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The Under Secretary  
for the Colonies.

Sir,

You will remember that, at the Conference on the 7th inst., the gentleman opposite to me (Sir Robert Gale, I think) stated that the cost of a Purcellizing-plant would be £ 20,000 & that he had ordered, for the N.W. Railway, India, a Croosoting-plant at a very much smaller figure.

As I did not want to waste time in comparing croosoting with Purcellizing, I said that I would procure the figures, which I did not carry in my head.

I have therefore asked our Engineers, Messrs. Brown & Co. L<sup>td</sup>, Kingsway, to send you the cost of the proposed commercial-sized Purcellizing Plant and I am confident that you will find that the sum of £ 20,000 will amply cover the following expenditures:-

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|---|---------|----------------------------|
| 1. Plant, say, at today's prices                | £ 6,000 |                            |
| 2. Freight and Erection                         | 6,000   | } probably an overestimate |
| 3. <sup>with</sup> consideration to the Synth.  |         |                            |
| 4. Site and impell                              | 8,000   |                            |
| 5. Boiler plant for steam                       | 2,000   | } probably an overestimate |
| 6. Cost of raw materials and wages for one year | 5,000   |                            |

The above items amount to £ 27,000, leaving £ 3,000 towards the Royalties (at 4' per cub. foot)