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Dear Mr Gibson

I refer to your letter of 27 August addressed to the Keeper of the Privy Purse, which, as you know, has been forwarded to this Department.

From our records we have been able to trace the following information which I think answers your three questions:-

1. On 6 August 1910 the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Ireland wrote to the Secretary of State applying for the grant of the title Royal to the Club. In doing so he informed us that all early records of the club had been lost around the time of the South African War but that there were references in the "Irish Golfers' Guide" to the club being founded in about 1855.
2. Our records show that the Club was granted the title Royal in September 1910 and we have a letter from the then Captain of the Club dated 1 October 1910 expressing the Club's thanks to His Majesty for conferring the title on the Club.
3. We have no evidence to show that the title was ever withdrawn from the Club.

I trust that the above information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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