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From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,

The Falkland Islands Defence

Force, Stanloy.

I am directed by the Governor to inform you, with reference to your letter of the 14th of November, that His Excellency learnt with regret that certain members of the Defence Force selected for non-commissioned rank with their consent, subsequently declined to accept the rank bestowed on them.

2. I am to state that from time to time as may be necessary, classes for training in non-cormissioned rank should be arranged, that only those candidates who profess their willingness to accept promotion be included in such classes, that practical test examinations should be conducted for selection for non-commissioned rank when vacancies occur or are about to occur, and that if any member of a class declines to accept promotions made, it should be treated as an offence against discipline and dealt with accordingly.

> H. Henniker-Heaton. Colonial Secretary.