

of the principles of allegiance determined by the best Statesmen for universal acceptance. Now Sir, these annexationists have been using their every effort in favor of their object without any care in reference to the condition or position we are to stand to the Republic.

There are very few persons here who are positively against a union with the Republic, but the position the Colony is to take in such union, has been a subject of much moment to the people. If we were to become annexed as a county, our local government would undergo certain changes; and these changes it is thought would be great, from the fact that the independent State legislation hitherto existing in the Colony, would give place to a mere county representation; and <sup>it</sup> can hardly be expected that a people who have been used to providing laws for every rising exigency for 17 years, would be willing to sacrifice such power, unless compelled by some pressing emergency. On the contrary, if annexed as a state, the local government, with very slight changes, would stand the same - it would then be <sup>both</sup> legislation and representative - and the form of government it is thought would do very well. Now Sir, please allow me to say how I think this would act without the continued aid on the part of the County.

You are aware, to judge from its annual increase for the past five years, that the Revenue will not be enough to afford a competency to support an independent State Government for years to come; and excepting the collections on imports, the funds raised in various ways, are comparatively trifling. And how is

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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