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(of) ~~the~~ meeting was ~~conducted~~
by the ~~Committee~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~morning~~
meeting today. Here were present ~~at~~
and the Committee:-

- Col. Gibbons,
- Mr. Charles Wilson
- Mr. Pauling,
- Mr. Nightingale,
- Mr. Edwards,
- Mr. Samuel and another gentleman of name
being the Hon^{ble} Messrs Samuel & Co.,
and another gentleman.

Mr. Kinsey attended on behalf of the Treasury.

First proposal

The discussion began with a reference
to the proposal that the East India Com-
pact should cost the Government the
sum of (say) £300,000 that the
cost of ~~the~~ ~~proposed~~ ~~measure~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~
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the necessary ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~
regard, the ~~proposed~~ ~~measure~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~
various interests and ~~concerning~~ ~~the~~ ~~proposed~~
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Local as follows

... ^{may fit in} ^{always} ^{being} ...
... ^{for} \$250,000 or \$300,000
... with which to work the road, having
... the 1/2 and 1/4 a ton hole rates for
... the soda and coal respectively and
... generally ^{rates} at cost price ^{and} small
... profit; and
... the Govt to get the 5% royalty
... referred to in the ^{and the Govt.} original agreement of
... highest rate and also a further share
... of the profits.

Mr Ramsey's observations

Asked for any observations which occurred to him, Mr Ramsey explained that he attended to hear only, and that any statements that he made must be understood as made in his own account only. In his view it seemed an unusual ^{procedure} ~~practice~~ that the Government should share in profits, and that a more usual course for the Govt to take appeared to him to be that they should ~~impose~~ ^{impose} give low rates and assist in the building of a line which might be ^{of} ^{general} use to the Colony.

Col Seely's summary of

Col Seely asked the Representatives to consider what had passed at the meeting and to submit soon a definite amended proposal or proposals for any possible guidelines for such proposals, he said
(a) that the Govt is inclined to oppose there being private railways in the Colonies
(b) the reorganizing of the government by means of a sliding scale of royalties as well as of freight
(c) definite information - at some stage matter at my rate - of the nature of the allocation of the shares in the proposed company's capital of (say) \$250,000 with the object of the Govt being satisfied that the affairs were being taken up by the sort of people who really meant work to be worked.

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See also letter from
Hon. & Council memo. (1157)
and P. Office 4/11. (2166) enclosed
19-16 June

In reply to this Letter the following
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Recd
Per: 15 JUN 08
TREASURY CHAMBERS,

13² 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.