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Sir,
With reference to my despatch No. 1358 of December 6th 1920 forwarding indent for new rolling stock for the Uganda Railway, I have the honour to inform you that the General Manager of the Railway considers that 15 new locomotives must now be purchased. He estimates that in all his daily requirements are 105 locomotives, including 25 for hauling the anticipated output of the Magadi Soda Company; to keep a total of 105 available for work 25% must be added for engines under repairs, a total of 132 needed for full running use.

2. The number on the books including the Busoga and Kampala including which 24 are waiting repairs; 18 of which are over 20 years old, and during the course of the latter were stripped to give material for repairing other engines and are not worth repairing.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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3. It is, therefore, proposed to scrap 10 of these and order 15 new locomotives which will give the required number of 132; the cost is estimated at £150,000. This amount is within the provision made for the needs of the Uganda Railway out of the £7,000,000 Loan and it is asked that the Crown Agents may be instructed to advance the necessary amount against that loan.

4. As 10 of these new engines are replacements, a sum of £23,000 should be a charge against Revenue, but until a Renewal and Improvement Fund is established it is suggested that Capital should bear the whole charge.

5. Indents in triplicate are forwarded herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Edward Maitland

GOVERNOR.