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CUSTOM HOUSE, LAPOILE, 21st October, 1852.

SIR.—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th September last, transmitting a copy of one from Mr. John Furneaux of Burgeo; in reply to which, I beg to state that in consequence of several Halifax schooners touching there, either to trade, or on their way to Fortune Bay and Rameo for herring, I have been under the necessity of requesting Mr. Dawe, agent for Newman & Co., to require them to enter and pay him the Duties, in my absence, as being at a distance of thirty miles, I can only visit that and Channel (at an equal distance in the opposite direction) occasionally.

Mr. Furneaux deals chiefly in St. John's—he has never paid any duties through Mr. Dawe, but always reports here; but he has more than once expressed a wish that he could do it at Burgeo, through, of course, one of his own choice;—both Mr. Dawe and him seem desirous to have a sub-collector there. I also agree with them and take this opportunity of recommending it to your consideration, seeing that it will accommodate the Trade, and probably increase the Revenue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS READ, *Sub-Collector*.

The Hon. the Collector H. M. Revenue, St. John's.

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St. John's, 1st March, 1853.

*The Honorable the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs.*

SIR,—We beg to hand you, at foot, an extract from a letter of our Agent at Burgeo, in the hope that you will see the necessity of causing a Customs officer to be appointed for that place, where one is required, as much for the protection of the revenue as the fair trader.

Your obedient servant,

Per p. Newman & Co.,

THOMAS G. MORRY.

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“ Burgeo, 11th Sept., 1852.

“ The Collector at LaPoile (which is distant from this about 35 miles) has authorised me to receive any duties that may be offered, and leaves me blank forms, signed by him, and dated LaPoile, for the purpose of entering and clearing vessels. During the last ten months I have received and remitted to him £122, which I received from traders, who voluntarily offered it. This sum, as well as the amount of duty on Newman & Co's. imports, will appear as the revenue of LaPoile.

“ If there was an officer here to compel importers to pay the duties, the collection ought to be at least £600 per annum, as not more than one-tenth of the craft that trade from Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and St. Peters, to this place, pay anything towards the revenue; and I have seen from fifteen to to twenty of them at a time.

“ Burgeo at present contains about one hundred families, and the population is increasing.”

Your's, &c.,

(Signed)

R. H. DAWE.