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L. Inyanga Scheme  
Site for Portworks

July

at previous Paper.

Request assistance in obtaining title of 25 acres  
the plot of 12 acres which Port. port. are willing  
to grant not being considered sufficient.

1911  
Approved

In Reply

This letter appears to follow a

communication between the head of D. Kemp  
and the head of the head appears to have left  
the work behind. It is a little difficult  
to understand the point of view between  
the two parties and the company. Kemp the  
latter may not be able to submit final  
plans until the exact position and area  
of the land are known, it is best that

For and on 23 Sep 1911

W. E. G. 1911

at subsequent Paper

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for him to submit rough plans & show  
that 10 acres will not be enough and that  
50 acres will be required

I do not think that we can do better  
than send out a copy of the Company's  
letter to the farmer for a first suggestion  
that if this is the best objection to  
the alteration of the land in question,  
the first should give the Company an  
opinion that the 10 acres is the understanding  
that if it were found that when the  
plans were finally approved that  
the whole area was not required, that  
part of the 10 acres should be  
returned to the first.

MS 25/7  
alone Pt. 25

TELEPHONE.  
LONDON WALL 1922

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SHELL HOUSE,  
25/27, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.

H/D

24th July 1911

Dear Mr. Read,

Attached please find official letter to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. I think it is hardly necessary for me to repeat that I would not have taken the liberty of bothering you with this matter if it were not of such vital importance for the Magadi Soda Company that this point should be settled favourably for us and without any delay of time.

Since I saw you on Friday last, we got by cable the information that the plans of the first section of the Magadi Branch Line have been agreed by the Government, so that it is the more important for us to be able to provide adequate means of communication from board ship to Magadi without delay.

As far as I can make out the next mail for East Africa leaves on the 28th via Brindisi.

Yours sincerely,

*W. Mess*

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# THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS.

TELEGRAMS "SODAGADI, LONDON"  
TELEPHONE LONDON WALL 1883.

COMMUNICATIONS  
BE ADDRESSED TO  
THE COMPANY

H/D

*Shell House*  
*25 & 27 Bishopsgate*  
*London, E.C. 2* 24th July 1911

The Under Secretary of State  
for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office, 4332  
S.W.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that our Resident Engineer in East Africa has ascertained that none of the sites which were under consideration for the construction of Postworks etc, were sufficiently favourable for permitting of definitely choosing one of them for this purpose. He has, however, found another site which seems to be well-fitted for the erection of these works.

From the attached copy of a letter, addressed by the General Manager of the Uganda Railway to our Resident Engineer, you will see that the Government of the Protectorate has no objection to our establishing ourselves on this site, and that they are willing to place 10 acres of land at our disposition at conditions against which we have no objection. Unfortunately this area would not be sufficient and we have therefore been compelled to ask for a somewhat larger plot of land, namely, 25 acres, the additional 15 acres being solely back land of no great value to anyone else.

From a cable which our Resident Engineer sent us we understand that the Government of the East Africa Protectorate is not willing to place at our disposal an area of 25 acres unless they had first satisfied themselves by an inspection of the plans of the proposed works that this area was really wanted.

We should be very pleased to comply with the Government's request if it were not quite impossible for us to do so. We have made out the plans for the Pier and Railway Approach Lines, but not for the remainder of the works, and it is impossible to do so before the site on which these works will have to be constructed is definitely fixed, and before our Mechanical Engineers will have studied the whole matter carefully on the spot. The character of the locality and the special circumstances of labour etc. will have an important bearing on many questions which must be answered before the drawing of these plans can even be attempted. For instance we do not know at present to what extent we will have to provide dwelling houses for the staff and workmen; which will be the best means of transporting our goods to and from ships without interfering with the lines of the Uganda Railway; what storage we will have to provide for liquid fuel, etc. etc.

We are well aware that under clause 5 of the Contract dated 13th April 1911, all specifications and plans for building, erecting or laying down any works at the Port have to be submitted for the approval of the Government, before any such works are begun, and we have not the intention in any way to get out of this obligation; but whilst most of the works will not be needed before the installations at Lake Magadi are completed and in fact working, it is absolutely necessary for us to have a Deep Water Pier and the Approach Lines to some extent at our disposition as soon as possible so as to enable us sending out to the Protectorate in due time all the heavy machinery which it is our intention to put up at Magadi.

Thanks to the fair spirit with which the Governor of the Protectorate and the General Manager of the Uganda Railway have met our Resident Engineer, the latter has been able to well advance his work and to obtain the Government's approval of the plans of the

first 20 miles of the Magadi Branch Line. The actual building of this line can therefore soon be started, and we are the more anxious to have settled without delay the question of where to establish our Port.

If this point were not of such vital importance to us, we should not have raised it before having completed all the plans which we are obliged to submit for the approval of the Government; but we hope that the reasons as explained above will make it sufficiently clear that we are bound to see that the land question is settled before-hand so that the part of the works which are badly wanted in the near future can be put in hand.

We may refer to clause 13 of the before-mentioned Contract by which the Company is bound to relinquish to the Government such of the land provided by the Government under this contract which should have become unnecessary to be retained by the Company for any of the purposes of the contract or of the Railway. Should therefore any part of these 25 acres which we claim and which we estimate to be only just sufficient for our needs, become superfluous, such part of this land would have to be relinquished by the Company to the Government.

We therefore hope that it will be possible to grant our demand, and to prevent the loss of very valuable time.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
THE MAGADI SOJA COMPANY

*Mohammed Ali*  
MANA

# THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

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M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS.

*Hell House  
17, Bishopsgate  
London E.C. 2*

AGENTS: SODASADI, LONDON?  
LONDON WALL 1883

COMMUNICATIONS  
BE ADDRESSED TO  
THE COMPANY

COPY

No. 3176/210  
From the Manager, Uganda Railway  
To T.A. Ross, Esq.,  
Resident Engineer, Magadi Railway. Nairobi 21st June 11

Sir,

In reply to your letter No A/11 of the 17th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Government will be prepared to give you an option for 12 months from date on the 10 acre plot shown on the plan which accompanied your letter, and also on the land necessary for the construction of the two sidings marked "high level" and "low level" on the section.

2. It must be understood that in addition to the conditions laid down in clause 5 of the Contract regarding the "Contractors Port" the Government will only grant this site for the Port on the condition that free access is left between your pier and the shore for at least two lines of Railway so as to enable the Uganda Railway to effect communication between your low level siding and the existing Railway wharves further south.

Any arrangements that may be made for the transportation of soda from the high level siding to the pier or to vessels lying alongside the pier must be so designed as not to interfere with this communication.

3. If you will accept this condition I shall be prepared to consider the detailed plans and specifications required under Clause 5 of the Contract for this land and the sidings. In the

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meantime you can have the land marked out, when completed I will have it checked and it can then be beaconed.

4. I presume that this land will form part of the lands referred to in para 15 of the contract and will therefore be included in the lease referred to therein. I will however ascertain this point.

I have the honour to be, etc..

(signed) H. A. J. CURRIE

Manager, Uganda Ry.

Certified true copy  
(Signed) E. A. BAYEN.



Mr. Lab  
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27 July 1911

Sir

With reference to

DRAFT.

CRP No. 409  
Pet. Sir I. Finlay

MINUTE.

- Mr. Fiddes. *W. J. F.*
- Mr. Just.
- Sir C. Lucas.

- Lord Lucas.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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provision...  
 subject of the...  
 P. C. Commission, I  
 have the honor to  
 transmit to you, for your  
 concern and reports, the  
 accompanying copy of a  
 letter from the...  
 P. C. ...  
 the ... to the ...  
 Corkin...

Received 16 July  
 of ... near  
 ...  
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27 Aug 1844

~~Mr~~  
Gentlemen

Samuel Ho

I am sorry to hear  
the receipt of your letter

of the 14th of July

relative to the sale of

the proposed Park works

to the Corporation

proposed by the Corporation,

and to inform

you that a copy of

your letter has been

forwarded to the

of the East India

Dept

MS 47

Richard W. G. G.

of time is so short  
objection to the alteration  
of the land referred to  
in the letter, the Company  
should be given an opportunity  
of 14 days  
in the understanding  
that if it is found  
when the plans for  
the Park works are ready  
to be presented to the  
Corporation that the  
land is not required  
for the Park, as is not  
required, that would  
be the best

2 It has been suggested  
to the former that, if  
there is any other objection  
to the alienation of the  
lands upon which you  
latter, the brigade Sds  
should be given an  
opinion on the same in  
their understanding that  
if it is found when the  
plans for the post works  
are finally approved that  
the White Lt. has approved  
such action as is not  
required shall report to the  
post.

L. J.