Baufsels Jan: 31 th 1817.

Vir, Previous to my last Letter of the 16th instant I had been inpursued by the cansul at an hever that american Kepsels entering that part paid no higher tonnage - duties than helsely belonging to the country. I have since learned that the fame regarbation prevails in all the other parts of the Kingdom. The order given in this respect was said to be founded on infor mation that a similar regulation applied to Dutch refsels on tering the parts of the U.S. Having no information of as be hig in such a sigulation, I concluded that its was probably founded on misinfurmation on mistake, and faid nothing on the subject. In a late conversation with Mide haget he in -formed me of the fact adding that the order had been given in anticipation of a like an angement on the part of the U. States and exputsing a wish that such an angement might not be lang delayed as complaints were made by others that favor shown to the american was not extended to thins.

Whither this requirestion, which has been observed from the commencement of the present year, was the fourt of some ereor or a real advance towards a mutual amangement you may be chabled to judge from the order of Mr Wichers, a copy of which is hnewith enclosed. Me de hagelt added that after waiting a reasonable time if the American guiternment did not adopt fuch amangement, the foreign duties would be required on American kepels.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

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Your most abed ferch

M. Eustis.

The How: James Monroe Seerchary of State.

My apinion would be to ipue an order to the feueral Collectors to require of Dutch upsels the same duties of tonnage as are paid by American kepels and for the present to stop there. my last letter will explain the geound of this opinion.

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