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Railway. Transport of Soda

Send letter from Genl. manager resp.  
Complaint of Magadi Soda Co. regarding  
alleges lack of transport

Tw. Read.

This adds nothing to 5526 as to the  
transport of soda. With regard to the  
alleges waste of water, I doubt if it  
is worth while passing Mr. Eastwood's  
Censure of the Engineer or to the C. Co. It  
is not as if he had refuted the allegation  
or indicated that steps could be taken  
to prevent it in future

Possibly an opportunity will arise for  
telling Mr. Samuel privately that it would  
be better if their people would report  
alleged abuses to the Railway authorities  
instead of to London.

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? Put by W.L.S. 20.11.16  
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AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No 148

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

6th March, 1916.

*W.G.  
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for  
5526*

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 56 of the 27th of January and in confirmation of my telegram of the 3rd of February, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the General Manager of the Uganda Railway on the subject of the complaint of the Magadi Soda Company, Ltd. regarding the lack of transport for soda in this Protectorate.

~~to the General Manager~~  
3. 3. 16.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

GOVERNOR'S Deputy

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
GER., N. R. B.  
P. O. BOX 57.

*Uganda Railway*

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REPLY IN  
REPLY

General Manager's Office,

No. D.4/36/80

Musisi 3rd March, 1906

To The Hon'ble  
The Chief Secretary  
to the Government,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

Magadi Railway.  
Secretary of State's No. 56 dated 27th January

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the above mentioned despatch and the enclosure from the Magadi Soda Company that accompanied it.

2. With regard to the statement in the second para. that the wagons that go up to Magadi with stores &c. come back empty, I would emphasize the fact that the wagons do not go to Magadi, they go to Kajjado, and I would refer you to para. 4 of my letter No. D.4/36/38 of the 27th January, which I give herewith for easy reference:-

"It is quite probable that there have been empty trucks running back from Kajjado to the Coast. There have been a large number of trucks railed into Kajjado from Kilindini, and a timetable that allows three days for the return journey including loading and unloading. To go to Magadi to get soda would mean two days for the Rolling Stock and engine power, and at present it is impossible to give this extra time."

3. With reference to the "strictly private" communication made by the Engineer of the Soda Company to his

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London house regarding an alleged wastage of water, I have to state that the Uganda railway Administration have not had this matter reported to them in any way, and I consider the Engineer is deserving the most severe censure that he should allow a matter of this nature to pass without action or representation being made to the local authorities so that an immediate remedy could have been enforced.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. B. Eastwood.

Colonel.  
Director of Railways.  
I.M.R. "B".