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I WILL TEACH YOU TO PIERCE THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH AND BRING OUT FROM THE CAVERNS OF THE MOUNTAINS, MINERALS WHICH WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO OUR HANDS AND SUBJECT ALL NATURE TO OUR USE AND PLEASURE.—DR. JOHNSON.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

MESSAGE

From the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, at the commencement of the 1st Session of the 22d Congress.

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate, and House of Representatives:

The representation of the People has been renewed for the twenty-second time since the Constitution...

Agriculture, the first and most important occupation of man, has compensated the labors of the husbandman...

1. From the satisfactory view of our agriculture, manufactures, and internal improvements, we turn to the state of our navigation and trade with foreign Nations...

Let us be grateful for these blessings to the beneficent Being who has conferred them, and who suffers us to indulge a reasonable hope...

The Pacific and wise policy of our Government kept us in a state of neutrality during the wars that have, at different periods, since our political existence...

Of the claims upon England it is unnecessary to speak, further than to say, that the state of things to which their prosecution and denial gave rise...

Sweden and Denmark having made compensation for the irregularities committed by their vessels, or in their ports, to the perfect satisfaction of the parties concerned, and having renewed the Treaties of Commerce entered into with them...

After our transition from the state of colonies to that of an independent nation, many points were found necessary to be settled between us and Great Britain...

boundaries, not described with sufficient precision in the Treaty of Peace. Some of the lines that divide the States and Territories of the United States from the British Provinces, have been definitively fixed...

It affords me satisfaction to inform you that suggestions, made by my direction to the Charge d'Affaires of His Britannic Majesty, to this Government, have had their desired effect in producing the release of certain American citizens...

The amicable relations that now subsist between the United States and Great Britain, the increasing intercourse between their citizens, and the rapid obliteration of unfriendly prejudices...

In my Message at the opening of the last session of Congress, I expressed a confident hope that the justice of our claims upon France, urged as they were with perseverance and signal ability by our Minister there, would finally be acknowledged...

Should this treaty receive the proper sanction, a source of irritation will be stopped, that has for so many years, in some degree, alienated from each other two nations who, from interest as well as the remembrance of early associations, ought to cherish the most friendly relations...

With Spain, our differences, up to the 22d February, 1819, were settled by the Treaty of Washington of that date, but at a subsequent period, our commerce with the States, formerly colonies of Spain, on the continent of America, was annoyed and frequently interrupted by her public and private armed ships...

Spain, she had a right to prohibit trade with them under her old colonial laws. This ground of defence was contradictory, not only to those which had been formerly alleged, but to the implicit practice and established laws of nations...

them and their cargoes; and at the same time, to our demands for restoration and indemnity, opposed the allegation, that they were taken in the violation of a blockade of all the ports of those States...

I however indulge the hope that further reflection will lead to other views, and feel confident that when His Catholic Majesty shall be convinced of the justice of the claim, his desire to preserve friendly relations between the two countries, which it is my earnest endeavor to maintain, will induce him to accede to my demand...

The conclusion of a Treaty for indemnity with France seemed to present a favorable opportunity to renew our claims of a similar nature on other Powers: and particularly in the case of those upon Naples, more especially as in the course of former negotiations with that Power, our failure to induce France to render us justice was used as an argument against us...

Our demands upon the Government of the Two Sicilies are of a peculiar nature: The injuries on which they are founded are not denied, nor are the atrocity and perfidy under which those injuries were perpetrated attempted to be extenuated...

In the late blockade of Terceira, some of the Portuguese fleet captured several of our vessels and committed other excesses for which reparation was demanded; and I was on the point of despatching an armed force, to prevent any recurrence of a similar violence...

With the other Powers of Europe, we have fortunately had no cause of dissensions for the redress of injuries. With the Empire of the Russians, our political connexion is of the most friendly, and our commercial, of the most liberal kind...

The Treaty with Austria is opening to us an important trade with the hereditary dominions of the Emperor, the value of which has been hitherto little known, and of course not sufficiently appreciated...

This finishes the connected view I have thought it proper to give of our political and commercial relations in Europe. Every effort in my power will be continued to strengthen and extend them by Treaties founded on principles of the most perfect reciprocity of interest...

To China and the East Indies, our commerce continues in its usual extent and with increased facilities, which the credit and capital of our merchants afford by substituting bills for payment in specie...

Few changes have taken place in our connections with the independent States of America since my last communication to Congress. The ratification of a Commercial Treaty with the United Republics of Mexico has been for some time under consideration in their Congress...

From Central America I have received assurances of the most friendly kind, and a gratifying application for our good offices to remove a supposed indisposition towards that government in a neighboring State...

I have great satisfaction in communicating the success which attended the exertions of our Minister in Colombia, to procure a very considerable reduction in the duties on our flour in that Republic...

Chili and Peru seem to be still threatened with civil commotions; and, until they shall be settled, disorders may naturally be apprehended, requiring the constant presence of a Naval force in the Pacific Ocean...

The disturbance that took place in the Empire of Brazil, previously to, and immediately consequent upon, the abdication of the late Emperor, necessarily suspended any effectual application for the redress of some past injuries suffered by our citizens from that Government...

I should have placed Buenos Ayres in the list of South American Powers in respect to which nothing of importance affecting us was to be communicated, but for occurrences which have lately taken place at the Falkland Islands...

It is confidently believed that perseverance for a few years in the present policy

in affording all lawful protection to our trade which shall be necessary; and shall withhold no delay send a Minister to enquire into the nature of the circumstances, and also of the claim, if any, that is set up by that Government, to those Islands...

This rapid sketch of our foreign relations, it is hoped, fellow-citizens, may be of some use in so much of your legislation as may bear on that important subject; while it affords to the country at large a source of high gratification in the contemplation of our political and commercial connexion with the rest of the world...

I have great satisfaction in making this statement of our affairs, because the course of our national policy enables me to do it without any indiscreet exposure of what in other governments, is usually concealed from the People...

It may not be improper to add that, to preserve this state of things, and give confidence to the world in the integrity of our designs, all our consular and diplomatic agents are strictly enjoined to examine well every cause of complaint preferred by our citizens...

Connected with this subject, I must recommend a revival of our consular laws. Defects and omissions have been discovered in their operation, that ought to be remedied and supplied.

The internal peace and security of our confederated States, is the next principal object of the General Government. Time and experience have proved that the abode of the native Indian within their limits is dangerous to their peace, and injurious to himself...

At the request of the authorities of Georgia, the registration of Cherokee Indians for emigration has been resumed, and it is confidently expected, that one-half, if not two-thirds of that tribe, will follow the wise example of their more westerly brethren...

During the present year, the attention of the Government has been particularly directed to those tribes in the powerful and growing State of Ohio, where considerable tracts of the finest lands were still occupied by the aboriginal proprietors...