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R. W. Breadner, Esq.,
Commissioner of Customs,
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Dear Mr. Breadner,

I am attaching certain correspondence which will explain the matter that I now take up with you.

By it you will note that when I was in Shanghai I met Mr. Justice Feetham, who had prepared a report for the Shanghai Municipal Council on the Shanghai situation, with particular regard to the questions involved in extra-territoriality. I told him that I should like very much to see the report, and he promised to send me fifty copies. These I undertook to distribute to men in Canada whom I thought would be interested, such as the members of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

The reports have arrived, and I am now asked to pay duty on them - which seems a most extraordinary thing to me. They are not books in the ordinary sense of the term. You probably have read the Simon report on conditions in India. If Sir John Simon had sent me fifty copies for distribution amongst my friends in Canada, would I have had to pay duty thereon?