

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN ANSWER

To a resolution of the Senate requesting copies of correspondence and documents relative to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and the territory claimed by the Mosquito Indians.

JANUARY 28, 1853.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

* In answer to the resolution of the Senate, of the 13th instant, requesting a copy of correspondence and other documents relative to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and the territory claimed by the Mosquito Indians, I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, to whom the resolution was referred.

MILLARD FILLMORE.

WASHINGTON, *January 27, 1853.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 27, 1853.

SIR: With reference to a resolution of the Senate, of the 13th instant, requesting the President, so far as may be compatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate copies of any correspondence which took place with the Minister of Great Britain in the United States in respect to the treaty negotiated by Mr. Squier with Nicaragua, which was submitted to the Senate in 1850; also a copy of said treaty, and of any substitute for it, or any part of it, submitted to the American government by the British Minister, and of the letters of the latter urging the acceptance of such substitute, and the replies thereto; and also copies of any correspondence which took place between the Secretary of State and the British Minister and the Minister from Costa Rica, in respect to a *projet* which was submitted to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and the Mosquito Indians, and a copy of such *projet*, with the instructions given to Mr. Walsh, the special agent deputed by the United States to present that *projet* to the States of Nicaragua and Costa Rica; as also of such other correspondence as may have passed

between him and the Secretary of State upon the subject; as also copies of the correspondence with Mr. Kerr, chargé d'affaires of the United States in Nicaragua, in reference thereto, together with any correspondence with the government of Nicaragua or its Minister in respect to the same *projet*; and also copies of any letters which may have been addressed to this government by the Minister of Nicaragua or the Minister of Great Britain, in reference to the construction and purport of the convention between the United States and Great Britain, signed April 19, 1850, and proclaimed July 5, 1850, and of the replies made to them, if any—

The Secretary of State has the honor to report, that, as the negotiations on the general subjects referred to in the resolution are still pending, the production of the papers called for would tend to increase the difficulties which attend the settlement of the questions in discussion; and that, for this reason, it would not be for the public interest that they should at this time be communicated.

Respectfully submitted:

EDWARD EVERETT.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.