

illuminating oil, and is subject to a duty of six cents per wine gallon, or seven and one-fifth cents per imperial gallon. The sample sent is subject to a duty of twenty per cent. as an unenumerated article.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
(Signed) J. JOHNSON, *Commissioner*.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 6th June, 1879.

The Hon. Minister of Customs, Ottawa.

SIR,—Yesterday it came to our notice that the Collector here had the day previous received information regarding the new instructions on American kerosine oil.

On the 23rd May we ordered from Boston 15 casks of the usual quality that stands 105° Fahrenheit. Now, this small lot is on the way, and we shall be pleased to have you authorize the Collector, under the circumstances, to let this shipment pass as usual.

We also beg to hand you copy of our letter of the 17th February, to the Collector of Customs. He communicated with you on the subject therein referred to, and as yet has no reply. We shall be pleased to have you give it favorable consideration.

We are, dear Sir, your obedient servants,

(Signed) CARVELL BROS.

OTTAWA, 25th June, 1879.

The Collector of Customs, Charlottetown.

SIR,—I beg to enclose to you two letters, the one addressed to Messrs. A. A. Baldwin & Co., and the other to Messrs. Carvell Bros., which you will cause to be handed over to their respective addresses, after perusal and noting contents.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. JOHNSON.

OTTAWA, 25th June, 1879.

Messrs. CARVELL BROS. Charlottetown, P.E.I.

SIRS,—In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, respecting the admission of kerosine oil, I regret to inform you that this Department has no power over this matter. Should an arbitrary order issue to allow what the law calls explosive oil to be entered for consumption, such order would become liable for any or all damages which might ensue by explosion or otherwise.

In this case it would also cause the many who have been refused similar application to feel aggrieved on the ground of Departmental partiality.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. JOHNSON, *Commissioner of Customs*.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., 11th June, 1879.

Hon. MCKENZIE BOWELL, Minister of Customs, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—On the 22nd ult. we ordered from Messrs. E. T. Russell & Co., of Boston, 50 barrels of kerosine oil, 120° test; we learned on the 9th instant that a change had been made in regard to test of oil when imported from the United States. We immediately notified Messrs. Russell & Co., of Boston, but the oil had been shipped and on the way here. We think it very hard to not be allowed to land the oil, as had we the slightest idea that there would be any difficulty in the way of importing it as