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(Subject.)

... to ...
 to M.B. ... with ...
 at ... 16 June.

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[from ... on separate sheets]

~~Col. G. H. ...~~
 His ... was considered
 by the ... Committee ...
 taking today. Here were present ...
 and the Committee:-

- Col. Fiddie,
- H. Thomas Wilson
- H. Pauling,
- H. Nightman,
- H. E. Davis,
- H. Samuel and another gentleman rep. ...
 being the Hon. Mr. ... Samuel & Co.,
 and another gentleman.

H. ... attended on behalf of the Treasury.

First proposal

The discussion began with a reference
 to the proposal that the East Africa ...
 ... should ... the Government ...

... of 10yrs / 300,000 ... that the ...
 ... read in ... to the ...
 ...
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 ...
 ...

... mile ...
... 1900 ...
... figures ...
... the cost of ...
... made as the ...
... did of a ...
... Col. ...
... the railway would ...
... transport in question ...
... in fact ...
... would be very little ...
... The fact was ...
... as a ...
... of the ...
... for 7 years ...
... a ...

... the question of ...
... for 50,000 ...
... five years ...
... made as ...
... young ...
... (1916) ...
... 1916 ...
... 1916 ...

... a day ...
... that ...
... day ...
... line of ...
... to the ...
... take ...
... the calculation ...
... which ...
... the railway ...
... which ...
... along ...
... the ...
... again ...
... Col. ...
... of East Africa ...
... anxious to keep down wages ...
... 8 ...
... pointed out that ...
... to be given for ...
... which Col. ...
... probably ...
... all ...

Local as follows

any for, or
return;

being the

... paid 1,550,000 or 1,500,000
with which to work the road, having
the 4th and 1st a ton here rates for
the road and cost respectively and
generally (rather at cost price of a small
profit; and
the Govt to get the 5% royalty
referred to in the original agreement ^{and the fee}
report 1924 and also a further share
of the profits.

Mr Ramsey's observations

asked for any observations which oc-
curred to him, Mr Ramsey explained
that he attended to hear only, and that
any statements that he made must be
understood as made on his own account
only. In his view it seemed an
unusual procedure that the Government
should lose in profits, and that a
more usual course for the Govt to
take appears to him to be that they
should ~~rather~~ give low rates
and assist in the building of a line which
will be of general use in the country.

Col Seely's summary of

Col. Seely asked the Representatives
to consider what had passed at the
meeting and to submit some a
definite amended proposal or proposal
looked for any possible guide-
lines for such proposals, he said,

- (a) that the Govt is inclined to
oppose these being private railways
in the colonies
- (b) the reopening of the government
by decision of a sliding scale of
royalties as well as of freight.
- (c) definite information - at some
stage matter at my rate - of the
nature the allocation of the share
in the proposed company's capital
of (24) 1,500,000 with the Govt
part of way of the Govt being
satisfied that the affairs
being taken up by the Govt
people who really meant
work to be worked.

Subs taken from
the 2nd Journal - Co. (1925)
and 2nd Africa Jnl. (1925) enclosed
19 June

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TREASURY CHAMBERS,

13th June 1908.

Sir,

In reply to Sir C. Lucas's letter (18993/1908) of the 9th instant I am to say, for the information of the Earl of Crewe, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have instructed Mr. M.G. Ramsay, C.B., of this Department, to attend the meeting to be held at the Colonial Office on the 16th instant in connection with the proposals of the East Africa Syndicate for the development of the new deposits at Lake Magadi.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.