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Dear Sir

I request <sup>you</sup> to furnish me as soon as possible with a statement in detail of the full cost & charges of the following articles in the <sup>foreign</sup> countries in which they are usually produced or from which they are usually brought to the United States, and of bringing them to the United States to the period of their arrival within our ports ---

Wines  
Distilled Spirits  
Melasses  
Sugars  
Teas  
Coffee  
Cocoa  
Manufactured Tobacco.

As I shall rely absolutely on your information and make it the basis of arrangements, I will thank you to be as accurate as the nature of the thing will admit. You will of course distinguish between the several kinds of each article.

I will make you no apology for giving you this trouble, as I flatter myself you will on public and personal accounts cheerfully undertake it.

Yrs sincerely  
J. Hamilton

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