

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The 17th Presidential Term, of four years, since the establishment of the Government of the United States under the Constitution, began on the 4th day of March, 1853, and will expire on the 4th day of March, 1857.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, of New-Hampshire, <i>President</i> ,.....	SALARY.
Vice President,.....	\$25,000
	5,000

THE CABINET.

WILLIAM L. MARCY, of New-York, <i>Secretary of State</i> ,.....	6,000
JAMES GUTHRIE, of Kentucky, <i>Secretary of the Treasury</i> ,.....	6,000
ROBERT MC CLELLAND, of Michigan, <i>Secretary of the Interior</i> ,.....	6,000
JEFFERSON DAVIS, of Mississippi, <i>Secretary of War</i> ,.....	6,000
JAMES C. DOBBIN, of North Carolina, <i>Secretary of the Navy</i> ,.....	6,000
JAMES CAMPBELL, of Pennsylvania, <i>Postmaster-General</i> ,.....	6,000
CALEB CUSHING, of Massachusetts, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,.....	4,000

The Officers of the Cabinet hold their offices at the will of the President, but are appointed with the consent of the Senate.

CONGRESS.

The Congress of the United States consists of a Senate and House of Representatives, and must assemble at least once every year, on the first Monday of December.

The Senate is composed of two members from each State, and there being 31 States, makes the regular number now 62. They are chosen by the Legislatures of the several States, for the term of six years, one-third of them being elected biennially.

The Vice-President of the United States is the President of the Senate, in which body he has only a casting vote, which is given in case of an equal division of the votes of the Senators. In his absence, a President *pro tempore* is chosen by the Senate, as is the case at the present time when the office of Vice-President is vacant.

The House of Representatives is composed of members from the several States, elected by the people for the term of two years.

The compensation of each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is \$8 a day during the period of their attendance in Congress; and \$8 for every twenty miles' travel, in the usual road, in going to and returning from the seat of Government. The President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, receive \$16 a day.

THE NAVAL FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

According to the Navy Register, the following is the naval force of the United States: Eleven ships of the line, carrying eight hundred and sixty guns. Of these, three are in commission as receiving ships, three in ordinary, four on the stocks, and one preparing for sea. The Independence, a raze, carrying fifty-four guns, is also preparing for sea.

Twelve frigates of the first and one of the second class, carrying five hundred and sixty-four guns. Of these, five are in commission, four in ordinary, two on the stocks, and two preparing for sea.

Twenty-one sloops of war, carrying four hundred and two guns. Of these, fifteen are in commission, one in ordinary, and five preparing for sea.

Four brigs carrying forty guns. Of these, three are in commission, and one preparing for sea. Also, four schooners, carrying seven guns; two of which are in commission, one in ordinary, and one preparing for sea.

Five steam frigates, carrying forty guns, all in commission; four steamers of the first class, carrying eighteen guns, two of which are in commission, one repairing, and one preparing for sea; and seven steamers less than first class, carrying five guns, three of which are in commission, two preparing for sea, and two employed as tenders.

Five store ships carrying twenty-four guns, three of them are in commission, and one preparing for sea.

This gives a total of seventy-five vessels of all kinds, carrying two thousand and fourteen guns.

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