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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives. In performing my duty at the opening of your present session, it gives me pleasure to congratulate you again upon the prosperous condition of our beloved country.

standing with the parent country shall have produced a formal acknowledgment of their independence, and the idea of danger from that quarter can be no longer entertained. The friends of freedom expect that those countries, so favored by nature, will be distinguished for their love of justice and their devotion to those peaceful arts, the assiduous cultivation of which confers honor upon nations and gives value to human life.

engages to pay a sum of twenty-five millions of francs to the United States, who shall distribute it among those entitled in the manner and according to the rules it shall determine. It was also stipulated on the part of the French Government that this twenty-five millions of francs should be paid at Paris in six annual instalments of four millions one hundred and sixty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six francs and sixty-six centimes each, into the hands of such person or persons as shall be authorized by the Government of the United States to receive it.

after the election of the new members as the charter would permit, the legislative Chambers of France should be called together, and the proposition for an appropriation laid before them; that all the constitutional powers of the King and his Cabinet should be exercised to accomplish the object, and that the result should be made known early enough to be communicated to Congress at the commencement of the present session.

of right which will induce our own people, and the rulers and people of all other nations, even of France herself, to pronounce our quarrel just, will be obscured, and the support rendered to us, in a final resort to more decisive measures, will be more limited and equivocal.

millions six hundred and twenty-four thousand seven hundred and seventeen dollars, which, with the balance remaining in the Treasury on the first of January last, of eleven millions seven hundred and two thousand nine hundred and five dollars, produces an aggregate of thirty-two millions three hundred and twenty-seven thousand six hundred and twenty-three dollars.