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Emery’s Dilemma

Throughout this summer, Professor Meardon and I were able to leverage our existing knowledge of Henry C. Emery and The Tariff Board to attempt to diagnose the use of a scientific tariff to combat the ‘bigness’ of large corporations in the early 20th century. This work required the completion of a rough draft, to which we met with Professor Meardon’s colleagues over zoom for the HOPE workshop and both discussed and criticized each other’s work for the publication of the special edition. In this meeting, we wanted to also bridge each other’s ideas and areas of study in hopes of promoting the overarching theme of the special edition, which is “The Republican Developmental Sp

Emery’s correspondence with his associates and give ourselves much more context to the establishment of the Tariff Board and its purpose. Reading books such as by Ida Tarbell and by Issac Stone sharpened my understanding of protection in this time

of the United States Tariff Board, and how the action or inaction of the board resulted

in a split between Republican party progressives and long tim