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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Downing Street,

H Movember, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 164 of the 19th September and your telegram of the 20th of October submitting proposals for the gift from the people of the Falkland Islands of

- (a) an annual contribution to His Hajasty's Government for a period of ten years from the 1st of January, 1917:
- (b) an seroplane to the Royal Flying Corps at a cost of £2,250.
- 2. In my telegram of 27th of October I informed you that the proposed gifts would be gratefully accepted by His Majesty's Covernment, and that your proposals, with the exception of that in paragraph 5 of your despetch, might be submitted to the Legislative Council.
- Legislative authority should be given to the Governor in Executive Council to surcharge texation, if necessary, for the purposes of this contribution, as I am of opinion that the only body which should have power to very rates of texation is the Legislature, and that it is undesirable for the Legislature to delegate the power to the Governor in Executive Council even to the limited extent which you propose.

GOVERNOR

W.D.YOUNG, ESQ., C.M.G., &c., &c.,

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- 4. The necessary provision for the payment of the contribution should, therefore, be made annually by the insertion, under the proper Head of the Estimates of Expenditure, of a sum equivalent to 1/10th of the estimate ed Customs receipts for the year. If, when the accounts for any year are finally made up, an adjustment is found to be necessary owing to an excess or deficit in the actual Customs receipts as compared with the estimated receipts, such adjustment can be made in connection with a subsequent payment.
- which accompanied your despetch, should be amended by the omission of Section 3. Also in addition to the amendment required in Section 2, owing to the substitution of the customs revenue for the ordinary revenue as the basis for calculating the proposed contribution, I consider that the last phrase of the first sentence of the latter Section should be amended to read as follows: "such payment to be a contribution to His Majesty's Government from the Colony of the Falkland Islands towards the expenses of the war", since it will be convenient if, as is the case with similar contributions from other Colonial Governments, the disposal of the money is laft to the discretion of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.
- 6. I therefore informed you in my telegram that the introduction of the Ordinance should be deferred pending the receipt of this despetch.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obsdient

humble servent,

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

AN ORDINAUCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT BETTHE WALLE AND ISLANDS OF AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR THE THATS TOWARDS THE PERFERS OF THE TAP.

BF IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:-

- 1. This Ordinance may be cited as The War Expenses Contribution Ordinance, 1917.
- 2. For a period of ten years commencing from the first day of January, 1917, there shall be paid annually, out of the public revenue and other funds of the Colony, to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, a sum equal to one-tenth part of the Customs revenue of the year, such payment to be a contribution to His Majesty's Government from the Colony of the Falkland Islands towards the expenses of the war. Tvery such contribution shall be paid on the warrant of the Governor, and shall form a charge on the Public Funds of the Colony.

Passed the Legislative Council this day of , 1917.

Clerk of the Council.

Assented to by the Governor and given under the Public Seal of the Colony this day of , 1917.

Colonial Secretary.

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