
PROCLAMATIONS

BY THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(1479)

PROCLAMATIONS.

No. 1.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, satisfactory proof has been given to me by the Government of the Netherlands, that no light-house and light dues, tonnage dues, or beacon and buoy dues are imposed in the ports of the Kingdom of The Netherlands; that no other equivalent tax of any kind is imposed upon vessels in said ports, under whatever flag they may sail; that vessels belonging to the United States of America, and their cargoes, are not required, in The Netherlands, to pay any fee or due of any kind, or nature, or any import due higher or other than is payable by vessels of The Netherlands or their cargoes; that no export duties are imposed in The Netherlands; and that in the free ports of the Dutch East Indies, to wit: Riouw (in the island of Riouw), Pabean, Sangrit, Loloan, and Tamboekoes (in the Island of Bali), Koepang (in the Island of Timor), Makassar, Menado, Kema, and Gorontalo (in the Island of Celebes), Amboina, Saparua, Banda, Ternate, and Kajeli (in the Moluccas), Oleh-leh and Bengkalis (in the Island of Sumatra), vessels are subjected to no fiscal tax, and no import or export duties are there levied;

Now therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Act of Congress, entitled "An act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen, and owners of vessels, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, do hereby declare and proclaim that from and after the date of this my Proclamation shall be suspended the collection of the whole of the duty of six cents per ton, not to exceed thirty cents per ton per annum, (which is imposed by said section of said act) upon vessels entered in the ports of the United States from any of the ports of the Kingdom of The Netherlands in Europe, or from any of the above-named free ports of the Dutch East Indies:

Provided, That there shall be excluded from the benefits of the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed the vessels of any foreign country in whose ports the fees or dues of any kind or nature imposed on vessels of the United States, or the import or export duties on their cargoes, are in excess of the fees, dues or duties imposed on the vessels of such foreign country, or their cargoes, or of the fees, dues, or duties imposed on the vessels of the country in which are the ports mentioned in this proclamation, or the cargoes of such vessels.

And the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed shall continue so long as the reciprocal exemption of vessels belonging to citizens

April 22, 1887.

Preamble.

The Netherlands.

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Suspension of tonnage duty on vessels from The Netherlands or the colonies of, in the East Indies.

Proviso.
Vessels excluded.

Continuance of suspension.

of the United States, and their cargoes, shall be continued in the said ports of the Kingdom of The Netherlands in Europe and the said free ports of the Dutch East Indies, and no longer.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [SEAL.] eighty seven, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eleventh.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President :

T. F. BAYARD,

Secretary of State.

No. 2.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

September 21, 1888.

Preamble.

Spanish islands of Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines.

Whereas, satisfactory proof has been given to me by the Government of Spain that no discriminating duties of tonnage or imposts are imposed or levied in the Islands of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines and all other countries belonging to the Crown of Spain upon vessels wholly belonging to citizens of the United States, or upon the produce, manufactures or merchandise imported in the same from the United States or from any foreign country;

And whereas, notification of such abolition of discriminating duties of tonnage and imposts as aforesaid, has been given to me by a Memorandum of Agreement signed this day at the city of Washington, between the Secretary of State of the United States, and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen Regent of Spain accredited to the Government of the United States of America;

Discriminating tonnage duties suspended. R. S., sec. 4228, p. 814.

From Spanish vessels and cargoes from Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines and other countries.

Continuance of suspension.

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section four thousand two hundred and twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do hereby declare and proclaim that from and after the date of this, my Proclamation, being also the date of the notification received as aforesaid, the foreign discriminating duties of tonnage and imposts within the United States are suspended and discontinued, so far as respects the vessels of Spain and the produce, manufactures or merchandise imported in said vessels into the United States from the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, the Philippines and all other countries belonging to the Crown of Spain, or from any other foreign country; such suspension to continue so long as the reciprocal exemption of vessels belonging to citizens of the United States and their cargoes, shall be continued in the said Islands of Cuba, and Porto Rico, and the Philippines, and all other Spanish possessions, and no longer.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred [SEAL.] and eighty-seven and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twelfth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President :

T. F. BAYARD,

Secretary of State.

No. 3.

A PROCLAMATION.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The goodness and the mercy of God, which have followed the American people during all the days of the past year, claim their grateful recognition and humble acknowledgment. By His omnipotent power He has protected us from war and pestilence and from every national calamity; by His gracious favor the earth has yielded a generous return to the labor of the husbandman, and every path of honest toil has led to comfort and contentment; by His loving kindness the hearts of our people have been replenished with fraternal sentiment and patriotic endeavor, and by His unerring guidance we have been directed in the way of National prosperity.

October 25, 1887.
Thursday, November 24, set apart as Thanksgiving Day.

To the end that we may, with one accord, testify our gratitude for all these blessings, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by all the people of the land.

On that day let all secular work and employment be suspended; and let our people assemble in their accustomed places of worship and with prayer and songs of praise, give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all that He has done for us, while we humbly implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuance of His mercy.

Let families and kindred be re-united on that day; and let their hearts, filled with kindly cheer and affectionate reminiscence, be turned in thankfulness to the source of all their pleasures and the Giver of all that makes the day glad and joyous.

And in the midst of our worship and our happiness let us remember the poor, the needy and the unfortunate; and by our gifts of charity and ready benevolence, let us increase the number of those who with grateful hearts shall join in our Thanksgiving.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [SEAL.] eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twelfth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,

Secretary of State.

No. 4.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the title to all that territory lying between the North and South forks of the Red River and the hundredth degree of longitude, and jurisdiction over the same are vested in the United States, it being a part of the Indian Territory, as shown by surveys and investigation made on behalf of the United States, which territory the State of Texas also claims title to and jurisdiction over; and

December 30, 1887.
Preamble.

Whereas said conflicting claim grows out of a controversy existing between the United States and the State of Texas as to the point where the hundredth degree of longitude crosses the Red River, as described in the Treaty of February 22, 1819, between the United States and Spain, fixing the boundary line between the two countries; and

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Whereas the Commissioners, appointed on the part of the United States, under the Act of January 31, 1885, authorizing the appointment of a Commission by the President to run and mark the boundary lines between a portion of the Indian Territory and the State of Texas, in connection with a similar Commission to be appointed by the State of Texas, have, by their report determined that the South Fork is the true Red River designated in the treaty; the Commissioners appointed on the part of said State refusing to concur in said report, now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby admonish and warn all persons, whether claiming to act as officers of the County of Greer, in the State of Texas, or otherwise, against selling or disposing of, or attempting to sell or dispose of any of said lands, or from exercising or attempting to exercise any authority over said lands.

Sale of lands, etc., in Indian Territory claimed by Greer County, Texas, forbidden.

Persons warned against purchasing.

And I also warn and admonish all persons against purchasing any part of said territory from any person or persons whomsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [SEAL.] eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twelfth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State.

No. 5.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

January 26, 1888.

Preamble.

Germany

Whereas satisfactory proof has been given to me by the Government of the Empire of Germany that no tonnage or light-house dues, or any equivalent tax or taxes whatever, are imposed upon American vessels entering the ports of the Empire of Germany, either by the Imperial Government or by the Governments of the German maritime States, and that vessels belonging to the United States of America, and their cargoes, are not required, in German ports, to pay any fee or due of any kind, or nature, or any import due higher or other than is payable by German vessels or their cargoes;

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Now therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Act of Congress, entitled "An act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen, and owners of vessels, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, do hereby declare and proclaim that from and after the date of this my Proclamation shall be suspended the collection of the whole of the duty of six cents per ton, not to exceed thirty cents per

Suspension of tonnage duty upon vessels from

ton per annum (which is imposed by said section of said act) upon vessels entered in the ports of the United States from any of the ports of the Empire of Germany.

Provided, That there shall be excluded from the benefits of the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed the vessels of any foreign country in whose ports the fees or dues of any kind or nature imposed on vessels of the United States, or the import or export duties on their cargoes, are in excess of the fees, dues or duties imposed on the vessels of such foreign country, or their cargoes, or of the fees, dues, or duties imposed on the vessels of Germany or the cargoes of such vessels.

Proviso.
Vessels excluded.

And the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed shall continue so long as the reciprocal exemption of vessels belonging to citizens of the United States, and their cargoes, shall be continued in the said ports of the Empire of Germany, and no longer.

Continuance of suspension.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty-sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [SEAL.] eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twelfth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,

Secretary of State.

No. 6.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas satisfactory proof has been given to me that no light-house and light dues, tonnage dues, beacon and buoy dues, or other equivalent taxes of any kind, are imposed upon vessels of the United States in the ports of the Island of Guadeloupe, one of the French West India Islands;

April 16, 1888.

Preamble.

Guadeloupe Island.

Now therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section eleven of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen and owners of vessels, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, do hereby declare and proclaim that from and after the date of this my Proclamation shall be suspended the collection of the whole of the tonnage duty which is imposed by said section of said act upon vessels entered in the ports of the United States from any of the ports of the Island of Guadeloupe.

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Provided, That there shall be excluded from the benefits of the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed the vessels of any foreign country in whose ports the fees or dues of any kind or nature imposed on vessels of the United States, or the imports or export duties on their cargoes, are in excess of the fees, dues or duties imposed on the vessels of such foreign country, or their cargoes, or of the fees, dues, or duties imposed on the vessels of the country in which are the ports mentioned in this proclamation, or the cargoes of such vessels.

Proviso.
Vessels excluded.

Continuance of suspension.

And the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed shall continue so long as the reciprocal exemption of vessels belonging to citizens of the United States, and their cargoes, shall be continued in the said ports of the Island of Guadeloupe and no longer

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [SEAL.] eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twelfth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State.

No. 7.

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

November 1, 1888.

Constant thanksgiving are due from the American People to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy which have followed them since the day He made them a Nation and vouchsafed to them a free Government. With loving kindness He has constantly led us in the way of prosperity and greatness. He has not visited with swift punishment our shortcomings, but with gracious care He has warned us of our dependence upon His forbearance and has taught us that obedience to His holy law is the price of a continuance of His precious gifts.

In acknowledgment of all that God has done for us as a Nation, and to the end that on an appointed day, the united prayers and praise of a grateful country may reach the Throne of Grace, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November instant, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be kept and observed throughout the Land.

On that day let all our people suspend their ordinary work and occupations, and in their accustomed places of worship, with prayer and songs of praise, render thanks to God for all His mercies, for the abundant harvests which have rewarded the toil of the husbandman during the year that has passed, and for the rich rewards that have followed the labors of our people in their shops and their marts of trade and traffic. Let us give thanks for peace and for social order and contentment within our borders, and for our advancement in all that adds to National greatness.

And mindful of the afflictive dispensation with which a portion of our land has been visited, let us, while we humble ourselves before the power of God, acknowledge His mercy in setting bounds to the deadly march of pestilence, and let our hearts be chastened by sympathy with our fellow countrymen who have suffered and who mourn.

And as we return thanks for all the blessings which we have received from the hands of our Heavenly Father, let us not forget that He has enjoined upon us charity; and on this day of thanksgiving let us generously remember the poor and needy, so that our tribute of praise and gratitude may be acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

Done at the City of Washington on the First day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and in the year of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirteenth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and [SEAL.] caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State.

Thursday, November 29, 1888, set apart as Thanksgiving Day.

No. 8.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas public interests require that the Senate should be convened at twelve o'clock on the fourth day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive.

February 26, 1889.

Preamble.

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the Capitol in the city of Washington, on the fourth day of March next, at twelve o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Special session of the Senate, March 4, 1889.

Given under my hand and the seal of the United States, at Washington the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our [SEAL.] Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirteenth.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

T. F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State.

