United States Senate

Dubuque, Iowa, April 3, 1907.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

C/o American Magazine, 147--151 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N.Y.,

My dear Miss Tarbell:

In looking up some matters connected with the Iron and Steel schedules I find that the duty on iron ore was ten per centum advalorem, fixed by the 24th Section of the Act of March 2, 1861 (carried forward into the Revised Statutes under Section 2516) and that this duty on Iron Ore remained unchanged in our laws until the Act of March 3, 1883, when a duty of 75 cents per ton upon Iron ore was substituted for this ten per centum advalorem. I found some difficulty in tracing this up and it occurred to me it might be of value to you in writing your article on the Act of 1883. Section 24 of the Act of 1861 was called the "basket" clause.

Thinking perhaps you might have overlooked this provision, I venture to suggest it to you.

With sincere regard,

Yours truly,

W. B. Allison

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