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I am to express  
regret for any  
inconvenience to which  
Messrs Rendel and  
Robertson may have  
been put by the  
temporary discontinuance  
of the work of inspection.

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(Signed) H. J. READ.

Agent

Date.  
1912

19 Feb.

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d. Inagadi Contract  
Inspection of materials.

Sends letter from Gen. Engrs. resp. question of  
dispensing with inspection under clauses 18 & 19.  
Concludes that C.E. should continue to approve all  
designs & specifications

W. J. Read.

In view of our letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup> on  
C.A. 4532, there is no need to answer this.  
I submit a draft to the Comd.

WJR.

Feb. 21.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE 1632 VICTORIA.

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WHITEHALL GARDENS,  
LONDON, S. W.

19th February, 1911.

Sir,

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*4532*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th February No. 4532/12 and in pursuance of your request I enclose for the information of the Secretary of State copies of two letters which we have received from Messrs Rendel and Robertson in reply to our letter to them of 13th February as to dispensing with the inspection of materials under clauses 18 and 19 of the contract with the Magadi Soda Company.

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2. You will observe that Messrs Rendel and Robertson are withdrawing their inspectors, but in accordance with your instructions we have withheld our letter to the Magadi Company.

3. We conclude that the second paragraph of Messrs Rendel and Robertson's letter of the 16th February represents the desire of the Secretary of State, and that the engineers should continue to approve all designs and specifications.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State

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-Colonial Office.

*Herbert*

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Messrs Rendal and Robertson to Crown Agents.

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13, Dartmouth Street,  
Westminster. S.W.

14th February 1912.

MAGADI RAILWAY.

Gentlemen,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 13th February.

There is no difficulty in stopping the inspection at once. We will take your letter as an instruction to do so and withdraw our Inspectors.

The progress of some of the contracts in hand having been rapid, some expense of course has been already incurred in payments to Inspectors, the amount of which we cannot say until their final accounts come in. With regard to our own charges we have given a good deal of personal attention to the specifications and designs for all kinds of Railway materials including the viaducts. In fact we should say that, including preliminaries, fully half our own work has been done.

We are, etc.,

Signed.- Rendal and Robertson.

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Messrs Rendel and Robertson to Crown Agents.

13, Dartmouth Street. 131  
Westminster. S.W.  
16th February 1912.

Magadi Railway. - Inspection.

Gentlemen,

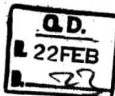
Referring to our letter of yesterday and our interview with you to-day on the above subject we would suggest that the Soda Company should be asked to continue the system we introduced when we were inspecting the materials for the Railway of stamping the rails accepted with our initials (changing of course the initials to those of Messrs Livesey) and of marking as being passed and tested for gauge etc., the steel sleepers. We found that this was not Messrs Livesey's practice, and urged the necessity for it, to show that the rails and sleepers had been examined and accepted.

Further we suggest that the Soda Company should be informed that though you will not continue to inspect, your assent to all designs and specifications is still required. We do not see how the conditions of the contract with the Soda Company can be complied with unless this is done. Rejection after delivery in Uganda is practically impossible on account of the time lost in replacement.

We are, etc.,

Signed.- Rendel and Robertson.

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when Sir P. S. arrives  
in this country.  
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DRAFT.

Downing Street,

26 February, 1912.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE. No. 107

Governor,

SIR E P. GIROUARD, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.

&c., &c., &c.,

MINUTE.

Sir,

Mr Butler 21 Feby.

Mr. Read 21

Sd G. Mr. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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(on C.A. 3293)

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I have the honour to transmit to you, with reference to my despatch No. 83 of the 9th<sup>4</sup> February, a copy of further correspondence with the Crown Agents for the Colonies from which you will see that I have approved of ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> continuing to employ messrs Rendell and Robertson as the Inspecting Engineers for the purposes of clauses 18 and 19 of the contract with the Magada Soda Company, Limited, dated the 13th<sup>4</sup> April, 1911.

2. I regret that I have not found

it practicable to adhere to the decision

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to dispense with inspection in this country under the clauses of the contract referred to above. The Crown Agents point out in paragraph 3 of their letter of the 13th<sup>d</sup> February reasons which make it desirable to have such inspection. In addition, it has been represented to me on behalf of the Magada Soda Company that they are entitled to demand such inspection under the terms of the contract, and that, if the Government insist upon dispensing with ~~each~~<sup>in this country,</sup> inspection, the Company will have no alternative but to call in question the right of rejection locally conferred by clause 9 of the contract, and, if necessary, to go to arbitration on the point. In all the circumstances, I have judged it desirable to revert to the employment of an Inspecting Engineer.

3. I ~~regret that it has not been found~~<sup>should have been glad, if</sup>

possible, to avoid the expense involved, but you will note from the enclosures in the Crown Agents' letter of the 19th<sup>d</sup> February<sup>that</sup> the Government ~~are~~<sup>we are</sup> already committed to a considerable portion of the expenditure involved. I propose

to consult you on your return to this country as to the manner in which the necessary funds for the employment of the Inspecting Engineer can be found by re-allocation within the approved Estimates for <sup>the year</sup> 1912-13.

I have, etc.,