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Treasury

1908

May

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Lake Magadi

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August 1908

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On the other hand the advantages of such a line as a means of promoting the agricultural settlement of the country it would traverse (part of which as My Lords understand is now game reserves) are quite problematical.

In these circumstances My Lords are not disposed to render any direct assistance either by guarantee or otherwise in the construction of the proposed branch line of railway.

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The concessions which have already been granted to the Company in this respect are recorded in the letter from this Department of the 6th January 1906; and if the Secretary of State thought that any further reduction in those terms would be appreciated by the Company My Lords would offer no objection to such a measure, provided it was limited to a period of say two years from the commencement of the Company's operations.

I am,

~~Sir,~~
Your obedient servant,

J. M. [Signature]

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J. A. Murray

No. 2 - Advice to Secretary

28346



Treasurer, S.A.P.

11 Aug 1908

Dear Sir,

With ref. to your letter of the 16th May, on the subject of the development of the soda deposits of Lake Magadi, I am glad to hear that the L.C. of the Treasury have come to the conclusion that they would not be justified in accepting any

the British taxpayer... the project... Lake Magadi... receipts from... cover interest... cost of construction

In fact... industry should fail... the main value of the line as an asset could disappear. The advantages of the line from the point of view of agricultural development are quite unobscured.

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Should the syndicate wish to put forward any proposals for further concessions in this direction, the S. of S. would be prepared to give them his careful consideration, provided that any such concessions were limited to a period of say ten years from the commencement of the operations of the Syndicate.

J. Cox, Secy

(Signed) H. BERTRAM COX.