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GOODS IN TRANSIT.

Regulations for Their Bonding and
Passage Through the Ameri-
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Customs Officers in Sufficient Num-
ber to Effectually Carry Out
the Law.

The following letter from Collector
Milne to the secretary of the board of
trade, with memoranda attached and
referred to, will be read with great in-
terest by all concerned in the Northern
trade. They are sufficiently explained
in themselves:

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 26.

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary B. C. Board
of Trade, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to ac-
knowledge the receipt of your communi-
cation of the 15th inst. relative to en-
quiries regarding the new regulations for
bonding and passing goods from Lynn
canal to the Northwest Territory via the
Dyea and Skagway.

I beg to say that customs officers have
already gone north to the ports of Dyea
and Skagway with full directions to carry
out the instructions of the department,
and to assist and facilitate transactions
with the United States customs officers
at the ports of Dyea and Skagway.

I herewith hand you a copy of the in-
structions re entry of goods into the
Yukon district and Stikine issued for the
information of collectors of customs and
others concerned. I have the honor to
be, sir, your obedient servant,

A. R. MILNE, Collector.

MEMORANDUM CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, 9th February, 1898.

To Collectors of Customs:
RE. ENTRY OF GOODS INTO YUKON DIS-
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The following instructions are issued
for the information of collectors of
customs and other persons concerned:
1. Goods purchased in Canada, duty
paid or the produce of Canada, may be
admitted into the Yukon district or
Stikine free of duty, when the trans-
portation of such goods by water, from
any port in British Columbia direct or
via a foreign port, is wholly in vessels
entitled to participate in the coasting
trade of the Dominion of Canada: Pro-
vided, however, that the goods are
identified to the satisfaction of the
customs officer at the port of entry in
the Yukon or Stikine, and that the
regulations and conditions prescribed
for the transportation of the goods from
ports in British Columbia are duly
observed.

2. Except as above provided, all goods
arriving in the Yukon district or Sti-
kine, from or through Alaska or via the
Yukon or Stikine rivers, will be treated
as liable to duty as ordinary im-
portations.

3. Goods imported into the Klondike
region, Yukon district or Stikine, are
subject to the same duties and exemp-
tions as if imported into any other part
of Canada, and duties are to be levied
under the provisions of sections 88 and
89 of the Customs Act as to market
values of goods at the time and place
whence exported directly to Canada.

4. Wearing apparel, articles of per-
sonal adornment, toilet articles and
similar personal effects of persons ar-
riving in Canada may be passed
free without entry at customs
as travellers' baggage, under the pro-
visions of the customs tariff, but this
provision shall only include such articles
as actually accompany and are in the
use of and as are necessary and ap-
propriate for the wear and use of such
persons for the immediate purpose of the
journey and prevent comfort and con-
venience, and shall not be held to apply
to merchandise or articles intended for
other persons or for sale.

5. Goods purchased in Canada, duty paid
or the produce of Canada, admitted free
of duty into the Yukon district or Sti-
kine shall be subject to the following
regulations and conditions for the trans-
portation thereof, from ports in British
Columbia:
(a.) A manifest or invoice containing a
description of the goods and their value,
with the numbers and marks of the
packages, shall be presented to the cus-
toms officer at the Canadian frontier
port in the Yukon district or Stikine.

(b.) The certificate of a Canadian cus-
toms officer is required to be endorsed
on the manifest or invoice to the effect
that the goods described therein have
been "shipped duty free from a port in
British Columbia."

(c.) Customs officers shall not grant
the certificate above mentioned when the
shipment from a port in British Colum-
bia is not made by a vessel entitled
to engage in the Canadian coasting
trade.

(d.) The said certificate may be signed
by special officers of the Canadian cus-
toms when stationed at Dyea, Skagway
or Wrangell, but in all such cases the
transfer from the importing vessel must
be made in the presence of such officer,
who must satisfy himself by inspec-
tion of the vessel's manifest and clear-
ance that the goods have not been ex-
ported from British Columbia in bond.

transferred at Wrangell to a river steam-
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6. The following regulations issued by
the United States treasury department
are appended hereto, viz.:

Circular 23, being—Regulations gov-
erning the entry and transportation of
merchandise destined for the Klondike
region and north-west territory of British
Columbia, via United States sub-
ports of Juneau, Dyea and Skagway, or
other customs ports in Alaska.

Circular 24, being—Regulations con-
cerning the navigation of the Yukon and
Porcupine rivers and their tributaries.

7. It may be advisable for parties pur-
chasing goods in Canada for the Yukon
district to provide themselves with in-
voices in duplicate—their attention being
directed to the following require-
ments of the United States customs
regulations in regard to goods passing in
transit to the Yukon district through
Alaska, via Dyea and Skagway:

"Sec. 3. A manifest and duplicate
copy of the entry containing a descrip-
tion of the merchandise, with the num-
bers and marks of the packages, shall be
presented to the collector at the sub-
port at which entry is made, and said
manifest and entry, after being duly
certified, shall accompany the merchan-
dise on its route through United States
territory, and shall be delivered with
the duplicate copy of the entry, to the
deputy-collector at the frontier for verifi-
cation by comparison with the merchan-
dise covered thereby."

8. The following regulations issued by
the customs department of Canada are
also appended, viz.:

"Regulations for carrying goods of the
United States and other foreign goods in
transit through Canada, from Juneau,
Alaska, to Circle City or other points in
the United States, via Chilkoot or
White Pass.

JOHN McDONALD,
Commissioner of Customs.

Regulations governing the entry and
transportation of merchandise des-
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north-west territory of British Colum-
bia via the United States sub-
ports of Juneau, Dyea and Skagway,
or other customs ports in Alaska.

1898.
Department Circular No.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Division of Customs.

Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D.C., Feb. 2, 1898.
To Collectors of Customs and others in-
terested:

The following regulations are pub-
lished for the information and guidance
of all concerned:

1. Imported merchandise arriving at
Juneau, Dyea and Skagway, or any other
customs port in Alaska, for transpor-
tation to the Klondike region, unless im-
mediately entered under warehouse,
transportation and exportation entry,
will be taken possession of by the chief
customs officer at the port, and stored at
the expense of the owners.

2. Such merchandise may, after proper
entry has been made, proceed under
warehouse, transportation and exportation
entry, without payment of duty, in
charge of a customs officer, the cost of
whose transportation and maintenance
must be paid by the importer, or upon
the filing of a bond by the importer
with satisfactory securities for its due
exportation; said bond to be in amount
equal to the duties and charges on the
goods, and to be cancelled upon proper
evidence of exportation whenever the
owner shall prefer to deposit with the
deputy collector an amount of money
equal to the duties and charges on the
goods, the filing of a bond may be
waived, and such deposit will be
refunded by the deputy collector
receiving it as hereinafter provided, but
in view of the prohibition of the land-
ing of intoxicating liquors within the
territory of Alaska, any package contain-
ing such spirits for immediate exportation
shall be transported in custody and un-
der the supervision of a customs officer,
as above provided.

3. A manifest and duplicate copy of
the entry containing a description of the
merchandise, with the numbers and
marks of the packages, shall be pre-
sented to the collector at the sub-port at
which entry is made, and said manifest
and entry, after being duly certified,
shall accompany the merchandise on its
route through United States territory,
and shall be delivered with the dupli-
cate copy of the entry, to the deputy-
collector at the frontier for verification
by comparison with the merchandise
covered thereby.

4. A deputy-collector shall be stationed
at the frontier line on the route need for
such transportation, and it shall be his
duty to identify the merchandise by
comparison with the description thereon
and the entry in the entry and certified
manifest.

5. If the merchandise corresponds
with the description and shall pass into
British territory, the deputy-collector at
the frontier shall certify in the mani-
fest, which shall then be transmitted by
him to the collector at the port of entry,
and he shall also give the owner a cer-
tificate stating that the conditions of the
bond have been fulfilled, or if the duty
shall have been deposited with the col-
lector at the port of entry, the deputy-
collector shall furnish the owner with a
certificate of exportation, which certifi-
cate, duly endorsed by the collector, shall
be presented by the owner to the deputy-
collector by whom the deposit was received,
to be accepted by him as full authority for
the refund of the amount due on such
deposit, and such refund shall be paid
by him to the original owner to the man-
ner designated by the owner's en-
dorsement on the certificate.

6. If any of the merchandise included
in the manifest shall have been con-
sumed or abandoned on the route or
shall otherwise fail to appear at the man-
ifest, which shall be collected on the
same by the deputy collector at the
frontier, before he shall furnish a vouch-
er for the cancellation of the bond; if
the duties shall have been deposited at
the port of entry, the deputy collector
shall deduct the duty on the missing
goods from the amount so deposited, and
shall give his voucher for the balance
remaining due to the owner of the goods.

7. All imported merchandise or merchan-
dise abandoned or sold on the route
through United States territory shall be
seized by the customs officers and for-
feited to the government unless duty
shall be paid thereon.

8. Whenever the collector at the port
of entry shall receive from the deputy at
the frontier a report that the conditions
of any bond have been fulfilled, he shall
cancel such bond, and whenever he shall
receive the certified for and a voucher
for the duty remaining due the owner,

he shall pay over such duties, or no
much of the same as shall have been
found due, to the owner of the goods or
the person duly designated by the en-
dorsement of the owner.

9. The customs officers at the port
affected by these regulations are hereby
authorized to require, whenever they
shall deem it expedient to do so, the
landed under customs supervision of all
imported goods at such wharf or ware-
house as shall be duly designated by
them, there to be held in customs cus-
tody until the issuance of permit for
their removal.

10. All articles carried by passengers
on the above routes, which are in use
and which consist of wearing apparel and
personal effects necessary for the present
comfort and convenience of such passen-
gers, are exempt from duty.

11. Any person engaged in an attempt
to evade the United States revenue laws
under these regulations will be arrested
and on conviction will be subject to the
extreme penalty of the law in such cases.
XXVI of the treaty to American citizens
and British subjects, are not extended to
the citizens and vessels of other nations.

ARRIVAL OF VESSELS AT CIRCLE CITY
FROM PORTS OR PLACES IN BRITISH
COLUMBIA.

1. A vessel descending the Yukon or
Porcupine rivers from ports or places in
British Columbia, in ballast or with
cargo or passengers or both, shall come
under the provisions of Articles 1 and 2
of the navigation laws of the United States
and British Columbia as may hereafter be de-
signated, and shall there report in compli-
ance with the provisions of section 2,772
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2. A vessel entering (3) A British vessel
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Article XXVI of the treaty of 1871
between the United States and Great
Britain, so far as applicable to the Yu-
kon, Porcupine and Stikine rivers, pro-
vides:

"The navigation of the rivers Yukon,
Porcupine and Stikine, ascending and
descending from, to, and into the sea,
shall forever remain free and open for
the purpose of commerce to the subjects
of British Majesty and to the citizens
of the United States, subject to any laws
and regulations of either country within
its own territory, not inconsistent with
such privilege of free navigation."

This article creates a reserve privilege
for a reciprocal equivalent and the gen-
eral favored nation clause of treaties,
which covers only gratuitous favors,
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