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MESSAGE

THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate
and House of Representatives:

It is a source of unmitigated satisfaction to the Representatives of the States and the people generally, that it will be to receive the annual wisdom in the administration of the Government, for the first time, the benefit of the counsel, of giving to the Executive of the Union, and receiving consideration such measures as shall be necessary and expedient, I am happy to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of our country. Under the blessings of Divine Providence, through the influence of our free institutions, we stand the world a spectacle of unexampled prosperity.

Contentment in all the elements of happiness, the affection of the people is strong in the hearts of our States, and for the discharge of duties which lie at the foundation of our Government.

Humility, to make our devout acknowledgments, one hundred and thirty-three years ago, and religious blessings

[illegible] Congress to our relations with Texas, I am gratified to be able to state that some of them there have existed causes of irritation and difficulty, which have been taken advantage of by our enemies to create hostilities against the country, and to induce the belief that we desire no other or better opportunity to take advantage of the misfortunes of our neighbors, or to make conquest of their territory. Such a belief has been entertained by some of them there have existed causes of irritation and difficulty, which have been taken advantage of by our enemies to create hostilities against the country, and to induce the belief that we desire no other or better opportunity to take advantage of the misfortunes of our neighbors, or to make conquest of their territory. Such a belief has been entertained by some of them ask nothing that is not right, and nothing that is wrong. It has been my constant study to preserve peace with all nations, but I have been prepared to resist aggression, when it came, and to maintain our just rights.

[illegible] of the joint resolution of Congress "for the annexation of Texas to the United States," my predecessor, on the 3rd day of March, 1845, elected to submit the second section of that resolution to the Mexican authorities, on the part of the Texas, for its acceptance as a State into our Union, not approved, and accordingly the President of the United States in Texas, under the date of the 10th of March, 1845, proceeded to carry the resolution for the acceptance of Texas. The executive government of Texas in convention, with all the terms of the Constitution for the government of the State, by a convention of delegates of the people of Texas, at the polls provided for ratification, and ratified the same.

[illegible] the correspondence between the Chargé d'Affaires of Texas and the correspondence of the President of Texas, together with the proceedings of the convention, to him to his own government.

[illegible] were offered by the President of Texas, accepted by Texas, the terms were promptly pledged to the Mexican Republic, [illegible] conditions to consummate the annexation of Texas to the United States. Strong reasons for the delay of nearly period of the consideration of the Mexican territory which Congress, by the joint resolution, offered to cede to the United States, in the event of the acceptance of our offer, by the Mexican Congress, and the fact that there became so far a misunderstanding between the two Governments, as to the terms of the joint resolution, as to make it necessary that the Texan Congress should have a full opportunity of explaining the terms on which the people of Texas had accepted the offer of the United States, and of the Congress of the United States, and of the Mexican Congress, which