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CUSTOMS OFFICERS (CANADA).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 21 June 1853;—for,

RETURN “ of the NUMBER of OFFICERS belonging to the CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT in *Canada* that are paid by *Great Britain*, stating the Names and Offices, Station and Salary, and Allowance of each Officer, and all Contingent Expenses paid by *Great Britain* for the Customs Department, in the Year 1852; also, a Statement of what Duties these Custom-house Officers have now to perform.”

RETURN of the IMPERIAL OFFICERS of the CUSTOMS in *Canada* in the Year 1852, stating the Names and Offices, Station and Salary, and Allowance of each Officer, and all Contingent Expenses paid by *Great Britain*.

STATION.	NAME.	OFFICE.	SALARY.			ALLOWANCES (being more to present Possessor.)			CONTINGENT EXPENSES.			TOTAL Expenditure Paid out of the Revenue of the United Kingdom.		
			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
QUEBEC . . .	J. Bruce . . .	Comptroller of Customs and Navigation Laws.	250	-	-	50	-	-						
	J. P. Meara . . .	1st Clerk . . .	150	-	-	50	-	-						
	E. Bartlett . . .	2d ditto . . .	120	-	-	-	-	-						
	J. M'Kedie . . .	Tide Surveyor . . .	150	-	-	-	-	-						
	TOTAL at QUEBEC	Number of Officers. 4		670	-	-	100	-	-	211	-	7	981	-
MONTREAL . . .	R. H. Hamilton . . .	Comptroller of Customs and Navigation Laws.	200	-	-	100	-	-						
	T. Thain . . .	1st Clerk . . .	150	-	-	50	-	-						
	H. Kavanagh . . .	2d ditto . . .	120	-	-	30	-	-						
	TOTAL at MONTREAL	Number of Officers. 3		470	-	-	180	-	-	148	9	-	798	9
TOTAL in CANADA	7		1,140	-	-	280	-	-	359	9	7	1,779	9	7

A STATEMENT, showing the NATURE of the DUTIES executed by the IMPERIAL OFFICERS specified in the foregoing Return.

The Lords of the Treasury, with the view of providing for certain duties connected with Imperial interests, upon the transfer of the Customs Establishments to the Colonial Government, deemed it expedient that certain officers should be stationed at Quebec and Montreal, as well as at other Ports in the North American Colonies, who are called Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws, with Assistants acting under them, whose salaries are entirely defrayed out of the Revenue of the United Kingdom.

The duties of those officers are to enforce the provisions of the Act of 12 & 13 Vict. c. 29, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Laws in force for the Encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation;” also the provisions of the Imperial Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 89, intituled, “ An Act for the Registering of British Vessels,” and to take care that the various prohibitions and restrictions prescribed by the British Possessions Act of the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 93, are duly enforced; to verify the manifests of all British Vessels clearing for the United Kingdom in the manner required by the Customs Regulation Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 86, ss. 3 and 4; and to grant certificates of clearance for all vessels clearing for the United Kingdom, as prescribed by the Act of 12 & 13 Vict. c. 29, s. 10.