

President's Message.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In coming before you for the first time as Chief Magistrate of this great nation, it is with gratitude to the Giver of all good for the many blessings we enjoy. We are blessed with a territory unsurpassed in fertility...

The best on the earth. With a less burden of taxation than the citizen has endured for six years past, the entire public debt could be paid in ten years, but it is not desirable that the people should be taxed to pay it in that time.

The public debt is represented in a great part by bonds having from five to twenty, and from ten to fifty years to run, bearing interest at the rate of six and five per cent respectively.

To accomplish this, it may be necessary to authorize interest to be paid at either of three or four money centres of Europe, or any Assistant Treasurer of the United States at the option of the holder of the bond.

The subject of the tariff and internal taxation will necessarily receive your attention. The revenues of the country are greater than the requirements and may, with safety, be reduced, but as the funding of the debt on a four or four and a half per cent loan would reduce the annual current expenses largely...

It may be advisable to modify taxation and the tariff in instances where unjust or burdensome discriminations are made by the present law, but a general revision of laws regulating this subject I recommend a postponement for the present.

I also suggest the renewal of the tax on incomes, but at reduced rates, say three per cent, and this tax to expire in three years.

With the funding of the national debt, as here suggested, I feel safe in saying that taxes and revenues from imports may be reduced from sixty to eighty millions per annum, at once, and may be still further reduced from year to year, as the resources of the country are developed.

Under the circumstances I would submit to you whether it would not be wise, without delay, to enact a law authorizing the Governor of Georgia to convene the members of the State Legislature...

The freedmen, under the protection they have received, are making rapid progress in learning, and no complaints are heard of lack of industry on their part, when they receive fair compensation for their labor.

The means provided for paying the interest on the public debt, with all other expenses of the Government, are more than ample. The loss of our commerce is the only result of the late rebellion which has not received sufficient attention from you...

At March term, Congress, by joint resolution authorized the Executive to order elections in the States of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to submit to them constitutions which each had previously framed, and to submit these constitutions, either entire or in separate parts, to be voted upon...

The office of Commissioner of Revenue is one of the most arduous and responsible under the Government; it fills little short of a Cabinet position in its importance and responsibilities. I would ask for it, therefore, such legislation as in your judgment will place the office upon a footing of dignity commensurate with its importance and with a character and qualification of the class of men required to fill it properly.

As the United States is the freest of all nations so, too, its people sympathize with all peoples struggling for liberty and self government, but while so sympathizing it is due to our honor that we should abstain from enforcing our views upon unwilling nations, and from taking an interested part without invitation in quarrels between different nations, or between Governments and their subjects.

Our course should always be in conformity with strict justice and law, international and local. Such has been the policy of the administration in dealing with these questions.

The Captain General of Cuba about May last issued a Proclamation authorizing search of vessels in high seas. Immediate remonstrance was made against this, whereupon the Captain General issued a new Proclamation limiting the search to the vessels of the United States authorized under the treaty of 1795.

I have always felt that most intimate relations should be cultivated between the United States and independent nations on this continent. It may be well worth considering whether new treaties between us and them may not be profitably entered into to secure more intimate relations, friendly, commercial and otherwise.

Inter-oceanic connection between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, through the isthmus of Darien, is one in which commerce is greatly interested. Instructions have been given to the minister to the several States of Columbia, to endeavor to obtain authority for a survey to determine the practicability of the undertaking.

In order to comply with an agreement of the United States, as to a mixed Commission at Lima, for the adjustment of claims, it will be necessary to send a Commissioner and Secretary to Lima.

The good offices of the United States to bring about a peace between Spain and the South American Republics having been accepted by Spain, Peru and Chili, a Congress has been invited to be held in Washington during the present winter.

A grant has been given to Europeans of an exclusive right of transit over the territory of Nicaragua, to which Costa Rica has given its assent, which, it is alleged, confers vested rights of citizens of the United States.

The Minister of Peru having made representations that there was a state of war between Peru and Spain and that Spain was constructing in and near New York, thirty gunboats, which might be used by Spain to relieve the naval force at Cuba to operate against Peru, orders were given to prevent their departure...

The conduct of the war between the Allies and the Republic of Paraguay has made things with that country difficult, and it has been deemed advisable to withdraw our Representative from there.

Towards the close of the last administration a convention was assigned at London for the settlement of outstanding claims between Great Britain and the United States, which failed to receive the consent of the Senate.

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Our neighbors South of us, and China and Japan should receive our special attention. It will be the purpose of the administration to cultivate such relations with all the nations as to entitle us to their respect and make it their interest as well as ours to strengthen the friendly relations.

On my assuming the responsible duties of Chief Magistrate of the United States it was the conviction that three things were essential to its peace, prosperity and fullest development.

First, among these things, I deem it my duty to allay all hostilities. Second, to secure protection to the person and property of the citizens of the United States, in each and every portion of our common country.

Third, to secure the rights of the citizen, in each and every portion of our common country. To secure the first of these, Congress has taken two essential steps.

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the United States, or any State in the Union; and on their part not to oppose the establishment of any such cable. On the introduction of their agreement, I directed the withdrawal of all opposition by the United States to the landing of the cable until meeting of Congress.

I regret to say that there has been no modification in this Company's concession, nor so far as I can learn, have they attempted to secure one. Their concessions exclude capital and citizens under State from competing upon the shores of France.

I recommend legislation to protect the rights of citizens under the States and sovereignty of the nation against such an assumption. I shall also endeavor to secure by negotiation an abandonment of the principle of monopolies in ocean trade cables.

The unsettled political condition of other countries, less fortunate than our own, sometimes induces their citizens to come to the United States for the sole purpose of becoming naturalized.

Invitations have been extended to the Cabinets at London, Paris, Florence, Berlin, Brussels, The Hague, Copenhagen and Stockholm, to empower their Representatives at Washington to simultaneously enter into negotiations with a view to the sale of our surplus.

Our manufactures are increasing with wonderful rapidity under the encouragement which they now receive, with the improvement of machinery already effected and still increasing, causing machinery to take the place of skilled labor to a large extent.

Our imports of many articles must fall largely within every few years. Fortunately, too, our manufactures are not confined to a few localities, as formerly, and it is to be hoped will become more and more diffused, making the interest in them equal in all sections.

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For Superintendent and under agents, not on the reservation; officers of the army were selected. The reasons for this are numerous; where Indian Agents are sent, there are near there, troops must be sent also. The Agents and the Commanders of troops are independent of each other's departments of the Government.

The building of Railroads and the accessibility thereby given to all the agriculturists and mining settlements into contact with all the tribes of Indians. No matter what ought to be the relations between such settlements and the aborigines, the fact is, they do not harmonize well, and one or the other has to give way in the end.

The recommendation of the General of the Army that appropriation be made for the forts at Portland, N. Y., Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco, if for no other reason, is that the extent of the Chief of Ordnance for the sale of arsenals and lands no longer of use to the Government; also to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, that the act prohibiting promotions in the staff corps of the army be repealed.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy accompanying this administration came into office, and the changes made since. Strenuous efforts have been made to place as many vessels in commission, or render them fit for service, if required, as possible, and to substitute the sea for steam.

The report of the Post Master General furnishes a clear and comprehensive exhibit of the operations of the postal service, and of the financial condition of the Post Office Department.

It is the desire of Congress to make the Census which must be taken during the year 1870 more complete and perfect than heretofore.

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Congress. MONDAY, Dec. 6.—In the Senate, Mr. Morton introduced a bill to reconstruct Georgia. The credentials of the Virginia Senators were presented and laid on the table.

DEC. 7.—Mr. Morton introduced a joint resolution admitting Virginia into the Union, and also the admission of her Senators and Representatives.

DEC. 8.—In the Senate, Mr. Ferry introduced a joint resolution abolishing test oaths, and made some pungent remarks that the time for their usefulness had passed.

The bill relieving some five hundred persons from political disabilities, which passed the House last session, passed the Senate and goes to the President.

REMOVAL. W. J. BLACK will remove to his new Brick Building on College Street about the 15th of December, where he hopes to see and wait on his customers and friends.

NOTICE. Lost or mislaid, a Certificate of Stock in the Charlotte & S. C. Railroad for twenty-five Shares, owned by W. H. Neel, dated November 10, 1869, and No. 1355.

For Rent. A desirable new COTTAGE. Apply to Nov 29, 1869. J. C. BURROUGHS.

LAND FOR SALE. I will offer for sale a part of my tract of 3 LOTS in Charlotte, N. C. It is situated on the corner of Second and Third Streets, and is well watered.

For Rent. The Store recently occupied by Wade & Gunnels as a Book Store, is offered for Rent. It will be rented only as a Book and Shoe Store, as it is adapted to that sort of business.

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