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THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
TEXT OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.  
TELEGRAMS, "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE 1822 VICTORIA.

WHITENALL GARDENS,  
LONDON, S. W.

12th. May, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for the  
information of the Secretary of State a copy of  
correspondence between the Magadi Soda Company, their  
Consulting Engineers, and ourselves; and of a letter  
which we have addressed to the Protectorate on the  
subject of the railway about to be constructed.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,  
&c. &c. &c.,  
Colonial Office.

The Magadi Soda Co. Ltd. to Crown Agents

Shell House,  
28 & 29, Bishopsgate,  
E. C.  
3rd. May, 1911.

Gentlemen,

We hereby have the honour to inform you that Messrs. Livesey Son and Henderson of 14, South Place, Finsbury, E.C., are acting as Consulting Engineers to our Company for the purposes of the Construction of the Port Works etc., near Mombasa, and the construction of the Branch Railway which is to connect the Magadi Soda Deposit with the Uganda Main Line.

We are etc.,

For & on behalf of

THE MAGADI SODA CO. LTD.  
(Sgd.) M. Samuel & Co.  
Managers.

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MESSRS. LIVERBY SON & HENDERSON TO CROWN AGENTS.

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14, South Place,  
London, E.C.

4th May 1911.

East Africa Protectorate

Railway to Lake Magadi

Gentlemen,

As it is hoped to shortly commence the construction of the above Railway, we, as Consulting Engineers to the Magadi Soda Company, Ltd., who are building the line, write in connection with the permanent way material, etc. to be shortly purchased and sent out.

The rails, as you are aware, are to weigh 50 lbs. per yard for about the first 26 miles and 80 lbs. per yard for the remainder of the distance. We propose that the rails and fishplates should be to the British Standard Specification and design.

The rails in the main line are to be laid on steel sleepers and we hand you herewith Drawing No. 9012 B. showing the sleeper to be used for the 50 lbs. rail and Drawing No. 9013 B. showing the sleeper we propose for the 80 lbs. rail. In order to save time, we shall be obliged if you will let us know to what specification these sleepers should be manufactured.

As it is advisable that the points and crossings should be, with regard to the 50 lbs. rails, identical with those on the Uganda Railway, we should be glad to know if

LETTERS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS AND BRIDGES TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter of the 14th inst.

concerning the steel telegraph poles for the Uganda Railway.

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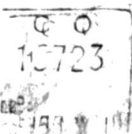
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you could furnish us with a drawing of same which could be worked to exactly for the 50 lbs. section, and we would then prepare a drawing on similar lines for the 60 lbs. section.

We presume the steel telegraph poles should likewise be identical with those on the Uganda Railway. Kindly, therefore, furnish us with a drawing and specification of same, and of the insulation and fittings.

If convenient to you, and you will name a time, we will call and see you in connection with this work.

Yours etc.,  
(Sgd.) LIVESSEY SON & HENDERSON.



12th. May, 1911.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd. of May informing us that Messrs. Livesey Son and Henderson are acting as Consulting Engineers to your Company for the purposes of the construction of the port works etc. near Mombasa and the construction of the branch railway connecting the Magadi Soda Deposit with the Uganda Main Line.

2. We have since received a letter from Messrs. Livesey Son and Henderson submitting certain proposals with respect to the permanent way material etc., which they state is to be shortly purchased and sent out. This information is presumably required for the preparation of the specification which, under the contract, has to be submitted by the Company to the Government of the Protectorate for approval before constructing the line.

3. I enclose a copy of the reply which we have addressed to your Consulting Engineers.

4. We are anxious to assist in every possible way the prosecution of this work. Having regard however to the terms of the contract we think that it

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Magadi Soda Co. Ltd.,

Shell House,

25 & 27, Bishopsgate,

E. C.

would not serve this purpose, but the reverse, were we to approve proposals or furnish information which might not eventually prove to be in accordance with the intentions of the Government. I regret therefore that we have no option but to suggest that you should obtain any desired information from the Government of the Protectorate. To assist matters as far as possible we are forwarding in a letter of even date to the East Africa Protectorate a copy of Messrs. Livesey Son and Henderson's letter, and the drawings which accompanied it.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Sd/ P H Brochiel

for Crown Agents.

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12th. May, 1911.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th. May submitting certain proposals respecting the railway about to be constructed by the Magadi Soda Company.

2. I regret that we are not at present in a position to consider or approve your proposals. We are addressing the Magadi Soda Company as to the position generally, and are also sending a copy of your letter, and the drawings enclosed therewith, to the East Africa Protectorate by this mail.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Mrs. Livesey Son & Henderson,

14, South Place,

London, E.C.

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Whitehall Gardens,  
London, S.W.  
12th. May, 1911.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your information a copy of correspondence between the Magadi Soda Company, their consulting engineers, and ourselves.

2. You will see from our letter to the Company our view of the situation. In our opinion it is undesirable, as tending to cause future complications, that we should approve proposals or furnish information to the Company, unless upon any specific points you instruct us to do so. The contract places the approval of all proposals in the hands of the General Manager. It follows therefore that any information at this stage should be obtained from him. I would add that it appears desirable that there should be available to the contractors only one source of information, which should be the one indicated by the contract. Any arrangement under which the contractors obtain part of their instructions from one source and part from another must tend to confusion and loss of time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Treasurer,  
East Africa,  
Nairobi.

*S. J. P. H. Enckel*  
for Crown Agents.