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SIR,

It has been represented to me that, although the Legislature of Tasmania, by the 31st Section of its Customs Law of 30th November, 1861, evidently intended to relieve 35th Section. Military Officers from Duty on Articles imported for their consumption, yet, as the exemption is made for "Regimental Messes," the benefit has been considered by the Officers of the Revenue not to admit of being extended, under the terms of the Law, to Articles for the use of the Officers of the Royal Engineers, since they have no Mess. I am confident that it is not the wish of the Legislature that the Officers of that distinguished Corps should be debarred from the privilege in this respect which is accorded in all Colonies to Officers of other portions of the Army. If, therefore, your Legal Advisers should be of opinion that the Officers of the Royal Engineers cannot receive the benefit of the exemption under the Law as it stands, I hope that your Government will take the steps which may appear to them necessary to relieve those Officers from their disability.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

*Governor T. GORE BROWNE, C.B.*