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INDIANS—MEXICAN FRONTIER.

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Mexican minister relative to Indian incursions upon the Mexican frontier.

DECEMBER 10, 1850.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

To the House of Representatives:

I communicate to the House of Representatives a translation of a note of the 5th instant addressed to the Secretary of State by the minister of the Mexican republic accredited to this government, relative to a subject to which the attention of Congress was invited in my message at the opening of the present session.

MILLARD FILLMORE,

WASHINGTON, December 9, 1850.

Mr. De la Rosa to Mr. Webster.

[Translation.]

MEXICAN LEGATION,
Washington, December 5, 1850.

The undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the republic of Mexico, has the honor of addressing himself to the Secretary of State, for the purpose of informing him that it is daily becoming more and more indispensable that the government of the United States should adopt the promptest and most active measures in order to prevent, conformably to the provision of the 11th article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the incursions of the Indian savages of the United States upon the population of the Mexican frontier.

From the message of the President of the United States, the undersigned perceives that the government of this republic calls the attention of Congress to the necessity of increasing the military force on the frontier. The undersigned entertains no doubt but that the Congress

of the United States will take this matter into consideration, and give it all the attention which its importance requires. There are, however, two reasons which render the adoption of military measures to prevent the incursions of Indian savages upon Mexico extremely necessary. The first is, that winter is already at hand—this being the season when the Indians make their annual incursions, and commit their acts of devastation and atrocity upon the frontier population of Mexico. The second reason is, that, in consequence of the loss of their crops this year, the aforesaid population is now actually suffering from great scarcity of food; and, if they had to contend with the savages in this condition, they would be exterminated, or at least exposed to much greater ravages than they ever have experienced in any former incursions.

The undersigned begs to call the attention of the Secretary of State to this subject, in order that he may please to expedite the carrying into effect of such measures as the government of the United States may think proper to adopt for the observance of the stipulations contained in the 11th article of the treaty of Guadalupe.

The undersigned avails himself of this occasion to renew to Mr. Webster the assurance of his most distinguished consideration.

LUIS DE LA ROSA.

To the Hon. DANIEL WEBSTER, &c., &c., &c.