Fellow Citizens of the Senate

and House of Representatives Sixty years have clapsed since the establishment of this Government, and the Congress of the United States is again assembled to legis. United States of America at this moment present to the world the most stable and permanent government on earth.

Such is the result of the labor of those who have gone before us. Upon Congress will eminently depend the future maintainance of our system of free government, and the trasmission

with an abundance of the fruits of the earth, his merciful protection.

While enjoying the benefits of amicable inable to maintain amidst all the contests an in dependent and mutual position towards all bel-

productive of benefits to both countries.

A slight interruption of diplomatic inter. suggest. course, which occurred between this govern.

ions of the Act of Congress of the 20th of A. opening diplomatic intercourse with it. respondence submitted to you, in connexion pondence is herewith transmitted.

the existing relations between Prussia and the permanently established without her co-opera tion. In the event of the formation of such a union and the organization of a central power in Germany, of which we should form a part. June, 1851. I accordingly recommend this minister at Berlin, That while Prussia exists subject to your attention. as an independent kingdom and diplomatic realdson and directed the archieve of the Legation at Frankfort to be transferred to the American legation at Berlin.

Having been apprised that a considerable to invade the Island of Cuba. I deemed it due to the friendly relation existing between the two nations, to the laws of the U.S. and above rected to make such representations to the less be well contented with that compensation; all to the American have a such representations to the less be well contented with that compensation;

obey its injunctions. When this expedition tention of that government.

between Austria and Hungary, there seemed to Whenever the faith of our Treaties with any independent nation. However faint the pros. must necessarily interpose. to maintain our cherished relations of amity American people, who deeply sympathised claims on that government, and it will be sub ing to us. It is our duty to encourage the auto maintain our cherished relations of amity with the Magyar patriots, to stand prepared with the rest of mankind. During the past year we have been blessed by a kind Providence year we have been blessed by a kind Providence of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government, and it will be subing of a nermanent government to be the
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index of the subing of the inhabitants and we should make them of a permanent government, to be the ordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from dition of the inhabitants, and we should make speedy erection of which is urgently de- accompanying Report of the Secretary of ted extensive portions of our territory with the family of nations. I invested an agent, then founded upon the most amicable understanding separable from this task. We desire that the ravages of a dreadful pest ilence. Yet the Al. in Europe, with power to declare our willing. Your attention is earnestly invited to an Islanders may maintain their independence. mighty has at length deigned to stay his hand in the event of her ability to sustain it. The the African Slave trade, with a view to the in this sentiment. We could in no event be eral health to a people who have acknowledged powerful intervention of Russia in the contest suppression of that barbarous traffic. It is not indifferent to them passing under the dominion his power, depricated his wrath and implored extinguished the hopes of the struggling Mag. to be denied that this trade is still in part car. of any other power. The principal commercial been insensible to the destructions and wars the sufferings of a brave people who had the Department of State, and the Minister and dence of the islands.

rules the destiny of nations, that we have been the past year presented with renewed vigor, vice to evade the penalties of the laws by \$10,833,000, making an aggregate of \$59, and it has been my object to employ efforts of means of sea letters. Vessels sold in Brazil, 663,097. The expenditures for the same time, honorable diplomacy to procure the adjustment when provided with such papers'by the Consul, were in cash, \$15,798,667; and in Treasury Our relations with Great Britain are of the Our late Charge d'Affairs at Lisbon, Hon. G. instead of returning to the United States for a Notes, funded, \$10,833,000, making an aggremost friendly character. In consequence of W. Hopkins, made able and energetic, but unnew Register, proceed at once to the coast of gate of \$57,631,667. the recent alteration of the British Navigation Laws, British vessels, from British and other matters of controversy, and to obtain in-Laws, British vessels, from British and other foreign ports, will, (under existing laws,) after the first day of January next, be admitted to Jects of complaint. Our present Charge will to the Department of State. It has not will probably be a deficit, occasioned by the entry in our ports, with cargoes of the growth, also bring to the prosecution of these claims been considered the policy of our laws to sub. expenses of the Mexican War and Treaty, on manufacture or productions of any part of the world, on the same terms, as to duties, imports tracted condition of Portugal in past times has and charges, as vessels of the United States with their cargoes; and our vessels will be adwith their cargoes; and our vessels will be adwith their cargoes; and our vessels will be admitted into British ports, entering them, and zens; but I must now say it is a matter of pro to proceed on a voyage. Any alteration which expenses of the war with Mexico, and the fornia and Oregon, and for the surveying recommended, it will greatly increase the en the same terms as British vessels. Should found regret that these claims have not yet might have a tendency to impede the free purchase of California and New Mexico, exno order in council disturb this legislative ar. been settled, The omission of Portugal to do transfer of property in vessels, between our ceeds in amount the deficit, together with the rangement, the late act of the British Parlia. justice to the American claiman ts has now as. citizens, or the free navigation of those vessels loans heretofore made for these objects. I in those territories. These lands, remote ment, by which Great Britain is brought with. sumed a character so grave and serious that I between different parts of the world, when therefore recommend that authority be given in position and difficult of access, ought expressed by him in reference to the emin the terms proposed by the act of Congress shall shortly make it the subject of a special employed in lawful commerce, should be well to borrow whatever sums may be necessary to to be disposed of on terms liberal to all, ployment of war steamers, and in regard at the first of March 1847, it is hoped will be message to Congress, with a view to such ulti- and cautiously considered; but I trust your cover that deficit. I recommend the observance but especially favorable to the early emi-

With Russia, Austria, Prussia, Sweden, Den. ment and France I am happy to say, has ter. mark, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the Ital. means of sea letters, in the manner indicated, iff and its adjustment on a basis which may ter of the principal mineral deposites in Navy. minated, and our Minister there has been re lan States, we still maintain our accustomed may be prevented.

cere satisfaction with which we shall declare unable to present his letter of credence, which, Republic of that name, we have separately ne. look to the wisdom and patriotism of Congress survey, and that the mineral lands be dithe arrival of another Envoy Extraordinary indeed, he was directed by my predecssor to gotiated with some of them, Treaties of amity for the adoption of a system which may place vided into small lots suitable for mining, been made to execute that law, but the and Minister Plenipotentiary from a sister re. public to which we have so long been, and still Such was the unsettled condit on of things in Senate. public to which we have so long been, and still remain bound by the strongest ties of amity.

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Was apprised that a credental letter, different from those which he structing a ship canal through the territory of that state to connect the Atlantic and Pacific the success of mineral as of that state to connect the Atlantic and Pacific these ends (as well as the necessary augmentation of the revenue and the prevention of frauds wealth of California, and the advantages which its ports and barbors and the structing a ship canal through the territory of that state to connect the Atlantic and Pacific these ends (as well as the necessary augmentation of the revenue and the prevention of frauds wealth of California, and the advantages which its ports and barbors and there are the structing a ship canal through the territory of that state to connect the structing a ship canal through the territory of that state to connect the success of mineral as of compensation allowed to those laws, these ends (as well as the necessary augmentation of a gricultural pursuits. The great mineral occans, I have directed the negotiation of a through the territory of that state to connect the success of mineral as of compensation allowed to those laws, these ends (as well as the revenue and the prevention of frauds wealth of California, and the advantages which its ports and barbors and the revenue and the prevenue and the ry of the Navy This permission was granted during an armistice between the Empire and the King of Denmark, which had been enjoyed the King of Denmark, which had been enjoyed to the the state of Nice and the state of Nice the King of Denmark, which had been enjoyed ing government, if in his judgment sufficiently invited by the state of Nicaragua, to enter into enough to afford substantial encouragement to with the islands of the Pacific and Indian in the Schleswiz Halstein War. Apprehensive stable; or, if not, to await further events. Since the same treaty stipulations with her, and the our own industry, and at the same time so adthat this act of intervention on our part might that period Rome has undergone another revo. benefits to be derived by each from such an justed as to insure stability. be viewed of our neutral obligations, incurred by the treaty with Denmark and of the provis government sufficiently permanent to justify great inter-oceanic communications, against The question of the Sub.

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be rendered by any agent or officer of the Na. policy to cultivate the most friendly relations. tering into such a Treaty, will enjoy the right sible. vy; and I instructed the Secretary of State to Since the ratification of the Treaty of Guada. of passage through the canal on payment of For further details and views of the above struct the Minister of the German Empire, loupe Hidalgo, nothing has occurred of a seri- the same tolls. of my determination to execute the law of the ous character to disturb them. A faithful ob United States and the faith of the treaties of all servance of the treaty and a sincere respect for rantees will become a bond of peace instead of of the Secretary of the Treasury, nations. The correspondence which ensued, her rights, cannot fail to secure the lasting a subject of contention and strife between nabetween the Department of State and the Min confidence and friendship of that Republic .- tions of the earth. Should the great maritime Government to the improvements of Agriculister of the German Empire, is herewith laid before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the before you. The execution of the law and the law observance of the treaty, were deemed by me communicating in compliance with the resolu- position so fair and honorable will be opposed to be due to the honor of the country, as well tion of that body, a copy of a paper called a by any,) the energies of their people and ours as to the sacred obligations of the Constitution Protocol, signed at Querataro, on the 30th May will co-operate in promoting the success of the I shall not fail to pursue the same course should 1848, by the commissioners of the U. States, enterprise. I do not recommend any approa similar case arise with any other nation.— and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the priation from the National Treasury for this American Industry the encouragement which while this, if unsuccessful operation, This should be relieved from the unjust Having avowed the opinion in taking the office Mexican government, having been a subject of purpose, nor do I believe that such appropria-Having avowed the opinion in taking the office Mexican government, having been a student of purpose, not do that in disputes between conflicting foreign correspondence between the department of state tion is necessary. Private enterprise, if prolishment of an Agricultural Bureau to be conlishment of an Agricultural Bureau to be contance, and of a value to the country which governments, it is our interest, not less than and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister tected, will complete the work, should it prove duty, to remain strictly neutral. I shall Plenipotentiary of that Republic credited to to be favorable. not abandon it. You will perceive by the cor. this government A transcript of that corres. The parties who have procured the charter

erent powers interes ed in the matter. Al. publics, though delayed in reaching San Diego, ined the proposed line of communication, they primary object of every legislator. though a Minister of the United States to the by unforseen obstacles, arrived at that place will be ready to commence the undertaking German Empire was appointed by my prede. within a short period after the time required by whenever that protection shall be extended to been in attendance' at Frankfort on the Main, missioners on the part of Mexico They enter examining the whole evidence, to entertain a territory have been impelled by the necessities gress to judge whether in the condition moderate compensation for this public cossor, in August 1848, and has for a long time the Treaty and was then joined by the com. them. Should there appear to be reason on and although a Minister appointed to represent ed upon the duties of their office, and at the serious doubt of the practicability of constuct. Empire was received and accredited here, date of the latest intelligence from that quarter ing such a canal, that doubt could be speedily vention for the purpose of ferming a constituyet no such government as that of the German some progress had been made in the survey. - | solved by an actual exploration of the route. Empire has been definitely constituted. Mr. The expenses incident to the organization of Should such a work be constructed under advices give me reason to suppose has been Donaldson, our representative at Frankfort, re- the commission and its conveyance to the point the common protection of all nations for equal mained there several months, in expectation where it was to begin, have so much reduced benefits to all, it would be neither just nor exthat a union of the German States under one the fund appropriated by Congress, that a fur-Constitution or form of government, might at ther sum to cover the charges which must be command the communication. The territory be conformable to the requisitions of the Con-It is believed by those well acquainted with the boundary extends the nature of the adjacent er. No such power should occupy a position States of Germany, that no such union can be territory, and the difficulty of obtaining supcharges during the fiscal year ending on the 30 mankind.

lations are maintained with her, there can be no recessity for the continuous of the mission to treaty, the employment of Counsel on the part of the Treaty of Guadaloupe Hidelgo, was infoundation in such principles and organizcommend this subject to the early and favora- accede to the proposition for the purchase of ty and happiness. ble consideration of Congress.

number of adventurers were engaged in fitting inefficiency of the means provided by the gov- the construction of a passage from the Gass. out a military expedition in the U. S. against a ernment of New Grenada for transporting the cualco river to Tehuantepec. 1 shall not re-

ing it upon the officers of the U. S. civil and Republic Venezula has for some time past been tees would do more to secure the completion of power. A copy of that proclamation is here. progress, the rights of some of our citizens Mexico than any other reasonable considera- graphical discrimination. with submitted, as herewith suppressed. So resident, or trading there, are violated. The tion that could be offered; and as Mexico here 1818, which owes its existence to the law of nations and to the policy of Washington him-

restored and circum stances of the case are now Oregon shall increase in population and wealth. to encourage every practicable route across the about to undergo investigation before a judicial It is desirable, therefore, that this Government Isthmus which connects North and South tribunal. I would respectfully suggest that a! should do everything in its power to foster and America, either by Railroad or Canal, which though the crime charged to have been com. strengthen its relations with the states, and the energy and enterprise of our citizens may mitted in this case is held odious as being in that the spirit of amity between us should be induce them to complete; and I consider it there is no prohibition of it or punishment for states. The United States stand as the Great of facilitating intercourse with our possessions bors. I have scrupuously avoided any interference nation. As such we may often kindly mediate and benevolent citizens, who have repaired to in the wars and contentions which have recent. in their behalf without entangling ourselves that remote quarter, in christianizing the naly distracted Europe During the late conflict in foreign wars, or unnecessary controversies. tives and induceing them to adopt a government be a prospect that the latter might become an of them, shall require our interference, we and the use made by our numerous whalers of

pect at the time appeared, I thought it my duty in accordance with the general sentiment of the zil providing for the satisfaction of American bine to re nder the destiny peculiarly interest. first to welcome independent Hungary into the that Empire, and our relations with it are reasonable allowances from the difficulties in-

yars. The U. States did not at any time inter- ried on by means of vessels, built in the United States have in this a common interest, and i fere in the contest; but the feelings of the na. States, and owned and navigated by some of is to be hoped that no one of them will attempt tion were strongly enlisted in the cause, by our citizens. The correspondence between to interpose obstacles to the future indepenwhich have prevailed in other quarters. It is a proper theme of Thanksgiving to Him who Our claims upon Portugal have been, during Congress, represents that it is a customary de. \$48,830,097, and in Treasury Notes, funded mate action as wisdom and patriotism may wisdom will devise a method by which our of strict economy in the appropriation and exgeneral policy in this respect may be preserved; penditure of the public money. and at the same, time, the abuse of our flag, by

any power which might seek to obstruct it, or the wisdom of Congress. If continued impor- communities on our western coast. It income resulting from such reduced pospril, 1818, I directed that no further aid shall With the republic of Mexico it is our true to monopolize its advantages. All states en. tant modifications of it appears to be indispen-

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neurred during the fiscal year will be necessa- through which the canal may be opened, ough: be conformable to the requisitions of the Conry. The great length of frontier along which to be free from the claims of any foreign pow stitution of the United States, 1 recommend plies, except at near the extremes of the line, controlling an influence over the commerce of vision should be made to meet the necessary ought to be dedicated to the common uses of

The route across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and Panama are also worthy of our serious conthe right of way, probably because it had al. Complaints have been made in regard to the ready centracted with private individuals for

the harbors of the islands as places of resort

I recommend a revision of the existing Tar-

and other matters connected with commerce, The work of construction under these guar. the finances and revenue, I refer to the report

ral sai tics and for some chemical analysis and Memphis, points to a Railroad as that gress whether a further reduction of poswhich have been thus far paid out of the Pa. tent Fund. This aid is, in my opinion, wholly nec ted with the Dapartment of the Interior .- it would be difficult to estimate; it ought provision should be made from the Treaturist and to increase its prosperity, and to also to be regarded as an undertaking of sury. I confidently believe that a change from Nicaragua for its construction, desire no extend its means of usefulness to his country, vast magnitude and expense, and one may safely be made, reducing all single by multiplying his sources of information, which must, if indeed it be practicable, letter postage to the uniform rate of 5

> No civil government having been provided ov Con gress for Callfornia, the people of that tion and State Government, which the latest their application to the favorable consideration careful reconnoisance of several proposed of the reduction to five cents, which I of Congress.

renders it also indispensable that a liberal pro- the world, or to obstruct a high way which it is believed, at no very distant period, road, with an estimate of the cost of its Since the commencement of the last present themselves for admission into the construction and support. For further session of Congress a Postal Treaty with Union. Preparatory to the admission of views on these and other matters connec- Great Brittain has been secured ane rati-California and New Mexico the people of ted with the duties of the Home Depart- fied, and such reductions have been form-In the adjustment of the claims of American sideration. They did not fail to engage the each will have instituted for themselves a ment, I refer you to the Report of the ed by the Post Office Departments of the citizens in Mexico, provided for by the late attention of my predecessor. The negotiator Republican form of government, laying its Secretary of the Interior.

A collector has been appointed at San attention of Congress. long as the act of Congress of the 20th April, restoration of order will afford the Venezulian self would be the greatest gainer by the open. Francisco under the act of Congress, ex The cession of territory made by the tables, under proper heads, such informaself, shall remain in our statute books. I hold standing which our representative at Caraccas would not hesitate to yield her aid in the man and measures have been taken to arrange tended our exposed frontiers and rendered manufactures, education and other topics, it to be the duty of the Executive faithfully to have hitherto ineffectually urged upon the at. ner proposed, to accomplish an improvement the custom houses at that and other ports its defence more difficult. That Treaty as would exhibit a full view of the purto her own best interests. We have reason to mentioned in that act, at the earliest period has also brought us under obligations to suits, industry, education, and resources was in progress I was informed that a foreign. The extension of the Coast of the United suppose that the proposed Railroad across the practicable. The collector proceeded over Mexico, to comply with which a military of the country. The duties enjoined on er, who claimed our protection, had been clanded our protection, had been clanded as was supposed, forcibly carried off in a vessel from New Orleans, to the Island of Cuba. I immediately contact the proposed Random across the Pacific and the unexampled radiation of the country. The duties enjoined on structed under the protection of the late treaty with New Grenada, ratified and exchanged by the Census Board thus established, having with New Grenada, ratified and exchanged by the meanting it is understood that the to its efficiency from the condition in a redecessor on the States on the Pacific and the unexampled radiately of the country. The duties enjoined on structed under the protection of the late treaty with New Grenada, ratified and exchanged by the meanting it is understood that the to its efficiency from the condition in the condition Cuba. I immediately caused such steps to be parted new consequence to our relations with my predecessor, on the 8th of June, 1848, the meantime it is understood that the to its efficiency from the condition in gress to enact a law for carrying into efftaken, as I thought necessary in case the infor- the other countries which border upon that which guarantees perfect neutrality of the Isth-

alleged to have be en abducted, was promptly vantageous in proportion as California and the existence of this treaty. It is our policy pedient to confirm the collections thus of Congress an increase of the several made, and to direct the avails (after such corps of the Army at our distant western allowances as Congress may think fit to posts, as proposed in the accompanying authorize) to be expended within the ter- Report of the Secretary of War. ritories, or to be paid into the Treasury Great embarrassment has resulted from mitted in this case is neid odious as being in that the spirit of mitual and cordial. I recommend the observance obligatory upon me to adopt that pelicy espe. for the purpose of meeting appropriations the effect upon rank in the Army here-National sovereignty and personal freedom, of the same course towards all other American cially in consequence of the absolute necessity for the improvement of its rivers and har-tofore given to Brevet and Staff commis-

not left California, and directions have service. The plan proposed for retiring been given them as soon as they shall have disabled officers and providing an asylum and the buoys authorized to be constructed wounds, and other infirmities, have bein Oregon, to proceed without delay to come unfit to perform their respective make reconnoisance of the most import- duties, is recommended as the means of manded by our rapidly increasing com- the Navy presents a full and satisfactory

in mining, as well as to the government, thorized by Congress to be employed. in the disposition of the mineral lands.

ent existing land titles in California and and the establishing of a retired list for New Mexico, and that provision be made such of the officers as are disqualified for and bringing into market the public lands efficacy of the Navy.

augment the Revenue. I do not doubt the right California may be ascertained, I recomceived. It is therefore unnecessary to refer now to the circumstances which led to the income terruption. I need not express to you the sin.

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California may be ascertained, I recompanded that there is no prospect industry, which is the great source of national as well as individual wealth and prosperity. oceans, and the populous regions of eastof communication, the best and most ex. the expenses of the service of the Post peditious that the nature of the country Office Department, not including the cost will admit, should be open within the ter- of transportation in mail steamers on the ritory of the United States, from the line from New York to Chagres, or from States of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico Panama to Astoria, which have not been to the Pacific. Opinion, as elicited and considered by Congress, as properly bewhich if practicable will best meet the tage should not now be made, more parwants and wishes of the country. But ticularly on the letter correspondence. should be the study of every statesman, and the encounter many difficulties in its con- cents, regardless of distance, without struction and use. Therefore, to avoid thereby imposing any greater tax on the failure and disappointment, to enable Con- Treasury than would constitute a very found so, whether it should be undertak- Should you think proper to abolish the commend as a preliminary measure, a nution should now be made, as the result routes, by a scientific corps, and a report have recommended, should be frustrated, The people of New Mexico will also, as to the practicability of making such a is submitted to your decision.

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this same arrangement through England to gun, and also for the construction of those France, has not been equally successful; By awaiting their action all causes of for which estimates have been made, as but the purpose has not been abandoned. uneasiness may be avoided, and confidence well as for examinations and estimates For a particular statement of the condiand kind feelings preserved. With a view preparatory to the commencement of such tion of the Post Office Department, and foreign country and believed from the best in. U. S. mail across the Isthmus of Panama, purnew any proposition to purchase for money a of maintaining the harmony and tranquilothers as the wants of the country and other matters connected with that branch formation I could obtain, that it was destined suant to our postal convention with that Renations, on payment of a reasonable toll to the the introduction of these exciting topics over new districts and the extension of port of the Post Master General. of a sectional character which have hith- commerce may render necessary. An By act of March 3d, 1849, a Board was all to the American honor, to exert the lawful Government of New Grenada as will, it is hoped and the guarantees of the maritime States o the expedition and prevention the first the suppressing lead to a prompt removal of this cause of com-Mexico, binding her and them to protect those warning of the first and most illustrious of fiscal year under the direction of the Bu- the Secretary of State, the Attorney Gen-To this end I issued a Proclamation enjoin. The sanguinary civil war with which the who should construct the work. Such guaran my predecessors against "furnishing any reau of Topographical Engineers, ac- eral and the Post Master General; and it military to use all lawful means within their ravaged, has been brought to a close. In its the communication through the Report of the Secretary was made the duty of this Board to preof War, to which I respectfully invite the pare and cause to be printed such forms

tending the revenue laws over California; late Treaty with Mexico has greatly ex- tion as to mines, agriculture, commerce, soil to the protection of our laws. The person Chili, will become extensive and mutually admay not be interrupted or embaras od during of my predecessor. It will, I think, be ex- commend to the favorable consideration ensuing year,

sions. The views of the Secretary of late for an Empire of freemen. The predictions of evil prophets who firmly pretended to foretell the downfall of our institutions, are now remembered only to be derided, and the Thitted States of only to be derided, and the Thitted States of only to be derided, and the Thitted States of only to be derided, and the Thitted States of the Secretary of the United States on the Pacific; the success of our persevering on the Pacific there is no promotion of it or punishment to the success of the Secretary of ant points on the coast of California, and increasing the efficiency of the Army. account of the condition and operations I have transferred the Indian Agencies of the Naval service during the past from Upper Missouri and Council Bluffs, year. Our citizens engaged in the legitto Santa Fe and Salt Lake, and have mate pursuits of Commerce have enjoyed caused to be appointed Sub Agents in the its benefits. Wherever our National vesvalleys of Gila, Sacramento, and San Jo- sels have gone, they have been received aquin river. Still further legal provisions with respect. Our officers have been will be necessary for the effective and treated with kindness and courtesy, and successful extension of our system of In- they have on all occasions pursued a dian intercourse over the new territories. | course of strict neutrality, in accordance I recommend the establishment of a with the policy of our Government. The Branch mint, as it will, in my opinion, Naval force at present in commission is afford important facilities to those engaged admirable, with the number of men au-

I invite your attention to the recom-I also recommend that commissioners mendation of the Secretary of the Navy

I also ask your attention to the views the United States Mail, and the operation In order that the situation and charac of the system upon the prosperity of the

By an act of Congress passed August

More particular and efficient provision by law is required on this subject.

The act of 1845, reducing postage, has now, by its operations during four years,

mation I had received should prove correct to vindicate the honor of the country and the right of every person seeking an asylam on our right to the understand of the transit from ocean to ocean the people of the United States within the of my predecessor. It will I think he ex-commend to the favorable consideration of my predecessor. It will I think he ex-commend to the favorable consideration of my predecessor. It will I think he ex-commend to the favorable consideration of my predecessor. It will I think he ex-commend to the favorable consideration of my predecessor. It will I think he ex-commend to the favorable consideration.