

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