

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives.

We have continued to express our profound gratitude to the Government of all things for the numerous benefits conferred upon us as a People. Blessed with genial seasons, the husbandman has his garner filled with abundance; and the necessities of life, not to speak of its luxuries, abound in every direction. While in one direction the means of subsistence are so abundantly provided, we have, in another, a surplus production beyond the home demand, which seeks, and with difficulty finds a partial market in other regions. The health of the country, which has been so long afflicted with pestilence, has now been happily removed, and under their free and wise institutions, the United States are rapidly advancing towards the consummation of the high destiny which an overruling Providence seems to have marked out for them. Exempt from domestic convulsions, and at peace with the world, we are left free to consult to the best means of securing an advancing and increasing happiness to the People. Such are the circumstances under which you now assemble in your respective chambers, and it becomes your duty to give to the Government, in the discharge of its duties, the aid of your wisdom and your power.

I congratulate you, fellow-citizens, on the happy change in the aspect of our foreign affairs since my last annual Message. Causes which have since that time excited the attention of the United States and Great Britain, which, attended by irritating circumstances, threatened most seriously the public peace. The difficulty of adjusting amicably the questions at issue between the two countries, was, in no small degree, suggested by the opinions entertained by the Executive on several of the leading topics in dispute, were frankly set forth in the Message at the opening of your late session. The appointment of a special minister by Great Britain to the United States, with instructions to negotiate upon the points of difference, indicated a desire on her part amicably to adjust them, and that minister was met by the Executive in the same spirit which had dictated his mission. The Treaty consequent thereon, having been duly ratified by the two Governments, a copy, together with the ratification, was communicated to me, in a letter, which, I trust that whilst you may see in it nothing objectionable, it may be the means of preserving, for an indefinite period, the amicable relations happily existing between the two Governments. The question of peace or war between the United States and Great Britain, is a question of the deepest interest not only to themselves, but to the civilized world, since it is scarcely possible that a war could exist between them without endangering the peace of Christendom. The immediate effect of the Treaty upon ourselves will be felt in the security afforded to mercantile enterprise, which longer apprehended interruption, and in the cessation of the most distant fears, and freighted with the diversified productions of every land, returns to bless our own. There is nothing in the Treaty which, in the slightest degree, compromises the honor or dignity of either nation. It is a treaty which will be hailed with pleasure by all who are desirous of the peace and prosperity of the world, and who are desirous of the peace and prosperity of the world, and who are desirous of the peace and prosperity of the world.

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