



UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

PORT OF NEW YORK,

5148/19.

January 30, 1906.

Mrs. A.W. Tourgee,
2015 Kalorama Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Madam:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, mentioning that about five years prior to the death of your late husband at Bordeaux, at which place he was the American Consul General, you placed an order for some unique Limoges chinaware, part of which order had not, for reasons stated, been filled up to the time of your return to this country some months ago. You wish to know if delivery should now be made of the unfilled part of this order would duty have to be paid.

In reply I have to say that chinaware imported under the circumstances mentioned by you would be dutiable, probably at 60% ad valorem as decorated chinaware, although the exact rate would depend upon the report of the Appraiser after an examination of the goods. After careful consideration of the matter I can find but one paragraph of the Free List that has any bearing on this case, and that is Paragraph 504 providing exemption from duty on household effects which have been in actual use abroad for a period of not less than one year. The chinaware could be considered household

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effects, but unfortunately there appears to have been no period of use by you abroad, and I am therefore precluded from granting you the benefits of the paragraph mentioned.

Respectfully yours,

W. M. Branahan

Collector.

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR,

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