUKI H-607)



25.000 (Dua Puluh Lima Ribu) Rupia, 22 Februari 1948 (KUKI H-608)



50.000 (Lima puluh Ribu) Rupia, 3 Maart 1948 (KUKI H-609)



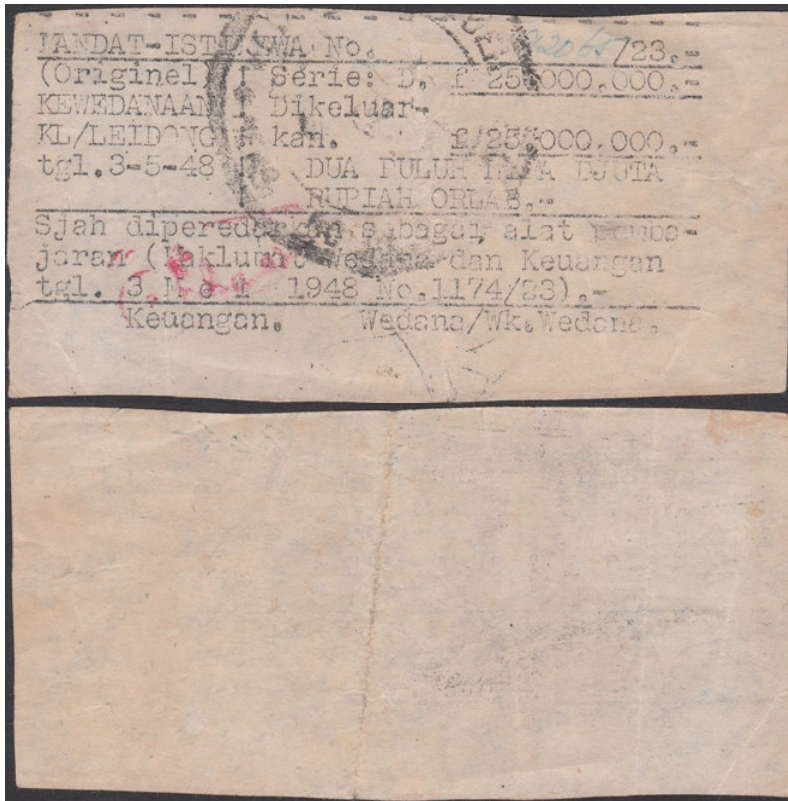
250.000 (Dua Ratus Lima Puluh Ribu) Rupia, 15 Februari 1948 (KUKI H-610)



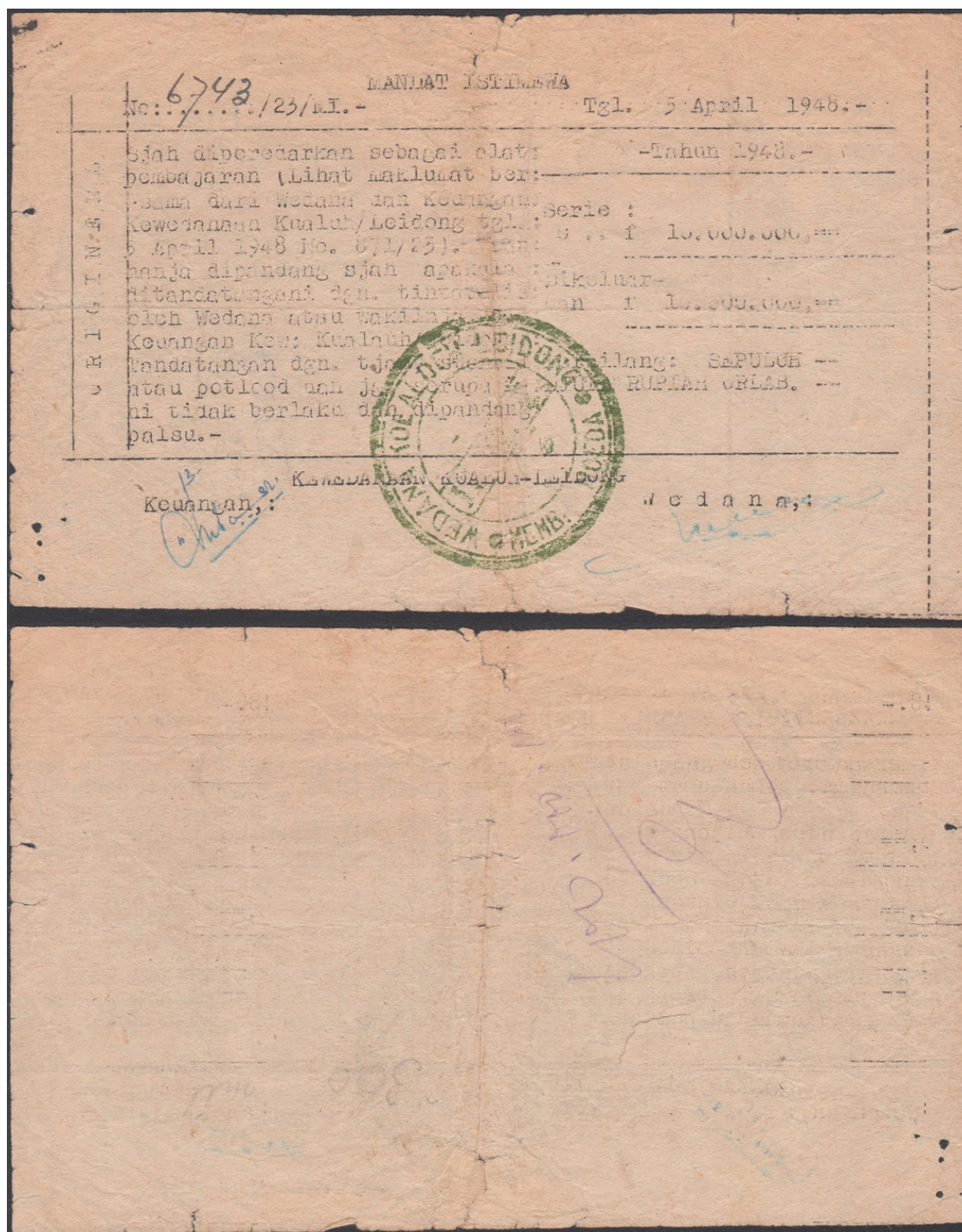
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25.000.000 (Dua Puluh Lima Djuta) Rupiah ORLAB, 3 Mei 1948 (KUKI H-612)



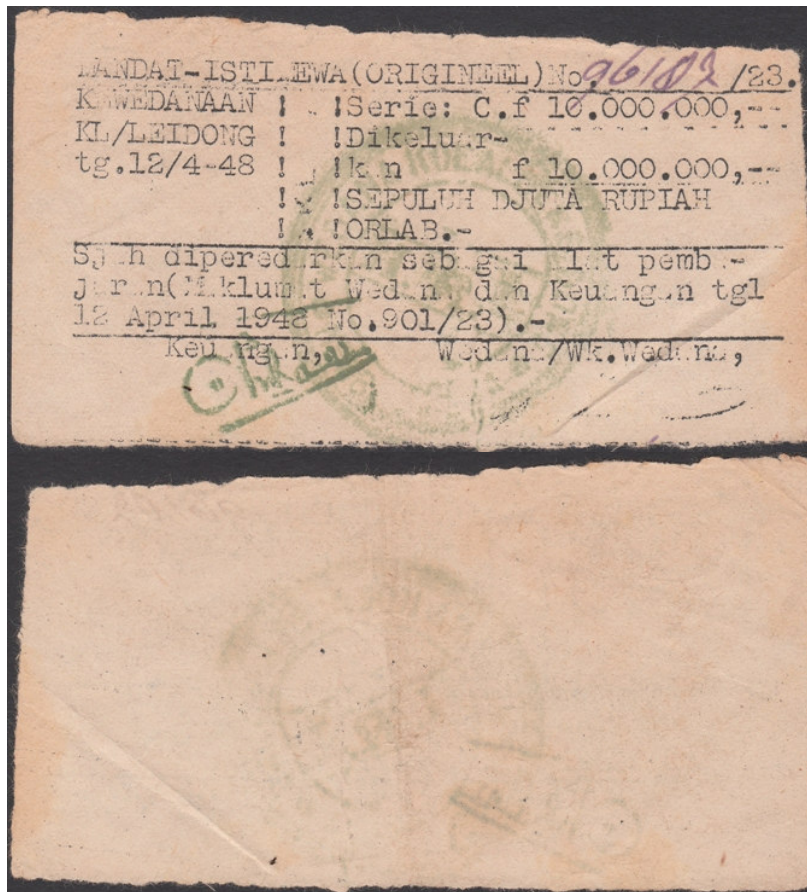
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10.000.000 (Sepuluh Djuta) Rupiah ORLAB, 12 April 1948 (KUKI H-611)



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