

CUSTOMS OFFICERS (CANADA).

**RETURN of the IMPERIAL OFFICERS of
Customs in Canada, in the Year 1852; stating
the Names and Offices, Station and Salary and
Allowance of each Officer, and all Contingent
Expenses paid by Great Britain; and, also,
a Statement of the Duties they have to per-
form.**

(Mr. Hume.)

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS (CANADA).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 21 June 1853;—for,

RETURN “ of the NUMBER of OFFICERS belonging to the CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT in *Canada* that are paid by *Great Britain*, stating the Names and Offices, Station and Salary, and Allowance of each Officer, and all Contingent Expenses paid by *Great Britain* for the Customs Department, in the Year 1852; also, a Statement of what Duties these Custom-house Officers have now to perform.”

RETURN of the IMPERIAL OFFICERS of the CUSTOMS in *Canada* in the Year 1852, stating the Names and Offices, Station and Salary, and Allowance of each Officer, and all Contingent Expenses paid by *Great Britain*.

STATION.	NAME.	OFFICE.	SALARY.		ALLOWANCES (being more to present Possessor.)		CONTINGENT EXPENSES.		TOTAL Expenditure Paid out of the Revenue of the United Kingdom.			
			£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.		
QUEBEC	J. Bruce	Comptroller of Customs and Navigation Laws.	250	- -	50	- -						
	J. P. Meara	1st Clerk	150	- -	50	- -						
	E. Bartlett	2d ditto	120	- -	-	-						
	J. M'Kedie	Tide Surveyor	150	- -	-	-						
	TOTAL at QUEBEC	Number of Officers. 4	670	- -	100	- -	211	7	981	7		
MONTREAL	R. H. Hamilton	Comptroller of Customs and Navigation Laws.	200	- -	100	- -						
	T. Thain	1st Clerk	150	- -	50	- -						
	H. Kavanagh	2d ditto	120	- -	30	- -						
	TOTAL at MONTREAL	Number of Officers. 3	470	- -	180	- -	148	9	798	9		
TOTAL in CANADA		7	1,140	- -	280	- -	359	9	7	1,779	9	7

A STATEMENT, showing the NATURE of the DUTIES executed by the IMPERIAL OFFICERS specified in the foregoing Return.

The Lords of the Treasury, with the view of providing for certain duties connected with Imperial interests, upon the transfer of the Customs Establishments to the Colonial Government, deemed it expedient that certain officers should be stationed at Quebec and Montreal, as well as at other Ports in the North American Colonies, who are called Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws, with Assistants acting under them, whose salaries are entirely defrayed out of the Revenue of the United Kingdom.

The duties of those officers are to enforce the provisions of the Act of 12 & 13 Vict. c. 29, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Laws in force for the Encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation;” also the provisions of the Imperial Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 89, intituled, “ An Act for the Registering of British Vessels,” and to take care that the various prohibitions and restrictions prescribed by the British Possessions Act of the 8 & 9 Vict. c. 93, are duly enforced; to verify the manifests of all British Vessels clearing for the United Kingdom in the manner required by the Customs Regulation Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 86, ss. 3 and 4; and to grant certificates of clearance for all vessels clearing for the United Kingdom, as prescribed by the

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Act 8 & 9 Vict. c. 8, and the 22d and 23d sections of the British Possessions Act of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 93, in order to entitle goods to be entered as being of and from any British Possession (if any benefit attach to such distinction), and to enforce the provisions of the last-recited Act, sections 24, 25, 26 and 27, which prohibit vessels laden with wood goods clearing from Ports in the North American Colonies at certain times of the year with any part of their cargo on deck. And it is also their duty to observe, so far as the same may relate to the British Possessions abroad, the Passengers' Act of the 15 & 16 Vict. c. 44, and the Merchant Seamen's Acts of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 112, and the 13 & 14 Vict. c. 93.

It forms a material part of the duty of the Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws to furnish the Inspector-general of Imports and Exports, and the Registrar-general of Shipping in London, with the various Statistical Returns, which are necessary to enable those officers to prepare the various Accounts of Trade and Navigation, which are annually required to be laid before Parliament.

Plantation Account Office, Custom House,
25 June 1853.

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