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Magadi Soda
 Co. Ltd.

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MANUFACTURE OF SODA AND SODA PRODUCTS IN AUSTRALIA

Understands Govt of Australia are contemplating establishing a monopoly in the hands of Messrs Branner Mond & Co. Ltd. Requests interests of Magadi Coy in soda business may be taken up.

Copy to Mr. Magadi 1. 4. 1919
 Copy to Mr. Magadi 19. 5. 1919

James Scott Mr. Hyslop Mr. Waterhouse
 In the Chamber

For your obsⁿ, please

The Magadi Co. have a large & practically inalienable right of soda for Lake Magadi & their operations ^{would} have been a full swing ever before the war, the effect of which has been

- (1) to close down their works, while military operations are going on in those parts
- (2) to hamper them by lack of labour & railway facilities
- (3) to prevent, owing to shipping difficulties, their competing in Eastern markets.

In this last respect they are convinced that it is not merely the exigencies of shipping that have prevented them from supplying their E. Africa States

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Henry Brunner should have been
allowed to supply from England.

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The S.A.D. has made a certain amount
of money in railway improvements
to meet the bagadi traffic and
is interested in the railway revenue
from that traffic and the royalties
on the soda.

C.A.S. 20.1.19.

I can only suggest that we should seek
a copy of their letter to the H.C. for the Cich-
and ask whether he has any informⁿ
with regard to such a monopoly being
established by the Cich Govt.

and send an interim reply.
(We are more likely, ~~to~~ I think, to learn
what the position is from the H.C., who
may tel. if he does not know, than
from Mr. Hughes.) G.H. 23/1/19.

I think he has better
write to Mr. Hughes in a matter
of this kind
I have him a copy of
his letter and will send it

These Brynner books have been
allowed to be bought from Ireland.

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G.C.S. 20.1.19.

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and ask whether he has any information
with regard to such a monopoly being
established by the Clerk Gmt.

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THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS

10 MARKS 'SODAGADI, LONDON.
PHONE LONDON WALL 1883

Shell House,
211 St. Bishopsgate,
London E.C. 2 (S) 17th July 1919.

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to our notice that the Government of Australia are contemplating establishing a monopoly in connection with the manufacture of Soda and Soda products throughout Australia and placing such a monopoly in the hands of Messrs. Brunner Mond & Co. Ltd. As far as our information goes such a procedure would cover the establishment of a prohibitive duty on the manufacture of other Soda producers who would import their finished Soda into the Commonwealth.

We want to draw your very serious attention to this question which is one of paramount importance to this Company, which, as you know, has expended a very large sum of money in building a railway, water works, and erecting large works for the production, treatment and shipment of its Natural Soda from Lake Magadi.

The East African market is a valuable one and this Company has appointed its Agents in that country and is looking forward to doing a large business there and catering for the requirements of many vital industries. It cannot, however, fail to view, with considerable misgiving, the statement which we have above mentioned and we would ask you on our behalf to take this matter up with the Australian Government to see that the interests of the East African Protectorate and ourselves are protected by preventing such a monopoly as we have described being placed in the hands of our opponents.

If it is the policy of the Australian Government to give any special facilities for the manufacture of Soda and its products within the Commonwealth then facilities should be given to this

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The Secretary of State for the Dominion

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Company equal to those contemplated to be given to Messrs.
Huntley and Palmeter, Ltd. and we ask your kind co-operation in this
direction to see that our interests are protected.

Yours faithfully,

THE HUNTER HUBB COMPANY, LTD.

W. J. ...
Secretary.

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