

*Extract of a letter from Mr. McLane to Mr. Van Buren, dated
London, November 22, 1830.*

I forwarded you, by my last despatch, the copy of a schedule of duties proposed by Mr. Herries, the late President of the Board of Trade, in relation to their colonial trade. At that time I had reason to believe that this measure, recommended under the auspices and by the influence of the ministry, would probably pass with little material alteration. The recent occurrences, however, have changed these expectations; and I am now inclined to believe, that, if it pass at all, it will previously undergo some very material modifications, more favorable to our interests in the colonial trade.