



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Fellow-citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Under the benighted provisions of Almighty God, the remembrance of the day which we again brought together to deliberate for the public good. The gratitude of the nation to the sovereign Arbitrator of all human destinies is commensurate with the boundless blessings which we enjoy.

long have remained in the hands of a foreign power without endangering the peace of our southern frontier. The products in the vicinity of the tributaries of the Mississippi have sought a market through these streams, unimpeded and unobstructed.

The existing condition of California, and of that part of New Mexico lying west of the Rio Grande, and within the limits of Texas, imperatively demand that Congress should take prompt action, to organize territorial governments over them.

In pursuance of the provisions of the thirteenth article of the treaty of peace, friendship, limits, and settlement, with the republic of Mexico, of the act of July the twenty-ninth, 1848, claims of our citizens which had been heretofore liquidated and paid for by the Mexican government, amounting with the interest thereon, to a million two hundred and thirty thousand eight hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifty-one cents.



