

After dark on the evening of the 9th, the officers being on watch heard rattling of ropes and blocks on board the vessel after she had left the wharf; the sounds appeared to our officers as if several packages were being lowered into a boat alongside the vessel. On making search along the harbor the officers found, and seized, two barrels of oil near another wharf, and found upon examination that one of the barrels had a private mark *made up it by Officer Dalziel, before he delivered the oil from the warehouse for exportation*, thus proving it to be the same oil brought in by the M. M. Chase, and with which she cleared outwards. Mr. Sub-Collector Owen telegraphed here on morning of 10th informing us of circumstance, and that the vessel would likely call in at Port Mulgrave, on her way south, so I caused Mr. Bremner to telegraph to Collector at Port Mulgrave, that the vessel had cleared with six barrels, and if not on board to seize her. In the afternoon the collector at Port Mulgrave answered that he had searched the schooner, and *finding only four barrels on board* had seized her, and reported to Ottawa.

I am glad that he reported to you immediately, as the vessel is freighted with potatoes, possibly the property of an innocent owner, and as the season is far advanced loss might occur.

The seizure report for the two barrels landed at Georgetown, I shall have forwarded to you immediately, and I shall also forward the export bond, if I find it to be any good, and if not, I shall report further in regard to that matter.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) JAS. F. WOLFF, Inspector.

DOMINION OF CANADA,  
PORT OF GEORGETOWN, P.E. ISLAND.

Clearance of the schooner M. M. Chase, of Portland, U.S., 93 tons burthen, W S. Beers, Master, from this port to port of Bermuda, in North America, with the undermentioned cargo, viz:—

Six barrels kero-sine oil, *in bond*, three thousand seven hundred bushels of potatoes, the produce of Canada, and the necessary stores for the sea voyage.

Given under my hand at the Custom House of Georgetown, this ninth day of December, 1879.

(Signed) A. C. STEWART, pro Collector.

CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT MULGRAVE, N.S.,  
12th December, 1879.

To J. JOHNSON,  
Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR.—The four casks of kerosine oil that I have in charge, out of seized schooner M. M. Chase, number of gallons 184, and test 122, as tested at P.E.I., this oil, if you allow me to sell it, will bring about 20 to 25 cents per gallon, and will be better to sell than to destroy it, if it can be sold. Up to writing (noon) I have not received any information in regard to seized schooner M. M. Chase.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) DAVID MURRAY, JR.

PORT HAWKESBURY, 12th December, 1879.

To J. JOHNSON,  
Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR.—On the 10th inst., Sub-Collector Murray, at Port Mulgrave, had a telegram from P. E. Island that the schooner M. M. Chase had cleared with six casks condemned kerosene oil *in bond*. Mr. Murray came here and I went with him. We