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MESSAGE
OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
COMMUNICATING,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of December 18, 1867, information in relation to the occupation of the island of San Juan, in Puget Sound.

FEBRUARY 22, 1868.—Read, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 18th of December last, requesting information in regard to the island of San Juan, in Puget sound, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State and the papers which accompany it.
ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, February 20, 1868.

Report of the Secretary of State accompanying the President's message of February 20, 1868, in answer to Senate resolution of December 20, 1867, in relation to the island of San Juan, in Puget sound.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

February 20, 1868.

The Secretary of State, to whom has been referred the resolution of the Senate of the 18th of December last, requesting the President to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interests, "any agreement between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain in relation to the occupation of San Juan Island, in Puget Sound, with copies of any correspondence on the subject of the claims of the respective governments to said island, and a statement of the reasons why the government of the United States has permitted a joint occupation of the same to Great Britain," has the honor to submit a copy of such of the papers called for by the resolution as are in the possession of this department.

These papers consist of the reports and correspondence of Archibald Campbell, the commissioner on the part of the United States to carry into effect the first article of the Treaty of the 15th of June, 1846, between the United States and Great Britain, with a copy of his correspondence with Capt. Prevost, the commissioner on the part of her Britannic Majesty's government in relation to the boundary line between the continent and Vancouver's Island, and a general discussion of the subject of the claims of the United States and Great Britain to San Juan and other islands of the Haro Archipelago; correspondence between Lewis Cass, Secretary of State, and Lord Russell, the secretary of state for foreign affairs