

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, 4th September, 1878.

The Collector of Customs, Halifax.

SIR,—Enclosed I hand you a cheque for \$328.20, to enable you to refund to Mr. I. H. Mathers, duty paid by him on tin used in the manufacture of Canned Fish exported, as per enclosed claim, which, when receipted, please return. Vouchers for \$4.40 struck off and returned herewith. The entry under which it was made was for only 45 boxes—duty, \$10; already refunded, August 22nd, \$8.15, and to-day \$1.22, consequently there cannot remain this \$1.40.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) J. JOHNSON.

[Extract from Departmental Letter of 27th November, 1878.]

To Collector of Customs, Halifax, N.S.

“I am obliged to return a large part of Mr. Mathers' tin claims, there being no landing certificates therewith, while a couple of his claims which have the proper certificates are made upon entry No. 16,989, in which no tin appears. How was this checked?”

(Signed) W. G. PARMELEE, *Accountant*.

CUSTOM HOUSE, HALIFAX, 7th December, 1879.

W. G. PARMELEE, Esq., Acct.,
Customs Department, Ottawa.

SIR,—I mail you to-day another bundle of drawback claims, which, I hope, with corrections made in former lot, will be found to be correct. I. H. Mathers has to close his account with his agents at Liverpool at the end of the year, and you will notice by his letter to me that he is anxious to have these claims settled before that time. Would you, therefore, if you can spare the time, take up those as well as the others mailed with proper landing certificates, as explained in my letter of the 5th instant, and if right have amount paid over before the end of the year. I enclose Mr. Mathers' letter to me.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) W. ROSS, *Collector*.

HALIFAX, N. S., 6th December, 1878.

The Hon. W. Ross, Collector, Halifax, N.S.

SIR.—Drawback papers on my Lobster Shipments, for a large amount, have now been placed in your hands. It is of great importance to me that these should be settled within the current year. May I beg of you to use your utmost endeavors to have this done for me.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,
(Signed) ISAAC H. MATHERS.

(Extract from Departmental letter dated 12th December, 1878.)

To Collector of Customs, Halifax, N.S.

“In Mr. Mathers' claim there are three items charged against entry No. 496. There was no tin in that entry, but there was in No. 469. I had to expedite matters