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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE—REFERENCE OF.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

MR. VINTON,

ON THE

Subject of the reference of the President's Annual Message.

DECEMBER 18, 1848.

Introduced, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Resolved, That so much of the annual message of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress at the present session as relates to our treaties, diplomatic intercourse, and relations with foreign countries, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2d. That so much of said message as relates to compensation to those citizens who have served in the Indian war in Oregon, to the state and condition of the army, to the duties levied on American and neutral commerce in the ports of Mexico, and the disbursement of the moneys so collected, and the accountability therefor by the officers who collected and disbursed the same, with the report of the Secretary of War accompanying said message, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to said committee to inquire into and report upon the legality of the collection of such duties, and the disbursement of the money so collected.

3d. That so much of said message as relates to the condition and operations of the navy, the marine corps, and the establishment of a line of steamers between New Orleans and Vera Cruz, together with the report of the Secretary of the Navy, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

4th. That so much of said message as relates to the tariffs of 1846 and 1842, the revenue, the state of the treasury, the public debt, the sub-treasury, the general condition of the finances, the estimated receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year, the unliquidated claims of citizens of the United States against Mexico, and the establishment of additional branch mints, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

5th. That so much of said message as relates to the public lands, the graduation and reduction of the price thereof, the surveys thereof, geological, mineralogical, and lineal, the appointment of additional surveyors general, and to the sale of the mineral lands in California and New Mexico, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

6th. That so much of said message as relates to our intercourse and relations with the Indian tribes, and to the appointment of additional Indian agents, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

7th. That so much of said message as relates to the commerce and navigation of the country, and to the extension of the revenue laws of the United States over California, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

8th. That so much of said message as relates to the establishment of territorial governments over California and New Mexico, and the enforcement of governments *de facto* in those territories, be referred to the Committee on the Territories, with instructions to said committee to inquire and report whether the Executive of the United States has rightful authority to exercise the powers of government now being enforced over those territories.

9th. That so much of said message as relates to the post offices and post roads, and the reduction of the rate of postage, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.