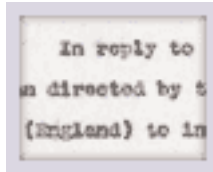


SOURCE 4

Extracts from letters in 1912 between the Football League and government officials on whether footballers were covered by National Insurance
(PRO ref: PIN 13/8)



SOURCE 4A

SOURCE 4B

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What are the main questions being asked by the Football League?
- Would you say the League was being awkward about the Act or co-operating with it and just trying to clear up important details?
- Look at the response to the League's letter (source 4b). Do you think that Lloyd George would be pleased that even professional footballers were protected by the National Insurance Act?

SOURCE 4A



Secretary :
T. CHARNLEY.

Telegrams :
"League, Preston."

Telephone :
No. 304.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE :

Castle Chambers, Market Place,
Preston,

JUNE 29th 1912.

Dear Sir,

We are desirous that all the clubs under our jurisdiction should act in unison and comply with the Act. For our guidance I shall be glad if you will give us your rulings, in the following:-

1. Will all players, team trainers, and groundsmen employed by our clubs, but whose wage do not exceed £160, have to be insured as from the date of their employment?

2. Is it compulsory to insure men whose salary exceeds £160 in one year? viz.

"a" Players.

"b" Secretaries.

"c" Managers.

5. Is it compulsory for clubs to insure persons casually employed for a few hours each match, but who are following other regular employment, and are insured by their regular employer? viz:

"a" Turnstile men.

"b" Checkers.

"c" Gatemen.

"d" Bicycle storage attendants.

I shall be glad if you will intimate your decisions at an early date to enable us to instruct our clubs as soon as possible.

SOURCE 4B

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (England) to inform you that all employed persons whose remuneration does not exceed £160 per annum are required to be insured under the National Insurance Act on and after the 15th July 1912.