

President's Message.

Followers of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

The brief space which has elapsed since the close of your last session, has been remembered by the most extraordinary political event...

Our grateful thanks are due to an all-merciful Providence, not only for staying the pestilence which in different forms has desolated some of our cities...

Within a few weeks the public mind has been deeply affected by the death of Daniel Webster, filling at the decease of the Secretary of State...

In the course of the last summer considerable anxiety was caused for a short time, by an official intimation from the government of Great Britain...

The unjusted difference, however, between the two Governments as to the interpretation of the first article of the Convention of 1818...

These circumstances and the incidents above alluded to have led me to think the moment favorable for a review of the Convention...

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Two millions eight hundred and eighty thousand dollars and twenty cents, (28,807,886.25) of which nine million four hundred and fifty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-three cents...

Without repeating the arguments contained in my former message, I draw it my duty to call your attention to the subject of the tariff...

A treaty of commerce has been concluded between the United States and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, which will be laid before the Senate...

The correspondence of the late Secretary of State with the Peruvian chargé d'affaires relative to the Lobos Islands was communicated to Congress...

I have the satisfaction to inform you that a cargo purveyed by Peru has been creditably received...

Our settlements by the shores of the Pacific have already given a great extension, and in some respects a new direction...

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Every effort has been made to protect our frontier, and that of the adjoining Mexican States, from incursions of the Indian tribes...

Experience has shown, however, that whenever the races are brought into contact, collisions will inevitably occur...

No appropriations for fortifications were made at the two last sessions of Congress...

The subject certainly deserves full and careful investigation, but it should not be delayed longer than is necessary...

An appropriation of \$100,000 was made at the last session for the purchase of land at the site of the proposed canal...

By the latest advice from the Mexican Boundary Commission it appears that the survey of the river Gila...

The appropriation which was made at the last session of Congress for the continuation of the survey is subject to the following proviso...

Two officers of the navy were heretofore instructed to explore the western coast of the Amazon river...

Among other subjects offered to your notice by the Secretary of the Navy, I select for special commendation...

I would also be proper to make further provisions by law for the fulfillment of our treaty with Mexico for running and marking the residue of the boundary line...

The establishment of a corps of apprentices for the navy, or boys to be enlisted until they become of age...

Your attention is respectfully called to the report of the Postmaster General for the last fiscal year...

Although in its operation during the last year the act referred to has not fulfilled the predictions of its friends...

I have among other things, respectfully recommended to the consideration of Congress the propriety...

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