

British Consulate.

Lima, 14th May 1824.

M. Sr. Tomas de Heres,
Minister of State
in the Department of Government
and Foreign Relations.

The Undersigned, Pro-Consul of His
Britannic Majesty, has the honor to transmit
the reply of the British Merchants to the
communication of Their Excellencies the
Council of Government of the 10th instant.

The British Merchants are happy to
comply with any measure which may at
once relieve them from the apprehension of
violating their neutral conduct, and testify
to the Peruvian Government their willingness
to bear their fair proportion of any charges
that may be incurred for the general service
of the Republic; and they beg therefore to
accept the proposal of a duty of 5%,
according to the regulation of commerce,
in lieu of personal service in the Civic
militia, or of a contribution for the
specific purpose of exemption from such
service.

The British Merchants further request



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The Undersigned to state, that they had no intention of contradicting their promise communicated on the 2^d instant, by the communication of the 6th, it being merely their desire to avoid a tax imposed for the specific object then contemplated.

The Undersigned has the honor to renew the assurance of his respectful consideration.

Thos. S. Willimott
H. B. M. Pro. Consul.