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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch Confidential of June 25rd/enclosing papers showing the trend of negotiations in connection with the development of the soda deposits at Lake Magadi.

- evident intention to undertake the working of the deposits on a large scale, a consummation upon which we were unable to insist by terms of the lease to the East Africa Syndicate, but which is nevertheless most desirable in the interests of the country.
- 3. In regard to the native rights, to which allusion is made in Your Lordship's Confidential despatch of January 27th last, I would remark that only one tribe, viz the Masal, are in any way concerned and I do not anticipate that there will be any difficulty in asking a satisfactory arrangement with

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