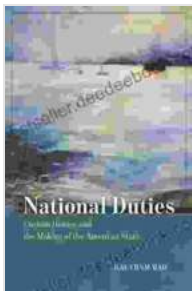


Custom Houses and the Making of the American State: American Beginnings 1500-1900

Custom houses are buildings where goods are inspected and duties are paid on imports and exports. They have been a part of American history since the colonial era, and they have played a vital role in the development of the American state.



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The Early Years

The first custom house in the United States was established in New York City in 1699. At that time, the United States was a British colony, and the custom house was responsible for collecting revenue for the British government.

After the American Revolution, the new United States government continued to use custom houses to collect revenue. However, the new government also gave custom houses other responsibilities, such as enforcing federal laws and regulations.

The 19th Century

The 19th century was a time of great growth for the United States. The country's population increased rapidly, and its economy boomed. This growth led to a corresponding increase in the number of goods imported into the United States. As a result, custom houses became increasingly important.

In 1846, the United States government passed the Walker Tariff. This tariff significantly increased the duties on imported goods. The Walker Tariff had a major impact on the American economy, and it also led to an increase in smuggling.

The 20th Century

The 20th century saw the continued growth of the American economy. This growth led to a further increase in the number of goods imported into the United States. As a result, custom houses became even more important.

In 1913, the United States government passed the Underwood Tariff. This tariff lowered the duties on imported goods. The Underwood Tariff had a major impact on the American economy, and it also led to a decrease in smuggling.

The Modern Era

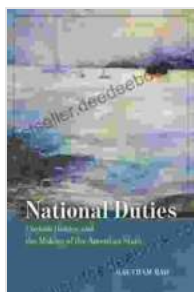
In the modern era, custom houses continue to play an important role in the American economy. They are responsible for collecting revenue, enforcing federal laws and regulations, and protecting the country from the illegal importation of goods.

Custom houses have come a long way since their humble beginnings in the colonial era. Today, they are modern, efficient facilities that play a vital role in the American economy.

Custom houses have played a vital role in the development of the American state. They have been responsible for collecting revenue, enforcing federal laws and regulations, and protecting the country from the illegal importation of goods.

Custom houses have also played a role in the growth of the American economy. By facilitating the import and export of goods, custom houses have helped to create jobs and boost the economy.

Custom houses are a vital part of the American economy and they will continue to play an important role in the years to come.



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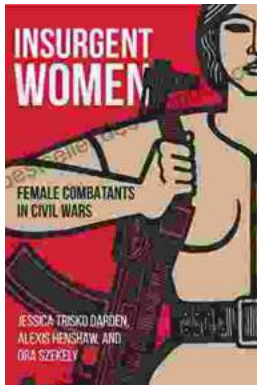
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