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Knox Feby. 7, 1858.

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 14th December.

The insurance on the Affair was
expensive. You will find a statement of the settlement
of loss annexed.

I notice you want a work or
official document illustrating the practical
operation of the French system of Revenue, including
the mode of collection & disbursement &c.

I cannot do better than send you the
last Budget* which I have procured from Paris. You
will find in it the total amount collected by each division
or department of the Treasury & the number of receiving
& disbursing officers with their salaries & other
expenses attending the same. By comparing the
amount of these with the amount of Revenue
collected you will find the percentage of the collection
of each branch of Revenue; and the percentage of
disbursing &c. — I am sorry that the administration

* given in charge of Cape Lines Packet ship Tully