

ces can an assimilation of excise duties be entertained, and as the question has occupied the attention of the Legislature of the United States, it is recommended that any action taken on propositions for a renewal be based on the right of free navigation of all the waters of either country, internal, as well as external, in fact, a repeal of the United States Coasting Laws, free navigation of Lake Michigan and registry of British and Canadian vessels on equal terms with those of the States, the free interchange of the *natural productions of both countries*, while manufactured articles should follow the laws of exigency.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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