

usual, we would have ordered as the law required. We pay a large amount to the revenue for duty and trust you will see fit to order the Customs Department here to permit its landing on arrival.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) OWEN CONNOLLY & CO.

OTTAWA, 16th July, 1879.

SIRS,—Adverting to your letter of the 11th ultimo, regarding admission of oil purchased in ignorance of regulations.

I beg leave to state that there is no one in this Department who could accept the responsibility of authorizing the violation of the law in question, as by so doing the party would become liable for all damages that might ensue.

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

MESSRS. OWEN CONNOLLY & Co., Charlottetown.

St. CATHARINES, 1st August, 1879.

SIR,—Since receiving yours of the 18th July, I applied to the Collector of Customs to allow me to treat the oil while in charge of the Customs so as to raise it to the required test. He again referred me to the Department. Will you consent to this? I do not ask to have control of it or have it pass into consumption till it passes a satisfactory examination by your officer here. A prompt reply.

Will oblige yours respectfully,  
(Signed) FRANK MAGUIRE.

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

St. CATHARINES, 13th June, 1879.

SIR,—On the 2nd May, 1879, I purchased 5 barrels oil, as per invoice enclosed, and not having occasion to use it till now, did not enter it. On proceeding to do so this day, was informed by the Collector that he could not take the entry without a permit from the Department. Kindly send permit and oblige

Your humble servant,  
(Signed) FRANK MAGUIRE.

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

(Invoice.)

BUFFALO, 2nd May, 1879.

Mr. Frank Maguire—Bought of Dudley & Co.,

5 barrels—237 gallons refined petroleum, 125°, at 11½ cts.  
per gallon..... \$27 76

CUSTOMS, St. CATHARINES, June 20th, 1879.

SIR,—It has been customary since my incumbency, and I am informed previously, for goods to remain sometimes in the sufferance warehouse for thirty days, if importers so required, before entering them for duty. The reason these were not allowed to be entered was the fire-test was only 125°, instead of 130°, as required by the new law, but as the oil was imported in good faith, previous to the knowledge