

MARGARETVILLE, 11th December, 1879.

To Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—The Collector of the Outport of Wilmot has ten casks of coal oil in charge which will not stand the required test, and they refuse to return the same. He wishes to know what he will do with it. Please instruct me by return mail, and oblige

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) L. W. LANDON, *Collector.*

2nd January, 1880.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of 11th ult., respecting coal oil not standing the required test, I beg leave to state that you should point out the law in the case to the importer, and give him his choice between exporting it and having it destroyed. Should he persist in refusing to export it, however, you had better secure it, if possible, in some safe place where it will not endanger property or life, until you receive other instructions from the Department.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) J. JOHNSON.

OTTAWA, 25th November, 1879.

To Hon. the Minister of Customs, Ottawa.

MY DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly favor us with your attention to the matter of twelve boxes of our chimnies entered at Prescott by A. Hill, which you stated in your interview with the writer, C. E. Parsons, should receive your kind attention.

Also, in reference to the ten barrels American oil given by us to your Department and shipped from St. Thomas. Regarding same would say we have now on the way from Cleveland some 175 fire-test, which, with the permission of your Department, we can mix same and bring it up to the required fire-test. It would save trouble to the refiners at St. Thomas by having same mixed as above, and inspected and released.

In the matter of oil there seems to have been negligence of some one, as oil was marked 132 fire-test, and on examination here same only stands 120.

Will you please favor us at as early date as possible with reply and very much oblige. We have heretofore treated oil under test in manner stated and made oil right.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) PARSONS & Co.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, CUSTOM HOUSE,  
OTTAWA, 13th December, 1879.

J. JOHNSON, Esq.,  
Commissioner of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor of enclosing the letter of Messrs. Parsons & Co. to the Honorable the Minister of Customs, referred to me for enquiry and report.

On the subject of Parsons & Co's. goods unlawfully entered at Prescott by A. Hill, there was an evident intention to defraud the revenue, which was confirmed on examination, the goods having been entered tremendously under value. For further particulars see seizing paper No. 20, answering letter of 26th November last.

With regard to seizure No. 18, I beg to submit the letter of Landing-Waiter Heney; what he says is substantially correct. I would respectfully suggest that I be instructed to buy the necessary quantity of strong oil, bring the lot up to regula-