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AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Suva, Fiji, 24 June 1954

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the arrangements for the Defence of Tonga. Under the Treaty of Friendship of 1900² between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Tonga the responsibility for the Defence of this Kingdom was assumed by the United Kingdom. The following is the relevant article in the Treaty :

“Her Majesty will at all times to the utmost of her power take whatever steps may be necessary to protect the Government and territory of Tonga from any external hostile attacks; and for this or similar purposes Her Majesty’s officers shall at all times have free access to the waters and harbours of Tonga; and the King of Tonga hereby agrees to lease to Her Majesty a suitable site or sites in any harbour or harbours in Tonga for the purposes of establishing a station or stations for the coaling and repair of Her Majesty’s ships, and for the erection of any military works or fortifications which may be necessary or desirable for the protection of such stations, and will at all times to the utmost of His power co-operate with and aid Her Majesty’s naval or military forces in the defence of such station or stations if requested so to do by Her Majesty’s officers.”

¹ Came into force on 4 July 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, Vol. 107, p. 521.