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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 7th October in connection with the sale of land at Tucker's Town to Bermudians and non-residents of Bermuda.

Your Executive Committee is no doubt aware that the original intention of the undertaking at Tucker's Town had as its object the development of the tourist trade and hotel business in the Colony and especially in the Tucker's Town area. Purchasers of land in the Club area and immediately bordering on the Club golf course had to be members of the Club, and they covenanted to use their houses for residential purposes only.

To enable the project to get started, former residents of the Tucker's Town Area were forced to sell their properties and had to seek other homes in the Colony. There have recently been several sales of property in this area to Bermudians and it is doubtful whether this conforms to the original purpose for which the land was compulsorily acquired.

Your Executive Committee will appreciate that if there is any change of policy the persons who were forced to sell their properties may well have genuine grounds for complaint.

It is for these reasons that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is seeking a clarification of the present position.

I am also to enquire whether as a matter of policy all persons to whom land within the Club's property is sold are required to be members of the Mid-Ocean Club.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*C. P. Phillips*

Colonial Secretary.

The Resident Manager,