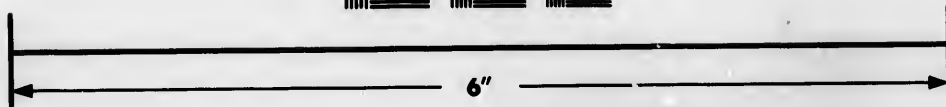
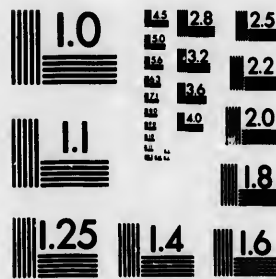


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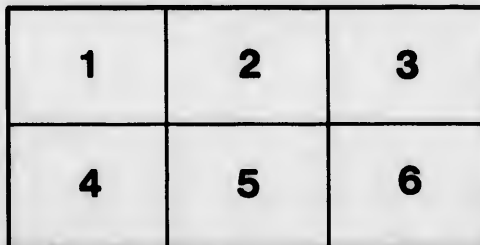
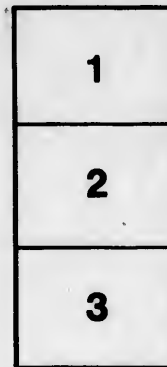
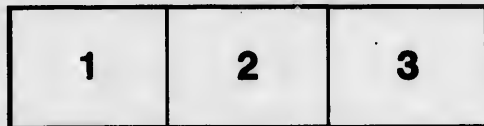
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[Circular to the Members of the Legislative Assembly.]

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, 2nd JULY, 1858.

SIR—

Both among those members who, like myself, are anxious, if possible, to sustain the present ministry, and among those who suppose that a better ministry, as a matter of individuals, could be formed, there are, I believe, a great majority of independent men who view the subject of the *ways and means* of the people, an infinitely more vital consideration than the *ways and means* of any government, and whose principles lead them to insist on Canadian Home manufactures being sustained and created. Why then should we not unite our force on whatever government is, or may be, in power, the adoption in Canada of the Tariff of the United States, or so much of it as suits our somewhat different circumstances as a country. There is unparalleled distress in the Province, which we see can never be relieved but by our keeping in the country some portion of the money which we will get from the coming harvest. We are driven, therefore, to look not altogether to considerations of Revenue, but to avoid importing foreign labour, in the shape of commodities, to the greatest possible extent. We must at once hasten to lay the foundation for the introduction from Europe and the United States, into this Province (or within the operation of the currency laws of Canada), of manufacturing capitalists with their capital, hands and machinery, this being the only means to create general employment to all classes, and a Home market for our agricultural productions.

Hosts of such manufacturing capitalists are known to be ready to come to Canada, if they were enabled to do so safely by the legislature pledging itself to encourage Canadian industry, in preference to foreign.

With a view therefore to some joint or united action, I propose that Members who find it convenient should arrange this afternoon, when the House adjourns at six o'clock, to have a meeting to talk over such steps as in the circumstances may seem called for.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ISAAC BUCHANAN.

P. S.—I send you here with a paper which expresses pretty nearly the course (in regard to the re-construction of the Tariff) which is open to us. The following quotation from Mr. J. Fennimore Cooper's *Residence in France in 1832*, seems to me to represent well the yielding, or indecisive policy of the Inspector General:—"When the term *juste milieu* was used first by the King, (Louis Philippe) and adopted by his followers, La Fayette said in Chamber, that "he very well understood what a *juste milieu* meant, in any particular case; it meant neither more nor less than the truth, in that particular case; but as to a political party's always taking a middle course, under the pretence of being in a *juste milieu*, he should liken it to a discreet man's laying down the proposition that four and four make eight, and a fool's crying out, "Sir, you are wrong, for four and four make ten," whereupon the advocate for the *juste milieu* system, would be obliged to say, "Gentlemen, you are equally in extremes, *four and four make nine.*"

