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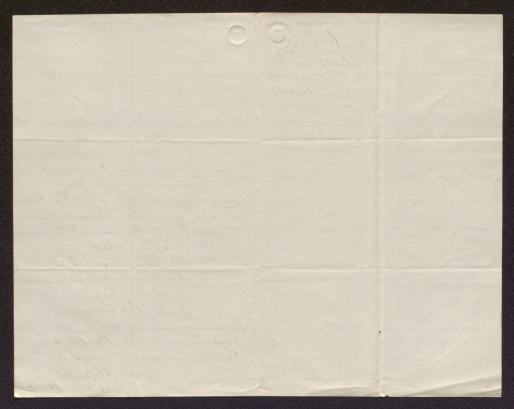
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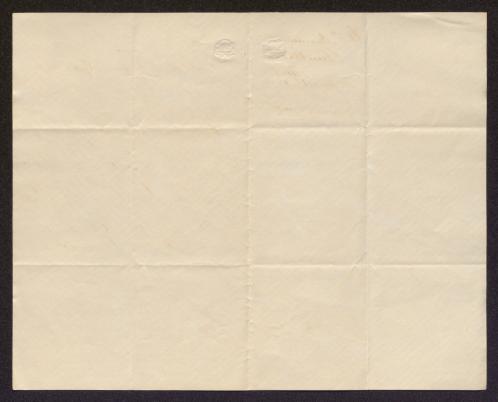


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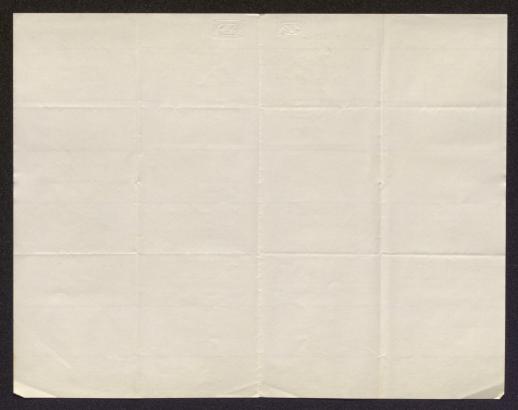
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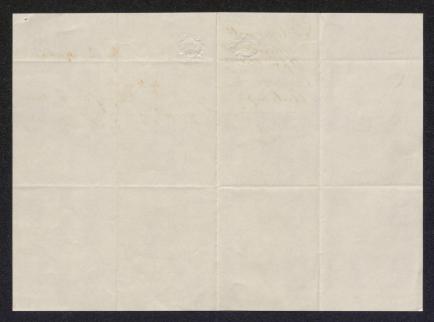
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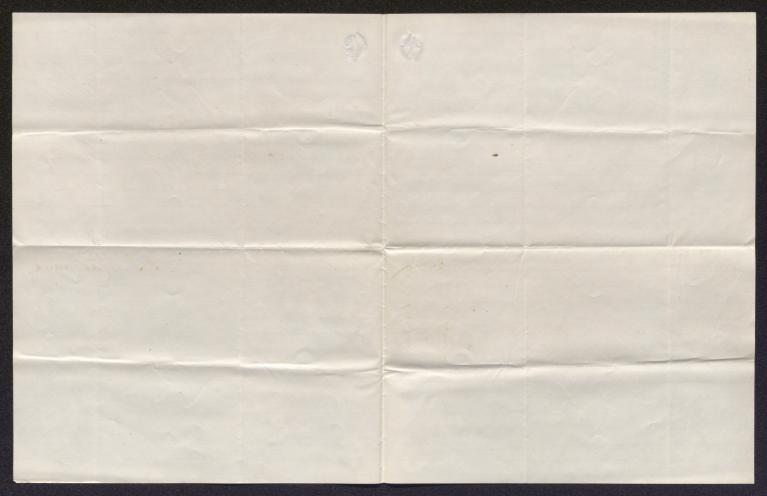
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## BARCLAY & LIVINGSTON, AND OTHERS—DUTIES ON GOODS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN NEW YORK.

[To accompany Bill H. R. 204.]

JANUARY 21, 1858.

Mr. John Cochrane, from the Committee on Commerce, made the following

## REPORT.

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry merchants of the city of New York, praying for the refunding of duties paid by them on goods destroyed by fire, in the city of New York, on the 19th day of July, 1845, together with various other papers relating thereto, submit the following report:

The memorialists ask for the refunding of duties paid by them on certain goods destroyed, in their original and unbroken packages as imported, by an extensive conflagration in that city at the time above mentioned.

The claimants are highly respectable merchants of the city of New York, and from their certificate in the hands of the committee it appears that they are still the owners of the claims in question, they not having parted with their interest therein, but relying upon the instice of Congress to grant them relief:

Most of the goods destroyed had been but recently imported—some of them only the day before the fire occurred—and many of them were in transitu for re-exportation. The case is regarded as a severe one for the claimants, inasmuch as the loss of the goods themselves was very heavy, and involved the necessity of reimportations to supply their place; thus subjecting the claimants virtually to the payment of double duties.

The whole amount of duties paid on goods destroyed in their original and unbroken packages by this fire was about \$400,000. Of this sum \$109,967 52 has been repaid by the Secretary of the Treasury, on wines and liquors in bond, under the act of March 28, 1854; thus leaving the goods not in bond unprovided for by any existing law. The bill herewith reported for the relief of the owners of these goods is limited in amount to \$300,000.

The common council of the city of New York has passed resolutions asking Congress to refund the duties in question; and the Chamber of

Commerce of that city has, after fully acquainting itself with the facts of this case, twice adopted resolutions affirming the bona fide character of these claims, and calling upon Congress to pass a bill for the relief of the claimants.

This measure has been favorably reported upon by the Committee on Commerce in the 30th, 31st, 32d, 33d, and 34th Congresses, and also in the same Congresses by the Committees on Finance in the

Bills for relief have passed one or the other House of every Congress since the original application was made; but have failed to pass both Houses of the same Congress for want of time to get concurrent action. A bill for relief passed both branches of the last Congress by large majorities, but failed in the Senate on the eve of the final adjournment, from lack of time to agree to an amendment of the House.

Your committee are convinced that the application of the memorialists is made in good faith, and is founded on actual losses, and comes within the principle on which the government has repeatedly acted, and on which it now uniformly acts, in respect to goods destroyed by fire in cases like this.

The bill herewith reported rests upon a principle which has received the reiterated sanction of Congress and the government. The statute books and records exhibit numerous special and general laws granting relief in similar cases, commencing with the first act passed in 1790, and coming down to the act of March 28, 1854; which last act, by a general provision, provides for all like cases occurring from and after the date of the warehousing.act of 1846.

The decisions of the United States courts have invariably affirmed that the principle of not levying, or, when paid, of refunding the duties on goods which from any cause DID NOT EXTER INTO THE CONSEMPTION OF THE COUNTRY, is based upon equity and justice, and that such is the spirit and intent of our revenue laws —(See Marriottex. Brune, 9th Howard's reports, page 619, where the opinion of the Supreme Court was pronounced by Mr. Justice Woodbury.)

This policy has been sanctioned by several heads of the Treasury Department, and finally by the act of the 28th March, 1854, above mentioned, has been engrafted upon our laws as the settled policy of the government. The same policy prevails in Great Britain, France, Russia and all other commercial countries.

A policy thus repeatedly acknowledged to be just by the legislative, judicial and executive branches of our government, would seem scarcely to need defence. In special legislation, however, every care should be taken to guard against fraudulent elaims. The bill herewith reported by your committee keep that point constantly in view. It is based substantially on that of July 7, 1839, which granted relief to the sufferers by the great fire in New York, in 1835. Its safeguards against fraud and perjury are more complete and stringent even than those embodied in that act.

It institutes a commission to examine the claims, composed of the collector of the port of New York, the naval officer of that port, and the United States district attorney for that district.

Their report in favor of any claim is to be subject to the approval

of the Secretary of the Treasury. Like the act of 1838, it does not take any money out of the treasury, but provides for the issuing of certificates to such parties as substantiate their claims, which are to be receivable in payment of duties by the collector of the port of New York.

This bill is confined to goods destroyed in their original and unbroken packages, as imported, and, as above stated, is limited in amount to \$300,000.

In accordance with the foregoing statement, I am instructed by the committee to report the accompanying bill.

Institute Indianapolis 16 April 1858

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