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(Subject.)

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Further suggestions -

(Communicated by Sir C. Hall)

(Minutes.)

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etc. with the other paper?*

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Dear Colonel Selig

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The inclosed gives
Villiers' last suggestion
as to Lake Magadi.
Kindly return it when
done with to

Yours sincerely

Oliver S. Hill

TELEPHONE.
8811 WATFORD

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19, CHESTERFIELD STREET

Post
July 13/02 night

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Dear Colonel Seeley,

I found the inclosed
on my return tonight
& have told Willie
that I have sent it
on to you -

Yours sincerely

Clément Kellie

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10, Leadenhall Street

N° 2933 AVENUE.
ADDRESS.
LONDON.

London July 13 1918.

Dear Sir

re Kragadi Soda.

Mr. Samuel & Co. have asked me to inquire of you
whether the Govt. can say what they consider as a 50,000 ton
guarantee to be worth.

Whether they will absolutely give no help at all.

They will build a guarantee money for 10. 20. 30. 40
or 50. miles of the Railway.

Whether they require a larger guarantee or a larger guarantee
in the sense when we are. but their policy of sudden delay
will only put business people off the altogether.

Some of our friends are giving you a great deal of trouble.

Yours

Very sincerely
Charles G. Williams

I have every day & a line to the above
and will find me.

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East Africa Protectorate No. 25789

Colonel C. H. Williams to Sir C. Hill

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Scheme for the building of a branch line to Lake Magadi
Proposed by Colonel Williams to Sir C. Hill, & communicated
to the Colonial Office, 16 July, 1908

1. The Government to build the first 45-50 miles of the line to some point on the edge of the Plateau which has been fixed upon as the most suitable for the calcining works.

but the distance not to exceed 50 miles for the cost £200,000.

2. The Government to guarantee the interest on the above sum required for building this part of the Magadi branch line at the rate of 3% i.e. £6000 per annum: on condition that the money is raised separately from that required for the company so that the Government are not mixed up in any way with the formation of the Company. Those interested in the soda proposition to undertake to raise at least £400,000 in cash to be used £100,000 for works and working capital and the remainder for connecting the calcining works with Lake Magadi by rail forming a reserve fund & setting aside £30,000 for starting 15 farms on the high plateau along the first part of the line built under Government guarantee.

In addition M. Samuel and Company to give their guarantee of a minimum of 50,000 tons of Soda ash down the Uganda Railway each year for 5 years.

The Government to hold a mortgage on the whole concern until the 200,000 advanced or guaranteed is paid off. A Sinking Fund to be formed out of the profits to pay this off.

The safety of the Government on their guarantee or loan of £200,000 would be.

1. The strong position of M. Samuel and Co and the Shell Transport and Trading Company.
2. The profits of Soda, Coal material etc., etc., in the first

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first 5 years to the Uganda line.

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3. The value of the undertaking at the end of 5 years
4. The increased value of this fine agricultural land on the ~~Alber~~^{Alber} Plains.
5. If this business is carried on for 3 years it is not likely to stop.
6. The fact that a certain amount is already required in East Africa and will increase.
7. Messrs M. Samuel and Co. must be able to command the whole of the Eastern Trade which is more than 50,000 tons and as the cost of shipment from Europe without the cost of manufacture is much more than our cost price at Mombasa.
8. The Government holding a first mortgage in the whole concern after getting back say £100,000 during the first five years a certain profits from the carriage of 250,000 tons of soda, 50,000 tons of coal, Railway and other material will at the end of five years be out on the transaction 100,000 only, and for that will hold a mortgage on the whole line.
9. There is the fact that a large soap industry could be at once started: we could if necessary guarantee to start this with a separate Company by people in that trade.