

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

IN

COMPLIANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE,

OF

THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF LAST MONTH,

Requesting to be furnished with such information as may be possessed by the executive, touching the execution of so much of the first article of the late treaty of peace and amity between his Britannic majesty and the United States, as relates to the restitution of Slaves, and which has not heretofore been communicated.

DECEMBER 3d, 1818.

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To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 25th of last month, requesting to be furnished with such information as may be possessed by the executive, touching the execution of so much of the first article of the late treaty of peace and amity between His Britannic Majesty and the United States, as relates to the restitution of slaves, and which has not heretofore been communicated, I lay before the Senate, a report made by the Secretary of State on the 1st instant, in relation to that subject.

JAMES MONROE.

Washington, December 2, 1818.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

DECEMBER 1, 1818.

The Secretary of State, to whom has been referred, the resolution of the Senate of the 25th ult requesting information not heretofore communicated, relating to the restitution of slaves, conformably to the first article of the late treaty of peace, between the United States and Great Britain, has the honor of reporting to the President of the United States, that the difference of construction given by the two governments to that part of the first article of the treaty, and the claim of the citizens of the United States to indemnity for slaves carried away, contrary to its stipulations, form one of the subjects of negotiation now pending in England; which negotiation having commenced towards the close of the month of August, no report of its progress has yet been received at this department from the plenipotentiaries, to whom, on the part of the United States, it has been committed.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.