Previously to the sailing of the Vidal there never had been a Custom House or Collector at Live-Oak Point. My Petition shews why I could not go with my property to protect it. Was it right, under these circumstances, to refuse the duty when I did arrive, and sell the property in the face of the Injunction, when the West had then no protection, and the land thereof was exempted from taxation Seven Years afterwards? Respectfully

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