



UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

PORT OF NEW YORK,

4662/04.

November 24, 1905.

Mrs. Albion Tourgee,
Mayville, N.Y.

Madam:-

I have received your letter of the 22nd instant relative to free entry of four cases of wine arrived ex "Fricka" the 28th ultimo consigned to Funch, Edye, & Co., New York.

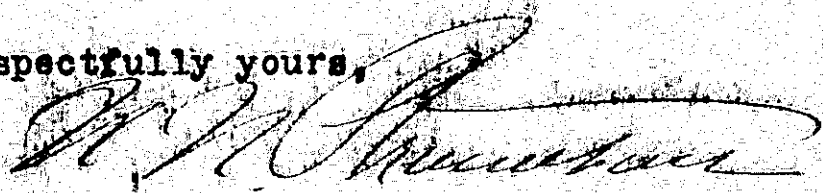
In reply I have to state that there was no controversy over free entry of these cases, but as Messrs. Funch, Edye, & Co. did not have a bill of lading for the goods they made no application to enter them. Perhaps I should explain that importers are required to present a bill of lading showing their right to obtain possession of imported merchandise before a delivery permit can be issued. Had Messrs. Funch, Edye, & Co. been aware that previous correspondence had passed regarding this Wine, they would probably have made known to me that a bill of lading was lacking in which event the matter could have been arranged. Owing to the loss of time in making entry some extra storage charges have probably accrued, and these charges I have no power to remit. It was to provide for such a contingency, among other things, that in my previous letter I suggested that said letter be presented on arrival of the goods.

So far as exemption from duty is concerned, that has been granted, and Messrs. Funch, Edye, & Co. have to-day made entry

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of the cases, and I presume they will be shipped to you as soon as matters can be arranged.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. W. Thurman".

Collector.

No enclosure.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. E. G.". Below this signature is a faint, diagonal watermark that reads "CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY NY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2011".

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

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SUBJECT:

No. of Inclosures.