

Q. Will you swear he did not?—A. To the best of my knowledge, I do swear.

Q. Will you swear you did not receive a letter from Mr. Dupont, through Mr. Langevin, which he handed to you and asked you to facilitate the passing of Miss Larde's baggage?—A. I do swear.

Q. You did not receive one?—A. Not to my knowledge, I don't remember. I got so many letters from people, and so on.

Q. Did you get very many letters asking you to pass trunks without examination?—A. Only from people in authority.

Q. You do receive them from people in authority?—A. I do, sir.

Q. Tell us some of the people in authority from whom you received instructions to pass trunks without examination?—A. They do not say to pass trunks, they use the word "facilitate".

Q. We will let it go at that.—A. I cannot find an answer to that word "facilitate".

*By the Chairman:*

Q. It means to pass them first?—A. I have looked up the dictionary and cannot find any definition.

*By Mr. Calder, K.C.:*

Q. What do you understand it to mean?—A. I understand it to mean to pass their baggage without inspection.

Q. You say you got letters to that effect from people in authority?—A. Yes.

Q. From whom?—A. The Commissioner. If there is any diplomat, or somebody in connection with the Government, of course I would be asked, through the Collector to facilitate their examination.

Q. Are those the only instances?—A. That is all, sir.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Has it always been like that?—A. That has always been, to my knowledge, from thirty or forty years.

*By Mr. Calder, K.C.:*

Q. If you received a letter asking you to facilitate the passing of baggage that did not come from one in authority, and which did not refer to a diplomatic person, you would remember it?—A. I would.

Q. You do not remember whether you received this letter or not, from Mr. Langevin?—A. I cannot answer the question, I cannot remember, that is all.

Q. You said, that if you had received a letter asking you to facilitate the passing of baggage from a person not in authority, and not referring to the baggage of a diplomatic person, you would remember it, it would strike you?—A. I would say I can't remember. How would I remember a special occasion with regard to Mr. Langevin? I can only say that if I did get one, I don't remember.

Q. If you got a letter of that kind from someone not in authority, asking you to facilitate the passing of baggage, it would at least strike you as being an insult?—A. No, it would not strike me as being an insult because, supposing I got a letter from a gentleman that I knew as a gentleman and an honest man, telling me his wife was coming on board such and such a ship, and asking me to be courteous to her—

Q. You interpret "courtesy" as being of this meaning, that you were not to examine her baggage?—A. I do not say that.

Q. What do you say?—A. I say I would be very careful to see that if she had anything she would pay.