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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE CLUB

Application by for exemption of payment
of Customs Duties.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 70

Government House, Stanley.

12th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of a Minute by Captain F. J. Newham, Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Volunteers, forwarding an application from the Committee of the Club of the Force, for exemption from duty on goods imported for the use of the Club.

2. The application does not appear to me to come within the exemptions under the Second Schedule of The Tariff Ordinance, 1900, and I am not aware that Volunteer Clubs or Canteens in England, or in the Colonies enjoy exemption from the payment of duties, either excise or customs.

3. I shall be glad if I may be informed of the practice adopted elsewhere in such matters, and to receive your instructions on the application made to me.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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Honrs.

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Hon. Col. Secretary.

I forward for the favour of consideration an application by the Committee of the Defence Club for exemption from duty for goods imported for the use of the club.

In the absence of full data regarding canteens I can only quote from experience. Previous to the S. African war regiments stationed in Natal were exempt from duty; during the war the Field Force Canteen was also exempt.

In this case the men are residents and the concession, if granted for the period of war or permanently, seems to me a matter of grace.

(Sd.) F. J. Newnham Capt.

Commandant.

Stanley,

April 27th, 1916.

Sir,

At a Committee Meeting of the Defence Force Club held on February 10th last, it was decided to approach the Government on the subject of the free importation of liquor consumed by the Volunteers at the Club Canteen.

2. According to the "Tariff Ordinance" Schedule 2., H. M.'s Army and Military Messes are entitled to import liquor free of duty. Under the present conditions the Committee submit that the Club Canteen is a Military Mess and therefore be exempt from the duty on the liquor imported solely for the use of the Volunteers.

On behalf of the Defence Force I should be please if you would place this matter before H. P. the Commander-in-Chief for his consideration.

Sir,

I am your obedient servant,

(Sd) G. W. Doyle

Non-Secretary, F.I.R.F.C.