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Magadi Soda Co.
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Telegraphic Communication

1914

26 May.

Sends letter from local manager re: present unsatisfactory arrangements, & repeats request for permission to establish two installations of wireless telegraphy.

Last previous Paper.

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Att: ref: & refer to our
l^r: of 28th of May in ^{No. 1.}
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at once.
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Mr. J. G. G.

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THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS.

TELEGRAMS "SODAGADI, LONDON."
TELEPHONE LONDON WALL 1883.

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7 MAY 14

Shell House, 351
25 & 27, Bishopsgate
London W.C. 26th May 1914

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

Sir,

With reference to our letter of the 4th May in which we respectfully suggested that permission should be granted us for the erection of two installations for wireless telegraphy, we have the honour to send you, herewith, an extract from a letter written by our General Manager in East Africa and dealing with the difficulties of communication at present prevailing.

With the same letter we received, first a copy of a very important cable which our General Manager sent us on the 26th April (and we now find that 15 code words were altogether omitted from this cable) and, secondly a copy of a cable which he received from us and was unable to understand as 5 out of the 29 English words of which it consisted were either mutilated or omitted altogether.

We do not think it is necessary to further emphasize the seriousness of the position, and we therefore hope that the permission applied for will be granted us in the near future.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants

M. Samuel & Co.

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Copy of letter re Cables.

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You sent us out a telegram dated 26th November 1913 which contained four mutilations. We return herewith a copy of the cable and also copy of a letter from Mr Stanley in reply to a letter of ours dated the 7th March asking if it was not possible for him to arrange for telegrams to be more carefully sent through. From his answer you will see how extremely difficult it is to place the blame for these mutilations. We may say that we rarely get cables here without some mutilations and we are very doubtful if on the whole it is not better to send cables in plain language at deferred rate unless the cable contains some matter which it is desirable not to make public in the Protectorate. It must be borne in mind that there is very little secrecy in connection with telegrams sent through the Railway Stations in the ordinary way.

(Signed) GUY SYMONDS

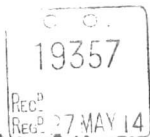
Copy of letter from Mr Stanley.

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UGANDA RAILWAY

16th April, 1914.

The General Manager
The Magadi Soda Co Ltd.,
MAGADI JUNCTION.



Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 7th ultimo, regarding a cablegram dated 26th November 1913 from Magadi Junction to London being mutilated, I have the honour to return the enclosure and to inform you that I have checked all the transit drafts of Railway Telegraph Offices and find no mutilation whatever.

I believe the mutilation was caused between Post Office Mombasa and Eastern Telegraph Company's Office.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Signed G.A. Stanley,

TRAFFIC MANAGER.

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Let. 2 June
~~May~~ 1914

Sir, Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr.

Secretary Harcourt to ackn^d.

the receipt of your letter of

the 26th of May

and to ^{draw your attention}
~~inform you that~~

refer you to the letter

from his Office of the

28th of May on the

subject of telegraph

facilities in the E.A.P.

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Managers
Magadi Soda
Company Limited.

MINUTE.

Mr. Harpur 29/5/14

Mr. Bottomley 29.5.14

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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in encl.]

(Signed) H. J. Read

for the Under Secretary of State