

Auderson



~~Wm. W. W.~~

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My dear Doctor,

I am a little
prejudiced at the possibility
of our getting Reports from
Shampson & Maccom offering
us to facts as well as to
classis. You know the
mischief that has been
caused from time to time

in court since with the real
posting question. by alleged
difference between the
British Canadian vessels on
various points, and how
drawable it is to have such
differences reduced to a
minimum.

Thompson has not
been able on account of
absence of his proper work

to do much at his Report-
set, but means to tackle
it in earnest after dinner.

How far he can see may
have progressed in his. I
cannot guess, but I know
he is a quick & steady worker,
and he is probably there for
well through. Do you think
that before he actually con-
cludes it some people are
willing to send him over
here to discuss it ^{at Stoughton}
carefully with the latter?

We might then hope for some-
thing like unanimity, as I
have carefully impressed on

Manheim our diplomatic difficulties
due to the war they interest
opposed to pelagic sealing & in-
unscrupulous use of the pen, &

he is therefore fully alive to
the importance of making us
unguarded admissions. He is
now to the business however,
& while he wants to super the
'pugnacity' of Maccom, Maccom
from his family with what
has already transpired and



the natural & exact fulness of
the Yankee heart. would keep
to keep J. out of traps.

If you agree with me, &
have an opportunity of bringing
the matter before the authorities,
I hope you will do so.

At present my own view
of the situation on the American
side - formed on what I have
heard from Thompson, is that
there is no need to do anything

tell the proper time for
revision, and that another
year's thorough work.

• Like that of this year, will
enable us to approach the
question of amended report
with something like a solid
basis of facts to guide us,
on the Russian side
however things appear to be
in a very bad way indeed,
and extended regulations of

See and don't the total impression
of killing our land for a time,
appears to be urgently called
for. There is a terrible dearth
of Bulls an Behaving etc., but
plenty an Coffer etc., but the
heads are both appear to be
sent-Shadow of their former
splendour.


I wish Young of Mass
had been able to go there.
Hawdellon is a good little
chap, and I hope to get
him sent back next year,
but we ought never to

And a man alant to these places,
and I hope you will manage
to provide him with a
suitable companion whot-tail.

You will have heard that
the pelagic fleet of the Japs
is developing rapidly, and I
am disposed to think that
if we had a good deal of
discussion now, they would
side with us rather than with
Russia & America. They are very
keen on encouraging war-time
enterprise, & are getting for well
associated with the great powers,
and if properly handled might
be useful to us.



I confess I am not without
anxiety over the whole question.
Frank Villiers has succeeded
Porter as Under Secy in charge
of American questions, and like
all new persons is anxious
to settle questions. For myself,
I am anxious also for a
settlement, but - I doubt if
I SHOld be satisfied with one
which wd satisfy another.
However you know is best against.



pelagic sealing, and has in private, I know, expressed his views on W-Chamberlain, who however, has hitherto backed up the office view quite readily, and unless something untoward & unexpected happens will soon come to do so. But you know what Salisbury is, and I may have to play my reserve card, if F.O. insist on reopening negotiations - and ~~so~~ these you and your Govt will have to help, and if you take

a sufficient proof of your attitude. I think
F.O. will give way. I am trusting
a good deal has been done to the present
situation in the U.S. Cleveland can
have no particular reason for being
nasty at present, & the new
Casson will be under weight
before McKinley. Foster Co could
be, so that we shall. I hope
have us very strong here and you
the Ganks for the present.

The danger is from Russia. &
we may have to get you over to
discuss that question before very
long. You have no doubt seen
Meyneg's Rept. Hamilton's will

said you as soon as ~~the~~ is ready,
but he is not very far advanced
in it job.

with kind regards &

best wishes for Annas & the

New Year.

Dear, truly
Wm. W.

John Anderson