

These allegations only call for the most positive contradiction, as they are without the semblance of truth.

Let the Champlain and St. Lawrence Canal be built—throw open the American and Canadian markets to each other's products and manufactures upon terms of reciprocity—secure the Free Navigation of the Canadian waters, and from that moment both countries would derive incalculable benefit from a commerce which would otherwise be lost.

In view of the growing trade between the United States and Canada—the evident disposition of the Montreal merchants to frequent the American markets—the great natural and artificial channels of communication between the Western Lakes and Lake Champlain *via* Montreal, and the commercial intimacy that is constantly binding those two great interests together; it does appear to be madness of the worst stamp to do anything that shall directly or indirectly tend to restrict the mutually profitable intercourse between the States and Canada, without at least securing thereby something which shall be an equivalent for the loss sustained in destroying so important an item of commerce.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted by

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