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CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

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

*Privy. Council*  
*Mr. Bostwick* (2 papers)

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 doubt 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 in the processing plants, the loss of revenue due to the remission 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 it regard to export duty on cultivated rubber.

We exempt soda plants etc and machinery and apparatus used in agricultural work, but also chemical manures, but in Uganda, Nyasaland and S. Afr. *where sulphuric acid is used in the preparation of agricultural fertilizers* for the fact that in considering the

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the 10th would prefer to receive an estimate  
of the loss of revenue which would result  
and [say that he is not disposed at  
present to make any further concession  
in favor of the rubber industry, with  
regard to another ladies].

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I have not much to say in regard to  
the question of the loss of revenue. would  
be sufficient, and if that is all that is  
to be concerned in it, I do not think it  
refers to the present subject. It is  
of the people who have a right to be  
for its convenience.

But I rather distrust the force  
of property, and I am sure, in the  
any indication of what they would  
then they will stop.

? Instead of [ ] I have asked what  
there are any other important articles, say  
in rubber or other industries for which  
would be demanded if we admitted this.

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+ whether such and is used  
for any other purposes in the Port?

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 417.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 30th, 1913.

Sir,

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

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.

3. 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

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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 sanction to  
this proposal.

I may add that the Governmen  
Uganda have expressed concurrence with views  
on the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*H. Conway, Bexford.*

GOVERNOR.

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I have etc to ackn. the rest of your despatch

I have etc to ackn. the rest of your despatch. No 217 of the 30th of May, in which you suggest that ~~importing a proposal~~ to add Acetic Acid ~~to~~ should be added to the list of articles exempted from import duty, under the <sup>new</sup> Customs Tariff Amendment Ordinance.

DEPT. OF REVENUE  
P. No. 526

W. E. Russell Esq. Secy. Genl.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Denny 27.13
- Mr. Robinson 27.13
- Sir G. Evelyn
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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

~~Robinson~~  
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