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British Consulate, Lima.

2 May 1825.

To Their Excellencies  
The Council of Government,

The Undersigned, Pro-Consul of His Britannic Majesty, has the honor to reply, on behalf of the British Merchants resident in this City, to the communication made to them through his Honor the Prefect, on the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, with regard to their enrolment in the Corps of Civicos.

The British Merchants are bound to refuse to enrol themselves in the Corps of Civicos, because they are enjoined by their Government to observe the strictest and most honorable neutrality; any breach of which would compromise their persons and properties, and endanger the interests intrusted to their care, as they would thereby forfeit the protection of their Government.

The British Merchants nevertheless beg to express their readiness, both now and at all times, to pay their fair and just proportion of any tax, which may be imposed for the maintenance of the tranquillity of the City.

The Undersigned avails himself of this occasion to offer the assurances of his respectful consideration.  
Thos. S. Willmott,  
H. B. M. Pro-Consul.



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