

provinces of the Dominion with them free of duty, while ours are charged 35 per cent. in their markets.

I wish to observe that mine is not an isolated case, and that I am fully prepared to prove my statements.

On referring to the Dominion Tariff I find "fish preserved not in oil free."

You will, I trust, excuse me troubling you with this trifling matter, in which, however, many are interested besides myself.

Inclosure 4 in No. 1.

Mr. Bourne to Mr. Johnson.

Sir, *St. John, N.B., February 18, 1875.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, and regret that I have been unable to make an earlier reply.

I herewith inclose the sworn statement of the captain of the vessel, and also of the Consul's certificate that the goods have been actually relanded at St. John. The certificate you will be good enough to return to me, or forward it to the Customs authorities at Philadelphia, so as to release my Agent from liability.

My direct loss I estimate as follows:—

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Freight on 50 cans. Philadelphia and back, 50 cents	25 00
Insurance (both ways)	14 50
Consul's certificate, outwards	2 50
" " for discharge of bond	5 00
Cartage and wharfage	5 00
Total	52 00

This is actual money loss here without any allowance for loss of time on the goods, or expenses at Philadelphia.

I beg leave to thank you for your prompt attention to the subject, and to express the hope that I may at least be the means of placing matters on a more satisfactory basis than heretofore.

I am, &c.
(Signed) THOS. G. BOURNE.

Inclosure 5 in No. 1.

Affidavit.

I, CHARLES BUCKARD, Master of the British schooner "Lizzie Dakers," of St. John, New Brunswick, of which vessel, at the time herein mentioned, Thomas G. Bourne, of St. John, New Brunswick, was the managing owner, do hereby solemnly swear and declare, that the said schooner being on or about the 16th of October last past under charter to proceed to Philadelphia, in the United States of America, I took on board fifty cases of preserved lobsters in cans, for sale at that port, on account of the said Thomas G. Bourne. That on arrival at Philadelphia I requested entry of the said goods under the terms of the Washington Treaty, as being free of duty. That they were refused entry on those terms, and that on personal application to the Collector of the said port (accompanied by the consignee of the vessel), I was told that they could only be entered subject to a duty of 35 per cent. *ad valorem*. That the goods in question were accompanied by a proper certificate, obtained from the United States' Consul at St. John, and that in consequence of the above decision the said goods were brought back to St. John, under bonds given by the agent of the vessel, rendering them liable until such bonds had been cancelled by the sworn testimony of the master and mate of the said vessel, made before the United States' Consul at St. John, New Brunswick. That the said goods had been actually relanded at St. John, the port from which they were originally shipped, and that the said goods were actually brought back and relanded at St. John, New Brunswick, between the 29th and 31st days of December, 1874, according to the terms of the certificate herewith enclosed.

(Signed) CHAS. BUCKARD

Before me,
(Signed) P. GLEESON, J.P.