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Dear Doctor.

During the third year of Bessons administration the financial embarrassments of our government seemed to require some remedy.

Meetings of the Citizens were held & then took a very prominent part in enquiring into the state of our revenues, expenses of the government and was allowed free access to the Books of the officials — I then made and deposited the following suggestions —

- 1. Retrenchment in all the expenses of the government.
- 2. Increase of import duties 50% in order to pay off the public debt.
- 3. Repeal of laws conferring in foreigners the right of traffic with nations coastwise.

After a weekly meeting for three months, the government adopted every suggestion.

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

14. November 1857—November 1863