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Desires views as to issue of Bonds based on the Railway Coy and the Prot. being jointly interested in profits of the railway and development of lands. On such a basis at least £1,000,000 capital stock should be issued.

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Dear Sir Herbert,

In the course of the preparations of the financial scheme with the many details attaching thereto, it has been strongly urged upon me that it will be possible to frame a more advantageous scheme, both to the Railway Company and the Protectorate, if they are jointly interested in the development of lands in the country, and that the Bonds which are not a Trustee Security could then be placed on better terms.

The profits of this development, together with the ordinary profits of the railway as it develops and is able to pay its own expenses, would enable the Bonds to be more quickly redeemed out of such profits, which would leave the Railway Company and the Protectorate jointly interested in the profits of the railway and of the development by means of its common stock, and on such a basis at least £1,000,000 Common Stock could be issued.

I should like to see you and get your views of this suggestion.

Yours very truly,

Sir Herbert J. Read, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,
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S.W.1.