

# RECIPROCITY TREATY

WITH

## GREAT BRITAIN.

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FEBRUARY 5, 1862.—Ordered to be printed, and recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

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Mr. WARD, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

### REPORT.

*The Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred the concurrent resolutions of the legislature of the State of New York in relation to the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, commonly known as the "Reciprocity Treaty," report as follows:*

The subject of our commercial relations with the British Provinces and Possessions demands the most close investigation, not only as regards the population and territory of these dominions, but also because the principles and plans necessary to a mutually satisfactory solution of our existing difficulties with them, may have an important influence on the future policy of the United States, and form the basis for a system of interchange with other nations upon this continent.

The State of New York having a larger extent of co-terminous frontier with the most populous portion of Canada—the most important of all the Provinces—than is possessed by any other State in the Union, her people would naturally be the first to reap the benefits of free intercourse with Canada, and the first to be injured by exclusive legislation on the part of that Province. The subject being thus brought home to the people of New York, the following Resolutions were duly passed by the Legislature of that State, and have been referred to this committee for consideration:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS of the Legislature of the State of New York in relation to the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, commonly known as the Reciprocity Treaty.

Whereas, under the treaty made by the United States with Great Britain, on behalf of the British North American Colonies, for the purpose of extending reciprocal commerce, nearly all the articles which Canada has to sell are admitted into the United States free of duty, while heavy duties are now imposed upon many of those articles which the United States have to sell with the intention of excluding the United States from