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LABOUR SUPPLY

States difficulties Messrs Pauling have in securing the labour necessary for the construction of the Railway. Asks that cable may be sent regarding the matter.

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SHELL HOUSE,  
25/27, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.  
28th August 1912.

Dear Mr. Read,

I am extremely thankful to you for the kind and prompt way in which you have acted for the purpose of assisting the progress of our work in East Africa, and I hope that the success of the Co. not only for its shareholders, but also for the benefit of the Protectorate, will be such as to justify all the trouble that its organisation and its establishment have caused.

Yours sincerely,  
*[Signature]*

# THE MAGADI SODA COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. SAMUEL & CO. MANAGERS

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SODAGADI LONDON  
LONDON WALL 1883

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*Dear Mr. Read*  
*Dear Mr. Pauling*  
*London* 23rd August 1912

Dear Mr. Read,

With reference to the conversation which I had a few days ago with you with regard to the difficulties which Messrs Pauling have in finding the labour necessary for carrying on the construction of the Railway I should like to pass on to you some further complaints which Mr. Pauling has meanwhile put before us as the matter has a very serious outlook indeed. Although it is really the concern of the Contractor to find the necessary labour and although this question has directly nothing to do with us, after all, as I explained to you the other day, we are the party that is hit, because we may be able to get from the Contractor the penalty stipulated in our contract for late delivery, but even if we get this it does not help us on with our works; and already we have to pay now the first big instalment for the machinery that will be wanted, and the whole capital of the Company is practically lying idle because nothing can be done before the railway is through.

In view of the very efficient assistance which was promised us when we went into that business and the very kind help which you have so often kindly extended to us, I should like to ask you most urgently to help again this time. What Mr. Pauling says is this, when he gave instructions to raise the wages of the boys, he got unofficial information from the Uganda Railway stating that such a step would be looked upon as an unfriendly act, as it would badly hit all the other employers of labour in the Protectorate. Further, Mr. Pauling is of opinion that he would not get any more boys by raising the wages, because, according to his experience and the reports he has got, the only people through

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whom labour can be obtained are the chiefs, and none of the chiefs will move until they get a hint from above that Paulings are getting the labour they want.

Mr. Pauling, therefore, is very anxious to know if it would not be possible to send a cable out to East Africa, the effect of which would be that the labour question would come back to the same fairly satisfactory state in which it used to be before Sir Percy Girouard left the colony.

I have applied to you in this matter and not to Mr. Belfield, because Mr. Belfield told me the other day that he would not like to take any steps before arriving in the Protectorate.

Apologising for troubling you again,

Yours sincerely,

*Allen*

L. J.  
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- Sir J. Anderson.
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