

plicable to the account for seizures, &c.—and this under any circumstances should now be done.

Upon giving the foregoing statement of facts, the consideration, I have no doubt it will receive, I do not imagine that it will be considered unreasonable in me again most earnestly, but respectfully, to urge my claim to a final discharge. The claim I have set up, arose, as I have shewn, from the performance of an imperative and at the same time unpleasant and responsible duty; with respect to which I had no alternative between acting as I did and loss of office, and violation of law, in addition to which I may add, that were I now to relinquish my right, I should sustain a direct pecuniary loss to a considerable extent. It is well known that Collectors in this Province have no means whatever of rewarding their Deputies and other assistants necessary to a Custom-House establishment, except from seizures—and in my case those persons always received the largest proportion of them—it is also proper to observe that there are no public store-houses or wharves for the reception and security of Custom-House seizures.—All these expences fall on the Collector, and in the present instance amounted to a considerable sum. Without adverting to circumstances sufficiently well known, I may, I hope be permitted to add, that *I am not that officer of Government* from whom pecuniary sacrifices should be exacted.—And while I disclaim all intention of employing the language of complaint at the delay which has occurred in giving me the benefit of a plain and admitted right—a delay arising from no fault of mine, but from acts of the government over which I had no control, and to which I was in no respect a party; I trust I shall be excused for thus again earnestly preferring the claim to a discharge, which I have endeavoured to shew, and I hope have succeeded in shewing ought long since to have been granted me.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obd't humble serv't,

C. A. HAGERMAN.

The Honorable

George H. Markland,

Inspector General, &c. &c. &c.

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