

Extracts from Letters received from London, relative to Canada Tobacco.

24th August 1827.

"I have examined the 2 hogsheads of Tobacco imported from Montreal in the St. Charles, the quality proves very ordinary, and this description cannot be sold here for home consumption at any price. The Tobacco must be well cured, neatly handled, and not too hard prized into the hogshead: to contain the weight of the hogsheads, the casks ought to be at least one third larger, but the most suitable sized packages are those of about 450 lbs. the gross tare and net weight to be legibly marked on the end of each cask, and each shipment to be accompanied with a certificate of origin, specifying the marks and numbers of the casks. In writing to your friends, I would recommend their particular attention to stemming the following descriptions, the colour to be light, the leaf light and dry, with some flavour, and after stemming the Tobacco to be hung up to dry, and in case of any moisture a fire to be kept in the stemming house at night, in short the great secret for the shippers to know is, that our manufacturers, can only use Tobacco that will take an increase of 10 to 20 per cent in manufacturing. I could at all times obtain a high price for Tobacco of this description, imported from the British Colonies, as it is admitted on a duty of 2s. 9d. per lb while other descriptions pay 3s. per lb. I herewith send you samples of what we require here, and if the planters have not got Virginia, or very good Kentucky seed, I fear they cannot produce the quality required for the consumption of this country. Tobacco equal to the samples will

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