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Dear Sir,

SALE OF MUSEUM SILVERWARE

Your Monday edition published an article on the selling of some Highlanders' Museum 'silverware' on its front page.

For many years the Regimental Trustees have been considering the proper disposal of the many items (including silver, pictures and uniforms) which have been in storerooms at the Museum at Fort George and never put on display.

The current Redevelopment Project has encouraged the Trustees to complete this process as we have been better able to review what should be displayed in the new Museum and what should not. Out of the 33,000 items, the Trustees and their professional advisors have identified just over 1,500 items for disposal – about 1.5 % of the Collection.

The Regiment and its supporters have been kept informed of this process, donors have been contacted where possible and items offered to local museums – all in compliance with Museums and Galleries Scotland guidelines. We are very confident that the vast majority of the Regimental family agrees with what the Trustees are doing.

Some of these items will be sold on the 10th April, others will be auctioned at later dates. Details have been made available for the sale and will be given out before the auctions when dates are known.

This process means that there will be more space available for the items we want to keep including new display rooms for The Highlanders and The Lovat Scouts.

Any sums raised will go towards the conservation of this important element of Highland heritage. Surely it is better that the items being sold go to an interested home rather than remain shut away in a storeroom for the rest of their days?

Yours sincerely,

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