Office American Shipping and Industrial League,
55 Liberty Street,

New York, May 15, 1890.

Silas Carr, Esq., Old Sparta, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We send you herewith a copy of the "Tonnage Bill" as favorably reported by the H. R. Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and now on the calendar of the House of Representatives. The measure explains itself. It only proposes to do what has been and is being done by other nations, and, as the title of the bill states, to place the American Merchant Marine upon an equality with that of other nations. The absence of the American Flag abroad or even upon the ships seen in our own harbors must be humiliating to every American.

If you favor the measure proposed, we ask that you sign the blank petition herewith and return it promptly to

Yours truly,

Chairman Executive Committee,

American Shipping and Industrial League.

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