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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

In expressing this opinion it was far from my intention to interfere with the decision of the people of Kansas, either for or against slavery. From this I have always carefully abstained.

The election of delegates to a convention necessarily takes place in separate districts. From this it may be readily seen, as has often been the case, that a majority of the people of any State or Territory are on one side of a question, whilst a majority of the representatives from the several districts into which it is divided may be upon the other side.

How vain would any other principle prove in practice. This may be illustrated by the case of Kansas. Should she be admitted into the Union, with a constitution either favoring or abolishing slavery, against the sentiment of the people, this could have no other effect than to continue and to exacerbate the exciting agitation during the brief period required to make the constitution conform to the irresistible will of the majority.

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The convention for the admission of Kansas met on the first Monday of September last. They were called together by virtue of an act of the territorial legislature, whose lawful existence had been recognized by Congress in different forms and by different enactments.

to those which had been adopted by other territorial Conventions. In the schedule, however, providing for the transition from a territorial to a State government, the question has been fairly and explicitly referred to the people, whether they will have a constitution "with or without slavery."

At this election every citizen will have an opportunity of expressing his opinion by his vote, "whether Kansas shall be received into the Union with or without slavery," and thus this exciting question may be peacefully settled in the very mode required by the organic law.

Whether Kansas shall be a free or a slave State must eventually, under some authority, be decided by an election; and the question can never be more clearly or distinctly presented to the people than it is at the present moment.

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With the religious opinions of the Mormons as long as they remained near opinions, how ever deplorable in themselves and revolting to the moral and religious sentiments of all Christians, I had no right to interfere.

And although advantages of this kind, whether postal, commercial, or political cannot confer constitutional power, yet they may furnish auxiliary arguments in favor of extending a work which, in my judgment, is clearly enforced within the war making power.

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury will furnish a detailed statement of the condition of the public finances and of the respective branches of the public service devolved upon that department of the government.

The actual expenditures during the first quarter of the present fiscal year, commencing first July, 1857, were twenty million nine hundred and twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Long experience has deeply convinced me that a strict conservation of the power, granted to Congress is the only true, as well as the only safe theory of the Constitution.

Brigham Young was appointed Governor on the 20th of September, 1850, and has held the office ever since. Whilst Governor Young has been at the same time at the head of the church, called the Latter Day Saints, and professes to govern its members and divide of their property by direct inspiration.

Our system for the disposal of the public lands, originating with the fathers of the Republic, has been improved as experience pointed the way, and gradually adapted to the growth and settlement of our western States and Territories.

Under the Federal Constitution, every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall, before it becomes a law, be approved and signed by the President; and if he refuse to do so, he shall return it with his objections to that house in which it originated.

Speculation has of late years prevailed to a great extent in the public lands. The consequence has been that large portions of them have become the property of individuals and companies and thus the price is greatly enhanced.

It ought ever to be our cardinal policy to reserve the public lands as much as may be for actual settlers, and this at moderate prices. We shall thus not only best promote the prosperity of our States and Territories, and the power of the Union, but shall also secure homes for our posterity for many generations.

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Humorous.

SCHOOL LEARNING.—A female teacher of a school in England last wished to communicate to her pupils an idea of faith. While she was trying to explain the meaning of the word a small covered boat plied in sight along a stream near by.