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SODA MONOPLY IN AUSTRALIA

sends newspaper cuttings showing considerable progress has been made with preliminary arrangements and requests steps may be taken to protect their interests.

Mr Bottelner      Link Street,  
Calcutta 24.2.89

Send copy of the letter Feb 1919  
to the full concern of members in  
anticipation of that in 5645  
As A.S. should send in copy  
privately to his brother

Copy to Mr. H. H. G. J. Swearingin  
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# THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS

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WORKS: LONDON WALL, 1883.

Shell House 30 341  
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London E.C. 2

20th February 1919

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
ROBINSON STREET,  
S.W. (1).

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Dear Sir,

We beg to revert to our letters of the 17th and 24th of January, and your reply thereto of the 31st January, No. 5645/1919 in regard to the question of the contemplated establishment of a Soda monopoly in the Australian Commonwealth.

We have now received from Messrs Dalgety & Co., Ltd. some further newspaper cuttings, of which we beg to send you copies herewith. You will see from these that ~~some~~ considerable progress has been made in the preliminary ~~arrangements~~ in respect to the granting of a monopoly for the manufacture of Soda and Soda Ash to Messrs. Brunner Mond & Co., Ltd.

We shall be very much obliged if you will be good enough to protect our interests in this matter, and, in accordance with the further information we send you, get into communication with the ~~Secretary~~ General of Australia and the Prime Minister of the ~~Commonwealth~~, as intimated by you in your letter to us of the 31st ~~January~~.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Secretary

**EXTRACT :-**

**MANUFACTURE OF ALKALIS.**

"The State Ministry's co-operation, wherever practicable, in the establishment of the manufacture of alkalis in Victoria was promised on Friday by the Premier to the representatives of English and Australian interests. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Robinson, Minister of Public Works, were waited on by Mr. G. Butler, as representative of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., and Mr. R. Grimwade, chairman of a committee appointed some little time ago to assist the Munitions department on the question of the supply of alkalis. Mr. H. Herman, Director of Geological Survey, was also present during the interview, which was held in private.

"The purpose of Messrs. Butler and Grimwade in waiting on the Ministers was to ask that the Ministry should facilitate the inquiries in this State which, so far, as it is stated, are of a preliminary character, and have not yet entailed a decision on the part of the English company to establish a branch of its enterprise in this State. Inquiries of a similar character, it appeared, had been made in other parts of the Commonwealth.

"The Premier assured Messrs. Butler and Grimwade that the Ministry would do all that it could to assist the investigation for the guidance of the company in reaching a decision. The Ministry would place at their disposal the results of the Mines department's researches as to the quantity of materials required for manufacture."

## NEW VICTORIAN INDUSTRY.

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MANUFACTURE OF ALKALIS:  
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"Subject to satisfactory terms being arranged with the State Government, Brunner Mond & Co., one of the world's largest manufacturers of alkalis, contemplate establishing a huge factory in Victoria. A representative of the company has been in Australia making investigations for some time, and it is understood that Hedley, in South Gippsland, was chosen as the most suitable site for the proposed works. On the Hedley field extensive deposits of brown coal have been proved by bores sunk by the Mines department.

"The English company which proposes to extend its operations to Victoria would require the brown coal at Hedley for power purposes only. The site is regarded as favourable on account of the coal; its connection with the South Gippsland railway, and the possibilities of transport by sea of the product of manufacture. The latter proposal might involve the dredging of Lewis channel, which runs into the Inlet. As a basis for its products, it is stated that the company would require 200,000 tons of salt and 25,000 tons of limestone. In South Gippsland there are large deposits of limestone. The salt required by the company would be obtained by precipitating it from sea water by a special process.

"Representatives of those interested are to confer with the Premier today. It is likely that decision will be deferred until after the appointment by the Government of the expert authority which is to control all power-generating resources of the State ?

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In continuation of our

of 11/1/00 & have the honor to have sent  
to you herewith for the consideration  
of your Christian the above copy of a

11/1/00

**MINUTE.**

letter from the English Soda Company Ltd  
regarding the position of their business  
in Australian markets

Mr. [unclear] 11/1/00

Mr. [unclear] 11/1/00

Mr. [unclear] 11/1/00

Mr. [unclear]

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. [unclear]

Sir G. [unclear]

Col. [unclear]

Lord [unclear]

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Mr. S. S. ...  
Mungadi Sada Co Ltd

I am etc to ask receipt of  
your letter 28th Dec regarding the proposed  
Amendment  
~~to the ...~~ to inform  
~~you that the Gov. Gen. ...~~  
the Prime Minister of the Chamber  
are being informed of the ...

MINUTE.

- Mr. S. S. 27.5.19.
- Mr. Collier 28.2
- Mr. McKelvey 28/11
- Mr. ...
- Sir H. ...
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**DRAFT.**

Had [unclear] [unclear]  
to hand to you in continuation of  
his letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. 1915  
~~concerning the [unclear]~~

R. J. [unclear] [unclear]

Further letter from the [unclear] Sales Co. Ltd on  
the subject of the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

**MINUTE.**

- Mr. Salt 28.2
- Mr. Calder 28.2
- Mr. Butterbe 28.2
- Mr. Grindle
- Mr. H. Lambart
- Mr. H. Ross
- Mr. H. Alder
- Mr. Amery
- Lord Milner

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copies of these letters from the [unclear]  
sent you [unclear] on the subject on the

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to the General Council of [unclear]

(100) Maclellan H

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