

THE SITE FOR THE APPRAISER'S STORES.*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

The contemplated selection of a site for the permanent erection of Appraiser's stores is of the highest importance to this city, since the Custom House will have to follow sooner or later to the same locality. It is a great disadvantage that the two buildings are at considerable distance from each other now. A site ought to be chosen which is as appropriate for the Custom House as for the Appraiser's. It ought to be in the vicinity of Wall-street, the financial centre of the country. Some gentlemen who spoke in favor of a site up town, in the Chamber of Commerce recently, have accused their opponents of selfish motives. They evidently had their own interests so much at heart that they lost sight of all others.

One of them predicted the Harlem River would be down town in 50 years. He is owner of real estate at Inwood. The up-town dry goods trade was largely represented. They seem to forget that other merchandise is imported besides dry goods. The value thereof amounts to barely 25 per cent., and decreases. The bulk of the goods imported here comes consigned to down-town merchants. But to the up-town merchants the vicinity of Wall-street is more convenient than the North River from Houston to Twenty-third-street, where these gentlemen wish to place the public buildings. The southern extremity of this island is conveniently situated by water to the shores of Long Island and New-Jersey, as well as to the East and North Rivers. Goods could be sent by lighter and reach there quicker than they can reach the present Appraiser's stores from any point other than the adjacent piers.

The difficulty of carting goods from down town is exaggerated by those who advocate the site on North River. West, Washington, and Greenwich streets, near the Appraiser's, are crowded generally by carts as much as Wall-street or lower Broadway. The plan of extending College-place to Greenwich-street, and of widening this street, would relieve lower Broadway.

Wall-street is to New-York what Lombard-street is to London, and will remain so, even when New-York outgrows London, as it surely will. But the centre of our dry goods trade may continue to change as it has done in the past.

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