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hearty approval. I would not apply, however, to those already here but I would to all becoming expatriates on the expiration of a probation for Foreigners coming to this country to become citizens who are not yet able to speak their own language would be required to acquire the requisite knowledge of our language and to maintain necessary residence to obtain citizenship. If they did not take an interest in our language to acquire

knowledge of it to enable them to run the institution and laws of the country intelligently, I would not confer upon them the right to make such laws as they see fit to impose upon them over those who do.

I append to this message a convenient reference, a synopsis of the subject.

ministrative events and of recommendations to Congress by the last seven years.

Time may show some of the recommendations not to have been received, but I believe the balance will be no discredit to the A

The report of the—Comm—
Agriculture will be found of
interest, marking, as it does,
progress of the last century
increase of produce of the soil,
knowledge and skill in the la

...the knowledge and skill in producing, saving, and manipulating same to prepare them for the use in the improvements in man and the agriculturist in making and in the knowledge of those subjects necessary to a thorough acquaintance in agricultural

Those interested in agriculture deriving their support from this report of great value in out those articles which are

greater quantity than the new world require, and must sell, for less than the cost of production of those which command a profit over production, because of an over production.

the Department for a new ga-
reception of the exhibits ret-
the Centennial Exhibition,
exhibits donated by very ma-
Nations, and to the recomme-
the Commissioner of Agricul-
erally.

The report of the District Commissioners and the Board of Health received, too late to read them, make recommendations thereon herewith submitted.

NAN DOMINGO.

One of these recommendations is the united opposition of one party in the Senate, and with opposition from the other, no treaty for the annexation of Mexico to the United States, to which I specially refer, maintain

I do, that if my views concurred in, the country in a more prosperous condition, both politically and economically. Santo Domingo is fertile, and the soil may be grown just the products which the United States

much, and which are produced for the market now by almost exclusively, namely coffee, dye-woods, mahogany, tropical fruits, tobacco, etc. About five per cent. of the produce of Cuba are consumed

United States. A large of the exports of Brazil also same market. These are paid exclusively in coin, legisla particularly in Cuba, being unf a mutual exchange of the p each country. Flour ships

Mississippi River to Havana at the very entrance to the city to a port in Spain, then passed upon articles to be sold is transferred to a Spanish and brought back almost to the starting point, paying a second duty.

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There would be no export duties upon her shipments, nor import duties upon those coming here. There would be no import duties upon supplies, machinery, etc., going to the States. The effect that would be produced upon Cuban

with these advantages to be observable at a glance. The question would have been in favor of "Free Cul dredged" American vessels being advantageously used in porting the valuable w

other products of the soil to a market, and in carrying a large number of emigrants to it. The island is sparsely settled, while it has sufficient for the employment of millions of people. The poor have fallen into the hands

States capitalists. The pro-
valuable in commerce that
there would have been enco-
emancipated race of the So-
have found there a cog-
where their civil rights could
out and where their labor

much sought after. The poor
they could have found means
in case of great oppression - as
such as have been practiced
in many places within the
years. Whole communities
sought refuge in San Domingo

I do not suppose the whole world has gone, nor is it desirable that it should go. Their labor is indispensable almost, where there is but the possession of this territory. I have left the negro master

I do not present these views as a recommendation for a decision on the subject of annexation, but only as a statement to vindicate my previous statement.

With the present Congress life terminates. It is not public affairs will ever attract attention from me, further citizen of the Republic—al deep interest in the honor

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and prosperity of the whole
[Signed] U.
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