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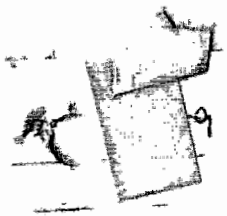
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:-

I have the honor to bring the following proposal to the attention of the Department.

I suggest that in the event that the Government Ship Purchase Bill becomes a law that a small portion of such appropriation be set aside for the purpose of buying a small freighter and that such vessel ply between Manila and Bangkok.

Practically all goods now imported for Siamese consumption come via the British ports of Singapore and Hongkong and it is such control of

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the trade routes to Siam that gives the British an undue advantage in the markets of this country. We have no direct trade route to Bangkok and in my judgment considerable business can be developed in the event that we can obtain a direct service between Bangkok and Manila, thus giving us direct connection with the American liners which call at the last named port. By first placing a small vessel on the new run the Government could easily ascertain how much business could be developed between the two ports, and if the venture proved profitable could enlarge the service or interest private capital in the enterprise. In my judgment the proposed new line would pay a high rate of interest on the investment. The export of rice, pepper, hides, and teak-wood from Siam to the United States and the Philippine Islands should guarantee a return cargo and the importation of American manufactured goods to Siam would receive a new stimulus as a result of the direct trade connection with this country. It seems to me that Manila is ideally located as a distributing port for American goods in the Far East and that by proper development, it may some time rival the ports of Hongkong and Singapore.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. A. Howard

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary

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May 12, 1916.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury and has the honor to transmit herewith enclosed for his consideration a copy of a despatch of February 19, 1916, from the American Minister at Bangkok, concerning the need for steamship connections between that port and Manila.

A true copy of the signed original. M.G

Enclosure:

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May 23, 1916.

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of War and has the honor to enclose herewith for his consideration a copy of despatch No. 45, of February 19, 1916, from the American Minister at Bangkok, Siam, concerning the need for steamship connections between that port and Manila.

A true copy of the signed original.

Enclosure:

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May 12, 1916.

The Honorable Joshua W. Alexander,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have the honor to send you herewith enclosed for your consideration a copy of a despatch of February 19, 1916, from the American Minister at Bangkok, concerning the need for steamship connections between that port and Manila.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT LANSING.

A true copy of the signed original. M. Y.

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