



COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY  
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1921.

Mr. O. S. Rapp  
Mr. J. F. Prendergast,  
Marion, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Answering both of your letters concerning the method of obtaining liquid refreshments for the restoration of depleted stocks, I beg to advise you that I have this day received from Hon. S. P. Gilbert, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, the following letter, which is self-explanatory:

"I received your letter of June 23, 1921, in which you state that you have a banking friend at Marion, Ohio, who is holding as collateral warehouse certificates for several barrels of bonded whiskey, and who is unable to collect thereon because of the fact that the whiskey may not be removed from bond. You state you understand there is some method now being employed around Pittsburg whereby whiskey is permitted to be taken out of bond, and you ask to be advised as to what may be done in the matter.

"The Bureau of Internal Revenue advises me that at this time whiskey may be withdrawn from bond only by druggists to whom permits have been issued to sell whiskey. Under the law warehouse receipts for distilled spirits in bond may be sold without permit, and if the bank can dispose of these certificates to a druggist qualified to sell the spirits they may then be withdrawn by such druggist under his permit. I have not had opportunity to ascertain specifically what method is being followed in Pittsburg, but the suggestion that the warehouse receipts may be sold without permit with a view to ultimate sale to a qualified druggist may give you the answer."

If I took as many pills as you two chaps do to relieve your tightness I would think I could find a sociable druggist

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who would get a permit to have this stuff shipped, on some kind of an order that would permit it to be done, and I presume that you are about as tight about this method of transaction as you are in others. However, the thing doesn't look extremely encouraging to me. I think Prendergast's letter must have been founded on a pipe dream, one that Jim relieves himself of when sleeping down at Letts'

If you can get any real substantial information I will take it up further.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) D. R. Criseinger.