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### ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEMO- CRATIC NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.

#### THE TARIFF A TAX.

"To Hon. William L. Wilson and others  
Committee, etc.:

"GENTLEMEN:—In responding to  
your formal notification of my nomi-  
nation to the presidency by the  
national Democracy, I hope I may  
be permitted to say at the outset  
that continued reflection and ob-  
servation have confirmed me in my  
adherence to the opinions which I  
have heretofore plainly and pub-  
licly declared touching the questions  
involved in the canvass. This is a  
time above all others when these  
questions should be considered in  
the light afforded by a sober ap-  
prehension of the principles upon  
which our government is based, and  
a clear understanding of the rela-  
tion it bears to the people for whose  
benefit it was created.

"We shall thus be supplied with  
a test by which the value of any  
proposition relating to the main-  
tenance and administration of our  
government can be ascertained,  
and by which the justice and hon-  
esty of every political question can  
be judged. If doctrines or theories  
are presented which do not satisfy  
this test, loyal Americanism must  
pronounce them false and mischiev-  
ous. The protection of the people  
in the exclusive use and enjoyment  
of their property and earnings con-  
cededly constitutes the especial  
purpose and mission of our free  
government. This design is so in-  
terwoven with the structure of our  
plan of rule that failure to protect  
the citizens in such use and enjoy-  
ment or their unjustifiable dimi-  
nution by the government itself is a  
betrayal of the people's trust.

"We have, however, undertaken  
to build a great nation upon a plan  
especially our own. To maintain it  
and to furnish through its agency  
the means for the accomplishment  
of national objects the American  
people are willing, through Federal  
taxation, to surrender a part of  
their earnings and income.

"Tariff legislation presents a  
familiar form of Federal taxation.  
Such legislation results as surely in  
a tax upon the daily life of our  
people as the tribute paid directly  
into the hands of the tax-gatherer.  
We feel the burden of these tariff  
taxes too palpably to be persuaded  
by any sophistry that they do not  
exist or are paid by foreigners.

"Such taxes, representing a  
diminution of the property rights  
of the people, are only justifiable  
when laid and collected for the  
purpose of maintaining our govern-  
ment and furnishing the means for  
the accomplishment of its legitimate  
purposes and functions. This is  
taxation under the operation of a  
tariff for revenue only. It accords  
with the professions of American  
free institutions, and its justice and  
honesty answer the test supplied  
by a correct appreciation of the  
principles upon which these institu-  
tions rest.

"This theory of tariff legisla-  
tion manifestly enjoins strict economy  
in public expenditures and their  
limitation to legitimate public uses,  
inasmuch as it prohibits as absolute  
extortion any exaction by way of  
taxation from the substance of the  
people beyond the necessities of a  
careful and proper administration  
of the government.

"Opposed to this theory the  
dogma is now boldly presented that  
tariff taxation is justifiable for the  
express purpose and intent of there-  
by promoting special interests and  
enterprises. Such a proposition is  
so clearly contrary to the spirit of  
our Constitution and so directly  
encourages the disturbance by sel-  
fishness and greed of patriotic sen-  
timent that its statement would  
rudely shock our people if they had  
not already been insidiously allured  
from the safe landmarks of princi-  
ple. Never have honest desire for  
national growth, patriotic devotion  
to country, and sincere regard for  
those who toil been so betrayed  
to the support of a pernicious  
doctrine. In its behalf the plea  
that our infant industries should be  
fostered did service until discred-  
ited by our stalwart growth. Then  
followed the exigencies of a terrible  
war, which made our people heed-  
less of the opportunities for ulterior

schemes afforded by their willing  
and patriotic payment of unpre-  
cedented tribute; and now, after a  
long period of peace, when our  
overburdened countrymen ask for  
relief and a restoration to a fuller  
enjoyment of their incomes and  
earnings, they are met by the claim  
that tariff taxation for the sake of  
protection is an American system,  
the continuance of which is neces-  
sary in order that higher wages may  
be paid to our workmen and a  
home market be provided for our  
farm products.

"These pretences should no longer  
deceive. The truth is that such a  
system is directly antagonistic to  
every sentiment of justice and  
fairness, of which Americans are  
preeminently proud. It is also true  
that while our workmen and  
farmers can the least of all our  
people defend themselves against  
the harder home life which such  
tariff taxation decrees, the work-  
ingmen, suffering from the im-  
portation and employment of pauper  
labor, instigated by his profess-  
ed friends, and seeking security for  
his interests in organized co-opera-  
tion, still waits for a division of the  
advantages secured to his employer  
under cover of a generous solicitude  
for his wages; while the farmer is  
learning that the prices of his prod-  
ucts are fixed in foreign markets,  
where he suffers from a competition  
invited and built up by the system  
he is asked to support.

"The struggle for unearned ad-  
vantage at the doors of the govern-  
ment tramples on the rights of  
those who patiently rely upon as-  
surances of American equality.  
Every governmental concession to  
clamorous favorites invites corrup-  
tion in political affairs by encourag-  
ing the expenditure of money to  
debauch the suffrage in support of  
a policy directly favorable to pri-  
vate and selfish gain. This in the  
end must strangle patriotism and  
weaken popular confidence in the  
rectitude of republican institutions.

"Though the subject of tariff legis-  
lation involves a question of markets,  
it also involves a question of morals.  
We cannot with impunity permit  
injustice to taint the spirit of right  
and equity, which is the life of our  
republic, and we shall fail to reach  
our national destiny if greed and  
selfishness lead the way.

"Recognizing these truths, the  
national Democracy will seek by  
the application of just and sound  
principles to equalize to our people  
the blessings due them from the  
government they support, to pro-  
mote among our countrymen a  
closer community of interests, ce-  
mented by patriotism and national  
pride, and to point out a fair field  
where prosperous and diversified  
American enterprise may grow and  
thrive in the wholesome atmosphere  
of American industry, ingenuity,  
and intelligence.

"Tariff reform is still our purpose.  
Though we oppose the theory that  
tariff laws may be passed having  
for their object the granting of dis-  
criminating and unfair governmen-  
tal aid to private ventures and we  
wage no exterminating war against  
any American interests. We be-  
lieve a readjustment can be accom-  
plished in accordance with the  
principles we profess without disas-  
ter or demerit. We believe that  
the advantages of free raw material  
should be accorded to our manufac-  
turers, and we contemplate a fair  
and careful distribution of neces-  
sary tariff burdens rather than the  
precipitation of free trade.

"We anticipate with calmness  
the misrepresentation of our motives  
and purposes instigated by a sel-  
fishness which seeks to hold an un-  
relenting grasp its unfair advantage  
under the present tariff laws. We  
will rely upon the intelligence of  
our fellow countrymen to reject the  
charge that a party comprising a  
majority of our people is planning  
the destruction or injury of Ameri-  
can interests, and we know they  
can't be frightened by the spectre  
of impossible free trade.

"The administration and manage-  
ment of our government depends  
upon the popular will. Federal  
power is the instrument of that will,  
not its master. Therefore the charge  
that a party comprising a  
majority of our people is planning  
the destruction or injury of Ameri-  
can interests, and we know they  
can't be frightened by the spectre  
of impossible free trade.

any of a discredited party in reck-  
less disregard of a free expression of  
the popular will. To resist such a  
scheme is an impulse of Democracy.  
At all times and in all places we  
trust the people. As against a dis-  
position to force the way to Federal  
power we present to them, as our  
claim to their confidence and sup-  
port, a steady championship of their  
rights.

"The people are entitled to sound  
and honest money, abundantly suffi-  
cient in volume to supply their busi-  
ness needs. But whatever may be  
the form of the people's currency,  
national or State—whether gold,  
silver, or paper—it should be so  
regulated and guarded by govern-  
mental action or by wise and careful  
laws that no one can be deluded as  
to the certainty and stability of its  
value. Every dollar put into the  
hands of the people should be of the  
same intrinsic value or purchasing  
power. With this condition abso-  
lutely guaranteed both gold and sil-  
ver can be safely utilized upon equal  
terms in the adjustment of our cur-  
rency.

"In dealing with this subject no  
selfish scheme should be allowed to  
intervene and no doubtful experi-  
ments should be attempted. The  
wants of our people arising from the  
deficiency or imperfect distribution of  
money circulation ought to be fully  
and honestly recognized and effec-  
tively remedied. It should, however,  
be constantly remembered that the  
inconvenience or loss that might arise  
from such a situation can be much  
easier borne than the universal dis-  
tress which must follow a discred-  
ited currency.

"Public officials are the agents of  
the people. It is, therefore, their  
duty to secure for those whom they  
represent the best and most efficient  
performance of public work. This  
plainly can best be accomplished by  
regarding ascertained fitness in the  
selection of government employees.  
These considerations alone are suf-  
ficient justification for an honest ad-  
herence to the letter and spirit of  
civil-service reform. There are  
however, other features of this plan  
which abundantly commend it.  
Through its operation worthy merit  
in every station and condition of  
American life is recognized in the  
distribution of public employment,  
while its application tends to raise  
the standard of political activity from  
spoil-hunting and unthinking party  
adhesion to the advocacy of party  
principles by reason and argument.

"The American people are gener-  
ous and grateful, and they have im-  
pressed these characteristics upon  
their government. Therefore, all  
patriotic and just citizens must com-  
mend liberal consideration for our  
worthy veteran soldiers and for the  
families of those who have died. No  
complaint should be made of any  
amount of public money paid to those  
actually disabled or made dependent  
by reason of army service. But our  
pension-roll should be a roll of honor,  
uncontaminated by ill desert and  
unwarranted by demagogic use. This  
is due to those whose worthy names  
adorn the roll and to all our people  
who delight to honor the brave and  
the true. It is also due to those who  
in years to come should be allowed  
to bear, reverently and lovingly,  
the story of American patriotism and  
fortitude illustrated by our pension-  
rolls. The preferences accorded to  
veteran soldiers in public employ-  
ment should be secured to them  
honestly and without evasion, and  
when capable and worth their claim  
to the helpful regard and gratitude  
of their countrymen should be un-  
grudgingly acknowledged.

"The assurance to the people of  
the utmost individual liberty con-  
sistent with peace and good order is  
a cardinal principle of our govern-  
ment. This gives no sanction to  
vexatious sumptuary laws, which  
unnecessarily interfere with such  
habits and systems of our people as  
are not offensive to a just moral  
sense and are not inconsistent with  
good citizenship and the public  
welfare.

"The same principle requires that  
the lines between the subjects which  
are properly within governmental  
control and those which are more  
fittingly left to parental regulation  
should be carefully kept in view.  
An enforced education, wisely de-  
signed and properly prepared for citi-  
zenship, should not involve the impair-  
ment of wholesome parental authori-  
ty nor do violence to the household  
conscience. Paternalism in govern-  
ment finds no approval in the creed  
of Democracy. It is a symptom of  
misrule, whether it is manifested in

unauthorized gifts or by an unwar-  
ranted control of personal and family  
affairs.

"Our people, still cherishing the  
feeling of human fellowship which  
belonged to our beginning as a  
nation, require their government to  
express for them their sympathy  
with all those who are oppressed un-  
der any rule less free than ours.

"A generous hospitality, which is  
one of the most prominent of our  
national characteristics, prompts  
us to welcome the worthy and indus-  
trious of all lands to homes and citi-  
zenship among us. This hospitable  
sentiment is not violated, however,  
by careful and reasonable regula-  
tions for the protection of the pub-  
lic health, nor does it justify the  
reception of immigrants who have  
no appreciation of our institutions  
and whose presence among us is a  
menace to peace and good order.

"The importance of the construction  
of the Nicaragua ship-canal as a  
means of promoting commerce be-  
tween our States and with foreign  
countries, and also as a contribution  
by Americans to the enterprises  
which advance the interests of the  
world of civilization, should com-  
mend the project to government ap-  
proval and endorsement.

"Our countrymen not only expect  
from those who represent them in  
public places a sedulous care for the  
things which are directly and palpably  
related to their moral interests,  
but they also fully appreciate the  
value of cultivating our national pride  
and maintaining our national honor.  
Both their material interests and their  
national pride and honor are involu-  
ed in the success of the Columbian  
Exposition; and they will not be in-  
clined to condone any neglect of vic-  
tory on the part of their government  
to insure, in the grandeur of this  
event, a fitting exhibit of American  
growth and greatness and a splendid  
demonstration of American patrio-  
tism.

"In an imperfect and incomplete  
manner I have thus endeavored to  
state some of the things which ac-  
cord with the creed and intentions  
of the party to which I have given  
my life-long allegiance. My attempt  
has not been to instruct my coun-  
trymen in any party, but to remind  
both that Democratic doctrine lies  
near the principles of our govern-  
ment and tends to promote the peo-  
ple's good. I am willing to be ac-  
cused of addressing my countrymen  
upon the right topics in homely  
fashion, for I believe that important  
truths are found on the surface of  
thought and that they should be stated  
in direct and simple terms.  
Though much is left unwritten, my  
record as a public servant leaves no  
excuse for misunderstanding my be-  
lief and position on the questions  
which are now presented to the  
voters of the land for their decision.

"Called for the third time to re-  
present the party of my choice in  
a contest for the supremacy of Demo-  
cratic principles, my grateful ap-  
preciation of its confidence less than  
ever offsets the solemn sense of my  
responsibility.

"If the action of the convention  
you represent shall be endorsed by  
the suffrages of my countrymen I  
will assume the duties of the great  
office for which I have been nomi-  
nated knowing full well its labors  
and perplexities, and with humble  
reliance upon the Divine Being, in-  
finite in power to aid and constant  
in a watchful care over our favored  
nation.

Yours very truly,  
GROVER CLEVELAND.  
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