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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN RESPONSE TO

*Senate resolution of January 8, 1895, transmitting information relating to the enforcement of the regulations respecting fur seals, adopted by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain in accordance with the decision of the Tribunal of Arbitration convened at Paris, with other information called for by said resolution.*

FEBRUARY 11, 1895.—Read, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate:*

On the 8th day of January I received a copy of the following Senate resolution:

*Resolved, That the President be requested, if not incompatible with the public interests, to communicate to the Senate all reports, documents, and other papers, including logs of vessels, relating to the enforcement of the regulations respecting fur seals adopted by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain in accordance with the decision of the Tribunal of Arbitration convened in Paris and the resolution (regulations) under which said reports are required to be made, as well as relating to the number of seals taken during the season of 1894, by pelagic hunters and by the lessees of the Pribilof and Commander islands; also, relating to the steps which may have been taken to extend the said regulations to the Asiatic waters of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, and to secure the concurrence of other nations in said regulations; and further, all papers not heretofore published, including communications of the agent of the United States before said tribunal at Paris, relating to the claims of the British Government on account of the seizure of the sealing vessels in Bering Sea.*

In compliance with said request I herewith transmit sundry papers, documents, and reports which have been returned to me by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Navy, to whom said resolution was referred. I am not in possession of any further information touching the various subjects embodied in such resolution.

It will be seen from a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying the papers and documents sent from his Department, that it is impossible to furnish at this time the complete log books of some of the naval vessels referred to in the resolution; but I venture to express the hope that the reports of the commanders of such vessels herewith submitted will be found to contain in substance so much of the matters recorded in said log books as are important in answering the inquiries addressed to me by the Senate.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
*February 11, 1895.*

To the PRESIDENT:

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution adopted by the Senate on the 8th ultimo, requesting the President,

if not incompatible with the public interests, to communicate to the Senate all reports, documents, and other papers, including logs of vessels, relating to the enforcement of the regulations respecting fur seals adopted by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, in accordance with the decision of the Tribunal of Arbitration convened at Paris, and the resolution (regulations ?) under which said reports are required to be made, as well as relating to the number of seals taken during the season of 1894 by pelagic hunters and by the lessees of the Pribilof and Commander islands; also relating to the steps which may have been taken to extend the said regulations to the Asiatic waters of the North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea, and to secure the concurrence of other nations in said regulations; and further, all papers not heretofore published, including communications of the agent of the United States before said tribunal at Paris, relating to the claims of the British Government on account of the seizure of the sealing vessels in Bering Sea,

has the honor to lay before the President copies of all reports, documents, and other papers found of record in the Department of State relating to the subjects embraced in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

W. Q. GRESHAM.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
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