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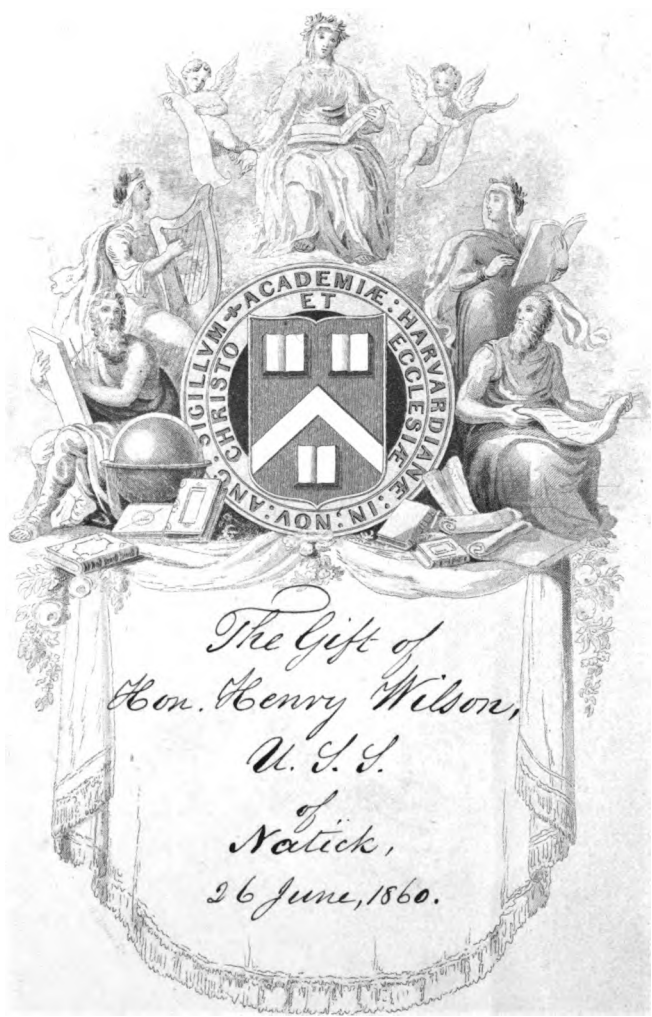
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MESSAGES

OF THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING,

IN COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS OF THE SENATE,

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE

COMPULSORY ENLISTMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

IN THE

ARMY OF PRUSSIA, &c.

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APRIL 17, 1860.—*Resolved*, That the Messages of the President of the 11th and 16th of April instant, communicating, in compliance with resolutions of the Senate, information in regard to the compulsory enlistment of American citizens in the army of Prussia, &c., be printed together, and that five thousand extra copies thereof be printed and bound for the use of the Senate.

# MESSAGE

OF THE

## PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING,

*In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, information in regard to the compulsory enlistment of American citizens in the army of Prussia.*

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APRIL 13, 1860.—Read, ordered to lie on the table.

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*To the Senate of the United States:*

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 2d February, 1859, requesting information in regard to the compulsory enlistment of citizens of the United States in the army of Prussia, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, and the documents by which it was accompanied.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

WASHINGTON, *April 11, 1860.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, April 10, 1860.*

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate of the 2d of February, 1859, requesting the President "to communicate copies of any correspondence between the government of the United States and the government of Prussia on the subject of the compulsory enlistment of American citizens in the army of that kingdom, with such other information on the subject as the Department of State may be able to furnish," has the honor to lay before the President a copy of the papers specified in the subjoined list.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS CASS.

The PRESIDENT.

*List of accompanying documents.*

- Mr. Wheaton to Mr. Forsyth, 29th July, 1840, with inclosures.  
 Mr. Barnard to Mr. Webster, 11th March, 1851—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 10th June, 1851—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 24th June, 1851—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 28th July, 1851—extract—with inclosures.  
 Mr. Fay to Mr. Webster, 15th May, 1852—extract—with inclosures.  
 Mr. Barnard to Mr. Webster, 15th June, 1852, with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 13th July, 1852—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 20th July, 1852—extract—with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 3d August, 1852, with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 3d August, 1852—extract.  
 Same to same, 10th August, 1852—extract—with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 17th August, 1852, with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 12th October, 1852, with inclosures.  
 Mr. Fay to Mr. Webster, 26th October, 1852—extract—with inclosure.  
 Mr. Barnard to Mr. Everett, 7th December, 1852—extract—with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 14th December, 1852—extract—with inclosure.  
 Mr. Everett to Mr. Barnard, 14th January, 1853—extract—with inclosure.  
 Mr. Barnard to Mr. Everett, 8th February, 1853—extract.  
 Same to same, 15th February, 1853, with inclosure.  
 Mr. Barnard to Mr. Marcy, 22d March, 1853—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 5th April, 1853—extract—with inclosure.  
 Baron Gerolt to Mr. Marcy, 11th July, 1853, with inclosure.  
 Mr. Vroom to Mr. Marcy, 31st October, 1853—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 13th December, 1853—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 28th February, 1854—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 2d May, 1854—extract—with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 9th May, 1854—extract—with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 16th May, 1854—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 6th February, 1855—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 20th March, 1855—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 18th September, 1855—extract—with inclosure.  
 Same to same, 23d October, 1855—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 8th January, 1856—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 22d January, 1856—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 26th February, 1856—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 13th May, 1856—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 2d December, 1856—extract—with inclosures.  
 Same to same, 20th January, 1857—extract—with inclosure.  
 Mr. Vroom to Mr. Cass, 14th July, 1857—extract—with inclosures

- Mr. Wright to Mr. Cass, 19th September, 1857—extract.  
Same to same, 21st September, 1858—extract.  
Same to same, 28th September, 1858—extract.  
Same to same, 2d November, 1858—extract.  
Same to same, 4th December, 1858—extract—with inclosure.  
Mr. Cass to Mr. Wright, 10th December, 1858.  
Mr. Wright to Mr. Cass, 18th January, 1859, with inclosures.  
Same to same, 26th January, 1859—extract.  
Same to same, 12th March, 1859—extract.  
Same to same, 9th April, 1859—extract.  
Mr. Wright to Mr. Cass, 4th June, 1859—extract.  
Same to same, 25th June 1859—extract.  
Mr. Cass to Mr. Wright, 8th July, 1859.  
Mr. Wright to Mr. Cass, 6th August, 1859—extract.  
Same to same, 10th August, 1859, with inclosures.  
Same to same, 13th August, 1859—extract—with inclosure.  
Same to same, 20th August, 1859.  
Same to same, 24th August, 1859, with inclosures.  
Same to same, 31st August, 1859.  
Mr. Cass to Mr. Wright, 15th September, 1859.  
Same to same, 9th December, 1859.  
Same to same, 17th December, 1859.  
Mr. Wright to Mr. Cass, 7th March, 1860.—extract—with inclosures.



*Mr. Wheaton to Mr. Forsyth.*

No. 157.]

BERLIN, *July 29, 1840.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to inclose copies of correspondence relating to the case of Johann Philipp Knoche, a naturalized citizen of the United States, born in Prussia, and claiming to be exempt from military service on his return to his native country.

As it did not appear to me that his claim could be maintained, I had no hesitation in declining to interfere in the manner requested.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY WHEATON.

Hon. JOHN FORSYTH, *&c., &c.*

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[Translation.]

The very humble petition of Johann Philipp Knoche, of Wunderthausen, district of Berleburg :

WUNDERTHAUSEN, *July 19, 1840.*

I emigrated to America from my birth place in my twenty-first year, in 1834, to seek my fortune in that country. I was six years in America, most of it in Baltimore, where I became an American citizen.

I did not notify my going off from here to the local authority, or the district authority, or that of the jurisdiction, nor ask their permission. It is only since about the twentieth of last month that my father wrote to me to come and fetch him, for he had also determined to emigrate to America. To my greatest astonishment, I learned that by my being here they will enrol me as a soldier, which throws me into the greatest perplexity; therefore, I make free to turn myself to your high authority, with the humble petition that you will inform me whether I must hold myself subject to the Prussian law as bound to military duty, or whether I am exempt, as an American citizen. I have an American passport and certificate of citizenship, which if it be necessary, I can send to your excellency by mail from here, where I must remain till the early part of the coming year, as my father has not yet sold his property, therefore cannot as yet emigrate.

On this subject I humbly and dutifully request as early answer as may be.

With deepest respect, I subscribe myself your excellency's most obedient servant,

JOHANN PHILIPP KNOCHE.

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BERLIN, *July 24, 1840.*

SIR: I have received your application, stating that you are a native-born subject of his Majesty the King of Prussia; that you emigrated

to the United States in the year 1834, being then twenty-one years old, where you became naturalized as a citizen; that you have since returned to your native country, where you have been required to perform military duty, and desiring my official interference for your relief.

In reply, I have to state that it is not in my power to interfere in the manner you desire. Had you remained in the United States, or visited any other foreign country (except Prussia) on your lawful business, you would have been protected by the American authorities, at home and abroad, in the enjoyment of all your rights and privileges as a naturalized citizen of the United States. But, having returned to the country of your birth, *your native domicil and national character revert*, (so long as you remain in the Prussian dominions,) and you are bound in all respects to obey the laws exactly as if you had never emigrated.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY WHEATON.

Mr. JOHANN PHILIPP KNOCHE.

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*Mr. Barnard to Mr. Webster.*

[Extract.]

No. 14.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Berlin, March 11, 1851.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a copy of a note addressed by me to Mr. Manteuffel in behalf of H. Van de Sandt, accompanied by a copy of Mr. Van de Sandt's letter to this legation.

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With the highest respect, I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

D. D. BARNARD.

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER,  
*Secretary of State.*

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*Mr. Barnard to Mr. Manteuffel.*

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Berlin, March 4, 1851.*

MONSIEUR LE BARON: I have the honor to inclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Sandt, who has been ordered to leave Prussia by the landrath of Cleve. As he declares himself a citizen of the United States, although I have not yet seen his passport, I beg to present his request for a reconsideration of his case.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to your excellency the assurance of my distinguished consideration.

D. D. BARNARD.

His Excellency BARON VON MANTEUFFEL,  
*Minister of Foreign Affairs, &c.*