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Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30, 1910.

Dear Mr. Dunn,-

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that His Excellency signed ~~the~~ Order-in-Council today establishing Waterloo as an outpost of Customs, and that Mr. Paterson has appointed you Acting Sub-Collector. It is Mr. Paterson's intention to have you permanently appointed at the Waterloo office, but as this may take a little time, it being necessary to have the appointment confirmed by the Treasury Board and possibly an appropriation for the purpose made by Parliament, it was thought better, in order that the office might be opened on the first of the New Year, to have this done immediately, and have you appointed Acting Collector in the interval so as to assure your permanent appointment later on.

It is, of course, the intention of the Department to increase your salary when the permanent appointment is made. Mr. Paterson mentioned to me that that might not be until the ~~first~~ of March because of the new fiscal year beginning on that date. On the other hand, it may be possible to have the appointment put through sooner, and, if that can be done, it will. You may rely, at all events, on my doing all in my power to have this effected within the next week or two, if at all possible.

I understand from Mr. Paterson that the Department would require that you take up your residence at Waterloo, it being the policy of the Department to have the Collectors reside in the locality in which the office is situated. I have no doubt this ~~will~~ be in accordance with your own wish, as I know it also would be the wish of our friends in Waterloo. Apart from being more convenient for yourself, it would, doubtless, help to make business relations more satisfactory and agreeable in every way.

It gives me special pleasure to let you know that this appointment is being made with the hearty concurrence and good-will of Messrs. Haight, Fischer and Schiedel, the Waterloo members, and of Dr. Honsberger, the President, who have expressed only the kindest of feelings towards yourself, and it is due, of course, to the personal friendship of Mr. Paterson for yourself and his wish in the matter that it has been possible for me to send you this word on the eve of the New Year.

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