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CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

1913

May

at previous Paper

Proposes to add Acetic Acid to free list.
 Uganda agrees. Request's sanction.

~~Incl. Ballymoney Letter (2 letters)~~

We have proposed to impose an export duty on cultivated rubber for the present, in order to give the industry a chance to establish itself. But I don't whether we should go so far as to subsidize the industry by removing the import duty on materials used in its production. If acetic acid is used so extensively at the Ballymoney works, the loss of revenue due to the removal of the import duty would be considerable. The question of such an exemption of acetic acid has not been raised before, and this request seems to have been stimulated by an concession in regard to export duty on cultivated rubber.

We exempt roads plants etc and machinery and apparatus used in agricultural work, but also chemical manures, etc in Uganda, Nigeria and S. Afr., but no sulphuric acid in the separation of agricultural products. I propose that you consider the suggestion.

the Govt would prefer to see or an edition
of the law of Geneva which would recall
and [say, that he is not disposed at
present to make any further concession
in favor of the other industry, with
regard to certain ladies].

W.D. 27

I have not yet had a finding to
propose the first clause would be
legible, and if that is so, we
go. Am right. I do think it is
preferable to have it in
that fashion, as it is, & it is
found inevitable.

But I rather suspect the form
of suggesting small revisions in the
expectation of what they would
then say will stop.

I waited & C. I do not like
there are any other authorized article reg
as upon a other industry for that rea
son he demand if we admitted this

G.W.

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& whether article will be used
for any other purpose in the Post ^{etc}?

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Another P.W. 17/13

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 417.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 30th, 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my
despatch No. 407 of the 28th of May respecting
the proposed Customs Tariff Amendment Ordinance.

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2. The Bill, as I have already reported,
has not yet passed its third reading, and it
has been represented to me that the opportunity
might be taken of adding Acetic Acid to the list
of articles exempted from import duty.

It is estimated that nearly one quarter
of the cost of production of ceara rubber is due
to the amount of this acid used. Ceara rubber
is in itself a low value commodity, and if it is
to continue as an industry in this ~~protectorate~~
its

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LEWIS HAMILTON, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNTON STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

~~its production must be made as inexpensive~~
as possible.

I am of opinion therefore that the addition of Acetic Acid to the list of free imports might with propriety be made and I should be glad to receive your suggestion to this proposal.

5. I may add that the Government of Uganda have expressed concurrence with the views on the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

H. Conway, Brigadier.

GOVERNOR.

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Mr. Downie 27/7/13

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Sir E. G. Grey,

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

P. O. Frank

7 Remained.

Capt.

17/7/13

Spent 1/2 hour

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I have etc to ackn. the rec'd of
yours dep. N.C. 17 of the 30th of
May, in which you suggest that
Lead Acetic Acid ~~be~~
should be added to the
list of articles exempted
from import duty, under
the new Customs & Amorals
Ordinance.

2. Before coming to any decision
on this proposal, I should prefer
to receive an estimate of the
loss of revenue which
would occur - and from
the exemption. I would be
glad to know also whether
there are any other imported
articles required in the
rubber or other industry
of which revenue is