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Dear Sir,

You will have received before this reaches you the petition for making <u>Pennamaquon</u> a port of delivery. The petitioners ask, I believe, for <u>Dennysville</u> without designating what part. You are so well acquainted with the locality of the <u>intended</u> port of delivery that you can easily fix the limits of what ought to constitute the port — or, it may be left to the Secretary as was the case in fixing the port of entry for Passsamaquoddy —

Mr. Delesdesmiers informs me that you have charge of the Calais petition for a port of delivery there as well as an <u>interim</u> port of entry across the bridges to be attached to this District. I am a little surprised that the citizens of Calais should wish such an arrangement – as the establishment of an office with a Deputy there will do away <u>all</u> apology for bringing over activites to the amount of sixpence without a regular entry at the Custom House — Altho' it is not intended that any thing should <u>now</u> be brot over without the payment of duties, still, it is well known that Calais must receive much of its

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supplies of foreign articles bro't over in very small quantities without the payment of duties — If a branch of the Custom House is established – they <u>must</u> enter every thing even to a quarter of a pound of tea or pound of sugar – There will be <u>no</u> excuse for not doing it – and the Custom House officer stationed there must watch the gate or gates of the bridges as vigilently as the toll gatherer himself – As it <del>is</del> appears to be the wish, however, of the Calais people to have such an made

arrangement ^ I am sure I ought not to object to it. The act, if it passes ought to be exceedingly well guarded – for until it is, such an office might be the means of <u>promoting</u> smuggling – If goods are to be introduced in carriages or vehicles - they ought to be described in the act or rather their <u>size</u> ought to be — so that <u>handcarts</u> <u>or sleds</u>, <u>wheel barrows</u>, or <u>even one horse waggons or chaises</u> ought <u>not</u> to be permitted to bring goods over. Should any kind & all kinds

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of vehicles be allowed to <u>enter ^ the Custom</u> House, you can well perceive to what impression it must lead – It would require <u>ten</u> deputies to do all the business at that office – I really hope you will give this subject all

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the attention it merits — and should a bill pass, that you will obtain such allowances for the pay of deputy clerks &c then as the great amount of business to be done will require.

I perceive no movements yet by your Com mittee relative to placing Collectors &c, upon salaries - Should you mature & bring forward a proposition of the kind I trust you will look out for this District. The business here has increased – perhaps doubled – since the opening of the ports - and should all fees be abolished this port will be a common thoroughfare for all English Craft belonging in N. Scotia & N. Brunswick – of all sizes & dimensions – Should one of their small craft want a barrel of flour or a piece of sheeting or shirting out of one of our stores she will enter & clear at the Custom House. It would cost them nothing – The change from fees, commissions & salaries, could not affect any other Custom House in the U. States in this way, but Passamaquoddy – The Custom House would be like a <u>free</u> saw or grist mill where we should be obliged to grind or saw for all custom ers foreign & American without exacting toll. Finely the extra work of the miller ought to command a

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J W Ripley relative to the contemplated change--

The people of Lubec are highly gratified at your prompt & efficient aid in restoring them to their rights – When the order was received, I was aware that it originated in misapprehension – & should have entered into a correspondence with the Dept to prove it so, had I not believed that the course I took, viz. to break up the office at Lubec for a short period would be the means of putting all right again in a shorter time. I knew too that a <u>suspension</u> of the branch there <u>at this time</u> <u>of the year</u> could not be injurious to Lubec, as scarcely any commercial business is done there in the winter —

You will perceive that there is a little skirmishing between the "<u>momentary</u>" editions of the Argus &Age – I regretted much to see it – & hope that it may subside without being carried to any serious length –

Will the Bank be rechartered this winter if at all? It appears to us that its friends are moving rather too early in it.

Very sincerly & resp<sup>y</sup> Yours James W Ripley Hon. Leo<sup>d</sup> Jarvis —