thing threatens to disturb or check the onward march of our New State. Our former relations, undoubtedly are changed. This change involves expenses, which formerly, were incidental to the exercise of the functions of an authority, from which in our independence, we have wrought a separation; and this being the case, your attentive consideration is invited for a moment to the subject of the revenue.

I would recommend, Gentlemen, that you take into your especial consideration, the laws regulating the imposts on foreign commodities, of which large amounts, are consumed annually in our State. Here to fore the revenue governing out of this source, owing to a large proportion of the expenditures being supplied by means, arising from appropriations made by the State Society, met but a small amount of the common expenses. And I suggest, that the duties be raised to nine per cent ad valorum and if collected on goods at prices offered by merchantmen or importers, at the rate of five per cent. - This would enable the Government to realize a considerable improvement upon the former rates of imposts, and would give a lift to the finances of much importance. I need not dwell on this subject. Much depends on the view which you may take of its importance, being yourselves, Gentlemen, able to regulate and determine it. In connection, however with this

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