

APPENDIX.

1. *Respecting an apprehended Invasion of Mexico.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS there is reason to believe that a military expedition is about to be fitted out in the United States, for the purpose of invading the Mexican Republic, with which this country is at peace; and whereas there is a reason to apprehend that a portion of the people of this country, regardless of their duties as good citizens are concerned in, or may be seduced to take part in the same. And whereas such enterprises tend to degrade the character of the United States, in the opinion of the civilized world, and are expressly prohibited by law :

Now, therefore, I have issued this my Proclamation, warning all persons who shall connect themselves with any such enterprise, in violation of the laws and national obligations of the United States, that they will thereby subject themselves to the heavy penalties denounced against such offences; that if they should be captured within the jurisdiction of the Mexican authorities, they must expect to be tried and punished according to the laws of Mexico, and will have no right to claim the interposition of this government, in their behalf.

I therefore exhort all well-disposed citizens who have at heart the reputation of their country, and are animated with a just regard for its laws, its peace, and its welfare, to discountenance and by all lawful means prevent any such enterprise; and I call upon every officer of this Government, civil or military, to be vigilant in arresting for trial and punishment every such offender.

Given under my hand the twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the seventy-sixth of the Independence of the United States.

(Signed)

MILLARD FILLMORE.

BY THE PRESIDENT :

(Signed) J. J. CRITTENDEN,
Acting Secretary of State.

2. *Respecting an apprehended Invasion of Mexico.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS information has been received by me that an unlawful expedition has been fitted out in the State of California, with a view to invade Mexico—a nation maintaining friendly relations with the United States—and that other expeditions are organizing within the United States for the same unlawful purpose; and whereas certain citizens and inhabitants of this country, unmindful of their obligations and duties and of the rights of a friendly Power, have participated, and are about to participate, in these enterprises, so derogatory to our national character and so threatening to our tranquillity, and are thereby incurring the severe penalties imposed by law against such offenders—

Now, therefore, I, FRANKLIN PIERCE, President of the United States, have issued this my proclamation, warning all persons who shall connect themselves with any such enterprise or expedition, that the penalties of the law denounced against such criminal conduct will be rigidly enforced; and I exhort

Officers directed to prevent it and arrest of offenders.

all good citizens, as they regard our national character, as they respect our laws or the law of nations, as they value the blessings of peace and the welfare of their country, to discountenance, and by all lawful means prevent, such criminal enterprises; and I call upon all officers of this Government, civil and military, to use any efforts which may be in their power to arrest for trial and punishment every such offender.

[L. s.] Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, this eighteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and the seventy-eighth of the independence of the United States.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

BY THE PRESIDENT :

W. L. MARCY, *Secretary of State.*

3. *Respecting an apprehended Invasion of Cuba.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble as to expedition fitting out against Cuba.

WHEREAS information has been received that sundry persons, citizens of the United States, and others residing therein, are engaged in organizing and fitting out a military expedition for the invasion of the island of Cuba;

And whereas the said undertaking is contrary to the spirit and express stipulations of treaties between the United States and Spain, derogatory to the character of this nation, and in violation of the obvious duties and obligations of faithful and patriotic citizens;

And whereas it is the duty of the constituted authorities of the United States to hold and maintain the control of the great question of peace or war, and not suffer the same to be lawlessly complicated, under any pretence whatever;

And whereas, to that end, all private enterprizes of a hostile character within the United States, against any foreign power with which the United States are at peace, are forbidden, and declared to be a high misdemeanor by an express act of Congress;

Warning to all engaged in such expedition.

Now, therefore, in virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the President of the United States, I do issue this proclamation to warn all persons that the General Government claims it as a right and duty to interpose itself for the honor of its flag, the rights of its citizens, the national security, and the preservation of the public tranquillity, from whatever quarter menaced; and it will not fail to prosecute with due energy all those who, unmindful of their own and their country's fame, presume thus to disregard the laws of the land and our treaty obligations.

Officers, to prevent it and arrest offenders.

I earnestly exhort all good citizens to discountenance and prevent any movement in conflict with law and national faith; especially charging the several district-attorneys, collectors, and other officers of the United States, civil or military, having lawful power in the premises, to exert the same for the purpose of maintaining the authority and preserving the peace of the United States.

[SEAL.] Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington, the thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and the seventy-eighth of the independence of the United States.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

BY THE PRESIDENT :

W. L. MARCY, *Secretary of State.*

4. *Respecting Duties under Reciprocity Treaty with Great Britain.*

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by an act of the Congress of the United States, approved the fifth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An act to carry into effect a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four," it is provided that, whenever the President of the United States shall receive satisfactory evidence that the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and the Provincial Parliaments of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island have passed laws, on their part, to give full effect to the provisions of the said treaty, he is authorized to issue his proclamation declaring that he has such evidence:

Preamble.
1854, ch. 269.

And whereas satisfactory information has been received by me that the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and the Provincial Parliaments of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island have passed laws, on their part, to give full effect to the provisions of the treaty aforesaid:

Now, therefore, I, FRANKLIN PIERCE, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and proclaim that, from this date, the following articles, being the growth and produce of the said provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island — to wit: grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds; animals of all kinds; fresh, smoked, and salted meats; cotton-wool; seeds and vegetables; undried fruits; dried fruits; fish of all kinds; products of fish and all other creatures living in the water; poultry; eggs; hides, furs, skins, or tails undressed; stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state; slate; butter, cheese, tallow; lard; horns; manures; ores of metals of all kinds; coal; pitch, tar, turpentine; ashes; timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; firewood, plants, shrubs, and trees; pelts; wool; fish oil; rice; broomcorn and bark; gypsum, ground or unground; hewn, or wrought, or unwrought burr, or grindstones; dyestuffs; flax, hemp, and tow, unmanufactured; unmanufactured tobacco; rags; — shall be introduced into the United States free of duty, so long as the said treaty shall remain in force; subject, however, to be suspended in relation to the trade with Canada, on the condition mentioned in the fourth article of the said treaty; and that all the other provisions of the said treaty shall go into effect and be observed on the part of the United States.

Certain articles
to be duty free
in accordance
with Reciprocity
Treaty with
Great Britain.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the sixteenth day of
[L. s.] March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty-five, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-
ninth.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

W. L. MARCY, *Secretary of State.*

