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1911

every

2 brigade scheme
Railway Rolling Stock

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1876

...to provide to large a sum of £5000
which may never be required. Suggest that
any necessary paper be temporarily met from that
funds of Parliament be asked in the interim to
make good the amount & issued by a temporary

as Paper

Mr Fiddes

E J C Smith

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In the margin of this Letter the following
Remarks should be quoted

TREASURY CHAMBERS

February 1911.

Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Piddes' letter of the 13th instant (3520/1911) requesting that provision of £75,000 may be made in the Estimate for Colonial Services 1911-12 to meet expenditure that would have to be incurred by the Government of the East Africa Protectorate in the event of Messrs M. Samuel and Company deciding to exercise the option which has been given to them in respect of the Soda deposits at Lake Magadi.

In reply I am to state that in the absence of definite information as to the Company's intentions My Lords hesitate to include in the Estimate provision for a sum of this magnitude which may never be required, and They would suggest in preference to the course recommended by Mr. Secretary Harcourt that, if the need should actually arise, any necessary expenditure on this service should be temporarily met out of Protectorate funds and that Parliament should be asked in the summer to make good the amount so issued by a Supplementary Vote.

If Mr. Harcourt agrees to this course it will no doubt affect his calculation of the amount to be included in the Vote on Account in respect of Colonial Services.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,



The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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21 Feb 11

Immediate

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The Sec^y to the Treasury

Sir,
I am directed by Mr Sec^y Harcourt to ask the rec^d of your letter of the 18th of Feb (2821/11) & to request you to inf^r the L.C. of the Treas^y that there is no doubt that Mess^{rs} Samuel & Co^{ys} intend to exercise their option in respect of the

MINUTE.

- Mr. Rend. 21. Feb.
- Mr.
- Mr. Fiddes. 21 Feb
- Mr. Just.
- Mr. Cox.
- Sir G. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Col. Seely.
- Lord Curzon
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Attest
21/2/11

the Lake deposits at
Lake Megard
2 a letter purporting
to be from the Office
has already been sent
to the Crown agents
Solomon, but, by an
oversight, it was
sent in the name of
the ~~Office~~ which has
just been found to
be the deposits
instead of Messrs. Gamble
name. This technical
mistake is being
rectified + Mr. Harcourt
reports to receive
the amended document

1 a day or two 17
3 2 then circa 21
will probably consider it
better to allow the
provision of £75,000
to stand in the estimate
I see
JH