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Circular.

Office of the  
Indian Commissioner,  
North-West Territories.  
Regina, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1886.

Sir,

I have the honor to call your attention to my Circular, of even No. of April 13<sup>th</sup> last, and to inform you that it has been found to be unsafe to follow the directions therein contained, with regard to accepting whole or unbroken packages of tea, tobacco, sugar, bacon, etc., minus the tare, as they are invoiced, without verification of the tare allowed, so that it will be necessary, for the future, to take every possible precaution, before granting receipts, to make sure that the tare allowed by the invoice is equal to what you are actually entitled to claim.

As this can only be ascertained by the emptying and weighing of packages, and it may be often highly inconvenient, if not productive of waste, to empty every package, it will satisfy the requirements of the Department to treat 1 in every 3 or 5 of all packages, in this way, and to deduct an average tare thus ascertained.

With respect to unbroken pieces of cotton print, wincey, or woollen goods, it is not necessary to be so particular, but it may be well to ascertain the contents of an occasional piece, by measurement; and, of course, this should be done in every case where there may be the least suspicion of anything being wrong.

Indian Agent,  
Peace Hills.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
Harter Reed  
Asst. Commissioner.