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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S.:

If any people ever had cause to render up thanks to the Supreme Being for parental care and protection extended to them in all the trials and difficulties to which they have been from time to time exposed, we certainly are that people. From the first settlement of our forefathers on this continent—through the desperate attendant upon the occupation of a savage wilderness—through a long period of Colonial dependence—through the war of the Revolution—in the wisdom which led to the adoption of the existing Republican form of Government—in the hazards incident to a war subsequently waged with one of the most powerful nations of the earth—in the increase of our population—in the spread of the arts and sciences, and in the strength and durability conferred on the institutions emanating from the People and sustained by their will—the superintendence of an overruling Providence has been plainly visible. As preparatory, therefore, to entering more upon the high duties of legislation, it becomes us humbly to acknowledge our dependence upon Him as our guide and protector, and to implore a continuance of His parental watchfulness over our beloved country. We have new cause for the expression of our gratitude to the preservation of the health of our fellow-citizens, with rare partial and local exceptions, during this past season—for the abundance with which the earth has yielded up its fruits to the labors of the husbandman—for the renewed activity which has been imparted to commerce—for the revival of trade in all its departments—for the increased rewards attendant on the exercise of the mechanic arts—for the continued growth of our population and the rapidly reviving prosperity of the exchange country. I shall be permitted to exchange congratulations with you, gentlemen of the two Houses of Congress, on these auspicious circumstances, and to assure you, in all confidence, of my ready disposition to concur with you in the adoption of all such measures as shall be calculated to increase the happiness of our constituents and to advance the glory of our common country.

Since the last adjournment of Congress, the Executive has relaxed no effort to render indelible the relations of amity between the United States and other nations. The treaty lately concluded with Great Britain has tended greatly to increase the good understanding which a reciprocity of interest is calculated to encourage; and it is most ardently to be hoped that nothing may transpire to interrupt the relations of amity which it is so obviously the policy of both nations to cultivate.

A question of much importance still remains to be adjusted between the two countries. The territorial limits of the two countries in relation to what is commonly known as the Oregon territory, still remains in dispute. The United States stand at all times disposed to acquiesce in the boundaries of any other nation; but which they would be restrained by principles of honor, which should govern the conduct of nations as well as that of individuals, from setting up a demand for a territory which does not belong to them, they would as willingly consent to a surrender of their rights. After the most rigid and as far as practicable unbiased examination of the subject, the United States have always contended that their rights appertain to the entire region of country lying on the Pacific, and embraced within the forty-second and fifty-fourth degrees of North latitude. This claim being controverted by Great Britain, those who have preceded the present Executive, actuated, no doubt, by an earnest desire to adjust the matter upon terms mutually satisfactory to both countries, have caused to be submitted to the British Government, propositions for settlement and final agreement, which, however, have not proved heretofore acceptable to it. Our Minister at London has, under instructions, again brought the subject to the consideration of that Government, and while nothing will be done to compromise the rights, or honor of the United States, every proper effort will be resorted to in order to bring the negotiation now in the progress of redemption, to a speedy and happy termination. In the meantime it is proper to remark, that many of our citizens have already established in the territory, or are on their way thither for the purpose of forming permanent settlements, while others are preparing to follow—and in view of these facts, I must repeat the recommendation contained in previous messages, for the establishment of military posts, at such places, on the line of travel, as will furnish security and protection to our hardy adventurers against the tribes of Indians inhabiting these extensive regions. Our laws should also follow them, so modified as the circumstances of the case require. Under the influence of our free system of government, new republics are destined to spring up, at no distant day, on the shores of the Pacific, similar in policy and in feeling to those existing on this side of the Rocky Mountains, and giving a wider and more extensive spread to the principles of civil and religious liberty.

I am happy to inform you that the crises which have arisen from time to time, of the detention of American vessels by British cruisers on the coast of Africa, under pretence of being engaged in the slave trade, has been placed in a fair train of adjustment. In the case of the *William and Francis*, full satisfaction will be allowed. In the case of the *Tyrrid and Seaweed*, the British Government admit that satisfaction is due. In the case of the *Jones*, the sum accruing from the sale of the vessel and cargo will be paid to the owners—while I cannot but assure myself that full indemnification will be allowed for all damages sustained by the detention of the vessel, and in the case of the *Douglas*, her Majesty's Government has expressed its determination to make indemnification. Strong hopes are therefore entertained, that not only in all these cases will be speedily adjusted. No new cases have arisen since the ratification of the Treaty of Washing-

ton; and, it is confidently anticipated, that the slave trade, under the operation of the eighth article of that treaty, will be altogether suppressed.

The occasional interruption experienced by our fellow citizens engaged in the fisheries off the neighboring coast of Nova Scotia, has not failed to claim the attention of the Executive. Representations upon this subject have been made, but as yet no definite answer to those representations has been received from the British Government. Two other subjects of comparatively minor importance, but nevertheless of too much consequence to be neglected, remain still to be adjusted between the two countries. By the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, of July, 1815, it is provided that no higher duties shall be levied in either country on articles imported from the other, than on the same article imported from any other place. In 1836, roughly, from the coast of Africa into Great Britain on the payment of a duty of one penny a quarter, while the same article from all other countries, including the United States, was subjected to the payment of a duty of twenty shillings a quarter. Our Minister at London has from time to time brought this subject to the consideration of the British Government, but so far without success. He is instructed to renew his representations upon this subject, and to insist upon its being speedily adjusted. The United States have heretofore insisted in seeing an end put to the state of hostility, existing between Mexico and Texas. They are our neighbors, of the same continent, with whom we are not only desirous of cultivating the relations of amity; but of the most extended commercial intercourse, and to practise all the rights of a neighborhood of hospitality. Our own interests are deeply involved in this matter, and it is not only our duty, but our interest to bring them to a speedy and happy termination.

Some years since a claim was preferred against the British Government on the part of certain American merchants, for the return of export duties paid by them on shipments of woolen goods to the United States after the duties on similar articles exported to other countries had been repelled, and consequently in contravention of the commercial convention between the two nations settling to us equality in such cases. The principle on which the claim rests has long since been virtually admitted by Great Britain, but obstacles to its settlement have from time to time been interposed, so that a large portion of the amount claimed has not yet been refunded. Our Minister is now engaged in the prosecution of the claim, and I cannot but persuade myself that the British Government will no longer delay its adjustment.

I am happy to be able to say that nothing has occurred to disturb in any degree the relations of amity which exist between the United States and France, Austria and Russia, as well as with other Powers of Europe, since the adjournment of Congress. Spain has been agitated with internal convulsions for many years, from the effects of which it is to be hoped she is destined speedily to recover—when, under a more liberal system of commercial policy on her part, our trade with her may again fill its old and so far as her continental possessions are concerned, its almost forsaken channels, thereby adding to the mutual prosperity of both countries. The Germanic Association of Customs and Commerce, which, since its establishment in 1833, has been steadily growing in power and importance, and consists at this time of more than twenty German States, and embraces a population of 27,000,000 of people united for all the purposes of commercial intercourse with each other and with foreign States, offers to the latter the most valuable exchanges on principle more liberal than are offered in the fiscal system of any other European power. From its origin, the importance of the German Union has never been lost sight of by the United States. The industry, morality and other valuable qualities of the German nation, have always been well known and appreciated. On this subject I have the attention of Congress to the report of the Secretary of State, from which it will be seen that while our cotton is admitted free of duty, and the duty on rice has been recently reduced, which has already resulted in a greatly increased consumption, a strong disposition has been recently evinced by that great body to reduce, upon certain conditions, their present duty upon tobacco. This being the first intimation of a concession on this interesting subject ever made by any European power, I cannot but regard it as well calculated to remove the only impediment which has so far existed to the most liberal commercial intercourse between us and them. In this view, our Minister at Berlin, who has heretofore justly pursued the subject, has been instructed to enter into the negotiation of a commercial treaty, which, while it will open new advantages to the agricultural interests of the United States, and a more free and expanded field for commercial operations, will affect injuriously no existing interest of the Union. Should the negotiation be crowned with success, its results will be communicated to both Houses of Congress.

I communicate herewith certain despatches received from our Minister at Mexico, which also contain a correspondence which has recently occurred between the Envoy from that Republic and the Secretary of State. It must be regarded as not a little extraordinary that the Government of Mexico, in anticipation of a public discussion, which it has been pleased to infer from newspaper publications, as likely to place in Congress, relating to the annexation of Texas to the United States, should have so far anticipated the result of such discussion as to have announced its determination to visit any such anticipated decision by a formal declaration of war against the U. S. If designed to prevent Congress from introducing that question, as a fit subject for its calm deliberation and final judgment, the Executive has no reason to doubt that it will entirely fail of its object. The Representatives of a brave and patriotic people will suffer no apprehension of future collisions to embarrass them in the course of their proposed deliberations. Nor will the Executive Department of the Government fail, for any such cause, to discharge its whole duty to the country. The war, which has existed for so long a time between Mexico and Texas has, since the battle of San Jacinto, consisted of the most part of predatory incursions, which, while they have been attended with much of suffering to individuals, and have kept the borders of the two countries in a state of constant alarm, have failed to approach to any definite result. Mexico is

not fitted out no formidable armament by land or by sea for the subjugation of Texas. Eight years have now elapsed since Texas declared her independence of Mexico, and during that time she has been recognized as a sovereign power by several of the principal civilized States. Mexico, nevertheless, perseveres in her plans of reconquest, and refuses to recognize her independence. The predatory incursions to which I have alluded, have been attended, in one instance, with the breaking up of the courts of justice, by the seizing upon the persons of the judges, jury and officers of the court, and dragging them along with unarméd, and therefore non-combatant citizens, into a cruel and oppressive bondage, thus leaving crime to go unpunished and immorality to pass uncorrected. A border warfare is evermore to be deprecated, and of such a war as has existed for so many years between these two States, humanity has had enough to lament. Nor is such a condition of things to be deplored solely because of the individual suffering attendant upon it. The effects are far more extensive. The Creator of the Universe has given man the Earth for his resting place; and its fruits for his subsistence. Whatever, therefore, shall make the first or any part of it a scene of desolation, and injure injuriously his heritage, and may be regarded as a general calamity. Wars may sometimes be necessary; but all nations have a common interest in bringing them to a speedy and happy close. The United States have heretofore insisted in seeing an end put to the state of hostility, existing between Mexico and Texas. They are our neighbors, of the same continent, with whom we are not only desirous of cultivating the relations of amity; but of the most extended commercial intercourse, and to practise all the rights of a neighborhood of hospitality. Our own interests are deeply involved in this matter, and it is not only our duty, but our interest to bring them to a speedy and happy termination.

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Under the provisions of an act of Congress of the last session, a Minister was despatched from the United States to China, in August of the present year; who, from the latest accounts we have from him, was at Suez, in Egypt, on the 5th of September last, on his route to the Pacific. In regard to the Indian tribes residing within our jurisdictional limits, the greatest vigilance of the Government has been exercised to preserve them at peace among themselves, and to inspire them with feelings of confidence in the justice of this Government, and to cultivate friendship with the border inhabitants. This has happily succeeded to a great extent; but is a subject of regret that they suffer themselves in some instances to be imposed upon by craft and designing men, and act in the interests of the Government.

The receipts into the Treasury for the calendar year 1843, exclusive of loans, were a little more than eighteen millions of dollars; and the expenditures, exclusive of payments on the public debt, will have been about twenty-three millions of dollars. By the Act of 1842, a new arrangement of the fiscal year was made, so that it should commence on the 1st day of July in each year. The accounts and estimates for the current fiscal year, will show that the loans and Treasury notes made and issued to meet the loss of the last Congress, to meet the anticipated deficiency, have not been entirely adequate. Although on the 1st of October last, there was a balance in the Treasury in consequence of the provision thus made of \$3,014,082 77, yet the appropriations already made by Congress will absorb that balance, and leave a probable deficiency of two millions of dollars at the close of the present fiscal year. There are outstanding Treasury notes to the amount of four millions of dollars, and should they be returned upon the Treasury during the fiscal year, they will require provision for their redemption. I do not however regard this as probable, since they have voluntarily entered into the currency of the country, and will continue to form a portion of it, if the system now adopted be continued. The loan of 1841, amounting to \$3,572,970 88, falls due on the 1st of January, 1845, and should be provided for by the substitution of the precious metals and paper money, redeemable in specie, and the like values have disappeared, and a similar condition of things has been introduced. This transition, although indirectly connected with the prosperity of the country, has nevertheless been attended with much embarrassment to the Government, in its financial concerns. So long as the foreign importers could receive payment for their cargoes in a currency of the United States, and the Government could not pay for its purchases of foreign goods, the Government would be obliged to pay for its purchases of foreign goods in a currency of the United States, and the Government could not pay for its purchases of foreign goods in a currency of the United States, and the Government could not pay for its purchases of foreign goods in a currency of the United States.

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