

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

*A letter from N. P. Trist, with authenticated maps connected with the treaty with Mexico.*

MARCH 7, 1848.

Read.

To the Senate of the United States:

I lay before the Senate a letter of the 12th of February, 1848, from N. P. Trist, together with the authenticated map of the United Mexican States, and of the plan of the port of San Diego, referred to in the fifth article of the "treaty of peace, friendship, limits and settlement between the United States of America and the Mexican republic;" which treaty was transmitted to the Senate with my message of the 22d ultimo.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, March 7, 1848.

[Original received at the Department of State 6th March, 1848.]

Mr. Trist to Mr. Buchanan.

[No. 29.]

HEAD-QUARTERS, U. S. ARMY,  
Mexico, February 12, 1848.

SIR: I transmit, herewith, the maps referred to in the fifth article of the treaty of peace, friendship, limits, and settlement between the United States and the Mexican republic, which was signed in quintuplicate on the 2d instant, and despatched immediately after. The duplicate of the treaty was transmitted on the 9th, together with my despatch No. 27, which had been written in the days immediately preceding the signature of the treaty, but which it had proved impossible for me to get copied out for transmission, or to find time for copying myself. The same remark still applies to enclosures A and B of No. 27, although it went accompanied by its enclosure C.

I take great pleasure in stating, that the probabilities of the ratification of the treaty by Mexico, which were previously very good, have been becoming stronger and stronger every hour for several days past, and that there is good reason to believe that it may take place within two months from its date.

In the accompanying "Monitor Republicano," of the 11th instant, will be found the circular of the Minister of Relations to the governors of States, informing them of the signature of the treaty.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. P. TRIST.

Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN,  
Secretary of State.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN ANSWER

To the resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant, in relation to the terms of the authority given to Mr. Trist to draw the three millions of dollars.

MARCH 9, 1848.

Read.

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of this date, requesting the President "to inform the Senate of the terms of the authority given to Mr. Trist to draw for the three millions of dollars authorized by the act of the 2d of March, 1847," I communicate herewith a report from the Secretary of State, with the accompanying documents, which contain the information called for.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, March 8, 1848.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, March 8, 1848.

SIR: The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate of this date, requesting the President to "inform the Senate of the terms of the authority given to Mr. Trist to draw for the three millions of dollars authorized by the act of the 2d of March, 1847," has the honor to lay before the President the papers specified in the subjoined list, which contain all the information upon the subject of the resolution that can be furnished by this department.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES BUCHANAN.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Walker.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, April 15, 1847.

SIR: The President, as you are aware, has appointed Nicholas P. Trist, esquire, commissioner to conclude a treaty of peace with Mexico, who will immediately proceed upon his mission. As it may become necessary for him whilst abroad to draw upon the treasury, in favor of the Mexican government, for the whole or a part of the sum of three millions of dollars appropriated by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1847, entitled "An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion," I deem it expedient that he should carry with him some testimonial from yourself, to show that his draft will be honored. I would thank you, therefore, to prepare and transmit to me such a testimonial.

Yours, very respectfully,  
JAMES BUCHANAN.

HON. ROBERT J. WALKER,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Walker to Mr. Buchanan.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, April 15, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date; and, in compliance with your request, the testimonial from this department for Mr. Trist, desired by you, is herewith transmitted.

Yours, very respectfully,  
R. J. WALKER,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. JAMES BUCHANAN,  
Secretary of State.

*Mr. Walker to Mr. Trist.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington city, April 15, 1847.*

SIR: In the event of your concluding a treaty of peace and limits with the government of Mexico, in conformity with your instructions of this date from the Hon. James Buchanan, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and the ratification of such treaty by the government of Mexico, you are authorized to draw upon the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America for any sum not exceeding three millions of dollars, to be paid under your instructions aforesaid, given in pursuance of the provisions of the act of Congress of the 3d March, 1847, entitled "An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
Seal of the Treasury } R. J. WALKER,  
Department. } *Secretary of the Treasury.*  
NICHOLAS P. TRIST, Esq.,  
*Commissioner, &c.*

*Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Walker.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington city, February 23, 1848.*

SIR: On the 15th April last, upon my request, you furnished Nicholas P. Trist, esquire, the late commissioner to Mexico, an authority to draw upon you for three millions of dollars, in pursuance of the provisions of the act of Congress of 3d March, 1847, entitled "An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion." As Mr. Trist has been recalled from his mission, and consequently his power has ceased to draw any such draft, I respectfully request that you would confer a similar authority upon Major General William O. Butler to draw upon the treasury of the United States for the sum of three millions of dollars, in pursuance of the provisions of said act.

Yours, very respectfully,  
JAMES BUCHANAN.  
Hon. ROBERT J. WALKER,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

*Mr. Walker to Mr. Buchanan.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*February 23, 1848.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date; and, in compliance with your request, the

testimonial from this department for General William O. Butler, desired by you, is herewith transmitted.

Yours, very respectfully,  
R. J. WALKER.

Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN,  
*Secretary of State.*

*Mr. Walker to General Butler.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington City, February 23, 1848.*

SIR: Upon the ratification of a treaty of peace by the republic of Mexico, in conformity with the provisions of the act of the Congress of the United States of America, approved March 3, 1847, entitled "An act making further appropriation to bring the existing war with Mexico to a speedy and honorable conclusion," you are authorized to draw on this department for any sum not exceeding three millions of dollars, to be paid in pursuance of the provisions of said act.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
[L. S.] R. J. WALKER,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

To Major General WILLIAM O. BUTLER.