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Two years ago the Subscriber issued a Pamphlet, the object of which was to bring before the Congress of the United States, certain facts having a direct bearing upon his proposed line of Mail Steamers from New Orleans or Mobile to Mexican ports in the Gulf of Mexico, and in support of his application to the Government of the United States for such reasonable compensation, in view of the mail service to be performed, as would justify him in establishing said line of Mail Steamers.

Since the period referred to, important changes in Mexico, and important changes in our relations with that country have taken place. The Mexican question is rapidly becoming the leading question in our national politics, and in again bringing the subject of the proposed line of United States and Mexican Mail Steamships before the Congress of the United States, the subscriber has been induced to issue a publication having the same end in view as his previous pamphlet, and which, in addition, will give to the *public*, such general information and facts as will be likely to lead to a better understanding as to the importance of inaugurating a new commercial system or policy, not only with Mexico but with all the Spanish American countries.

The particular enterprise herein proposed, is considered the first and most important step on the part of private individuals, towards acquiring those vast commercial advantages with Mexico, which only await our action in the premises.

CARLOS BUTTERFIELD.



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## UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN

### MAIL STEAM SHIP LINE.

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§ 1. From a long residence in the Republic of Mexico, and an intimate acquaintance with its commercial and other resources, the undersigned has for many years been deeply impressed with the importance of opening direct and regular communication by steam, between the United States and the several Mexican ports embraced within the circuit of the Gulf of Mexico.

To this end, he early conceived the idea of the establishment of a regular weekly line of Steam Ships from New Orleans or Mobile to the several Mexican ports of the Gulf, making the entire circuit thereof, for the purpose of mail service.

Impelled solely by his convictions of the great public need of this service, as forming the basis of most important developments in the commerce between the two countries, the undersigned first brought the subject to