

It is obvious that the cheap rate at which Teas can now be purchased in the American Market, when compared with the prices at which they are furnished by the East India Company in Canada and Nova Scotia, with the great facilities there are for smuggling the article into all the Northern Provinces from the United States, must immediately give rise to an extensive illicit trade.

In order to remedy this serious mischief, We are directed by the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, to suggest the propriety and necessity of admitting the importation of Teas into all the Northern Colonies from the United States, on the payment of an *ad valorem* Duty; this would produce considerable Revenue without being felt as an onerous tax, and at the same time prevent the introduction and practice of a Contraband Trade.

We would beg leave to suggest that the imposition of a duty, equal to three pence per pound, on all the inferior description of Teas, and in proportion for the higher qualities, imported from the United States into the Colonies, while it would operate as a sufficient protection in favor of the East India or British Trade in this article, at the same time would materially lessen the inducement for and practice of illegal traffic therein.

And are, &c.

(Signed)

CHARLES SIMONDS,
EDWARD B. CHANDLER.

To the Right Honorable E. G. STANLEY,
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[*Duties on Wine, Molasses, &c.*]

16 Norfolk Street, Strand, June 27th, 1833.

SIR,

Duties are annually collected at the several Custom Houses in New Brunswick on Wine, Molasses, Coffee, and Pimento, under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament of 6 G. 2, c. 13, 4 G. 3, c. 15, and 6 G. 3, c. 52, amounting, it is believed, to upwards of One thousand Pounds sterling, which are not accounted for to the Legislature, and it is not known to the House of Assembly by whom and to what purpose these Duties are applied. The House of Assembly have charged us to bring this subject under the consideration of His Majesty's Government, as they conceive that upon Constitutional principles, they have the undoubted right to the disposal of these Duties, in the same manner as they have of the Duties imposed by the Act of the Imperial Parliament 6 G. 4, c. 114—provision having been made by the House of Assembly for the payment of the Custom House Establishment in the Province.

And are, &c.

(Signed)

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