

Oct. 2, 1888.

Mr. Butler,

I have sending in an official letter
 from the Post Office Dept. suggesting a
 sliding scale of Railway rates according to
 the market price of Soda Ash would be far
 more concerned with all difficulties.

This being a new industry it is impossible
 to tell how the market price will be affected
 by placing an extra 150,000 to 300,000 a year
 tax on it.

Some reports say it will not have any effect
 while others say that the price of Soda will
 be permanently lowered.

My own opinion is that it will not be much
 injured as the consequences of doing so very
 possibly will be.

There is one thing to be noted that it is quite
 possible there may be an attempt made by
 some manufacturers perhaps in Europe
 perhaps in America to kill this new industry
 of the world & this is the point at which the people
 do well know to give their names & endorsement
 to Capital first of all have to consider.

The value of Railway rates according to the
 market value of goods that would get over this
 difficulty.

It is a consequence of our 2 million tons

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to your time would be no difficulty in
moving at the market price.

When I was asked in saying that if the
market price of bonds drops to 55 dollars
I think we should suggest a rate of 2 1/2% for the
1st 1/2 of the year as a basis, but I
am not sure that this is necessary.

If the matter is considered at all, I would
suggest a meeting between the Upstate Banking
Committee & those of us interested in this business
to see that the State should eventually
be maintained.

to present price of bonds had with 17.5.

It can be said that it can go down
mainly below 50/.

Yours truly,
Charles W. Miller

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25th October, 1908.



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Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 14th instant on the subject of rates on the Uganda Railway for Soda and Coal, I am directed to inform you that those interested in the business consider, after the Magadi Soda industry has become firmly established, that the profits will at least admit of paying a slightly increased rate for both Coal and Soda, and my Directors on hearing from you that such a course would be acceptable, would be prepared to submit a proposal and discuss the rates for a sliding scale in relation to the market price of Soda from time to time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Handwritten signature

Secretary.

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