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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, CUSTOM HOUSE, OTTAWA, December 29th, 1879.

J. JOHNSON, Esq.,

Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR.-I have the honor of enclosing a letter from Parsons & Co., re 7 bbls. of glass founts (under seizure). The goods were not seized until it was understood that they were entered enormously under value. My letters on the subject will be found with the seizing papers now under your consideration.

I have the honor to be Sir.

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

Z. WILSON

OTTAWA, 27 December. 1879.

DEAR SIR,-We should esteem it a great favor if you would kindly draw the attention of the Customs Department to goods entered 8th November, entry No. 2119, 7 bbls. glass founts, and under seizure. We make this request, as we believe it was not the intention of Mr. Fraser to have the goods seized, only detained, while prices were being revised. He has revised the prices, and we are willing to make amended entry, if that is all that is required by the Commissioner. We should not trouble you with this, but we think the matter has been overlooked. Your kind attention at your convenience will oblige,

Yours very truly;

(Signed) PARSONS & CO.

Z. WILSON, Esq., Collector of Customs, City.

OTTAWA, 30th December, 1879.

The Collector of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—The Hon. the Minister of Customs having had under consideration the application of Messrs. Parsons & Co. for the release of 10 barrels of American oil. found not to stand the required fire-test, now under seizure at your port, together with your report thereon, I am desired to inform you that this Department will not interfere with the due course of the law in the case, and the seizure is, therefore, confirmed.

Be good enough to inform the parties accordingly.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

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