

[No. 15.]

November 1, 1894.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble.

The American people should gratefully render thanksgiving and praise to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe who has watched over them with kindness and fostering care during the year that has passed; they should also with humility and faith supplicate the Father of All Mercies for continued blessings according to their needs, and they should by deeds of charity seek the favor of the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

November 29, 1894,
set apart as a day of
national thanksgiving.

Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November instant as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, to be kept and observed by all the people of the land.

On that day let our ordinary work and business be suspended and let us meet in our accustomed places of worship and give thanks to Almighty God for our preservation as a nation, for our immunity from disease and pestilence, for the harvests that have rewarded our husbandry, for a renewal of national prosperity and for every advance in virtue and intelligence that has marked our growth as a People.

And with our thanksgiving let us pray that these blessings may be multiplied unto us, that our national conscience may be quickened to a better recognition of the power and goodness of God and that in our national life we may clearer see and closer follow the path of righteousness.

And in our places of worship and praise, as well as in the happy re-unions of kindred and friends on that day, let us invoke Divine approval by generously remembering the poor and needy. Surely He, who has given us comfort and plenty, will look upon our relief of the destitute and our ministrations of charity as the work of hearts truly grateful and as proofs of the sincerity of our thanksgiving.

Witness my hand and the seal of the United States, which I have caused to be hereto affixed.

Done at the City of Washington on the first day of November in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and of [SEAL.] the Independence of the United States the one hundred and nineteenth.

GROVER CLEVELAND

By the President:

W. Q. GRESHAM

Secretary of State.

[No. 16.]

February 18, 1895.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

The following provisions of the laws of the United States are hereby published for the information of all concerned.

R. S., sec. 1956, p. 343.
Fur-bearing animals, Alaska.

Section 1956, Revised Statutes, Chapter 3, Title XXIII, enacts that: "No person shall kill any otter, mink, marten, sable, or fur-seal, or other fur-bearing animal within the limits of Alaska Territory, or in the waters thereof; and every person guilty thereof shall, for each offense, be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand

“dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and all vessels, their tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo, found engaged in violation of this section shall be forfeited; but the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to authorize the killing of any such mink, marten, sable, or other fur-bearing animal, except fur-seals, under such regulations as he may prescribe; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to prevent the killing of any fur-seal, and to provide for the execution of the provisions of this section until it is otherwise provided by law; nor shall he grant any special privileges under this section.”

Section 3 of the act entitled “An Act to provide for the protection of the salmon fisheries of Alaska,” approved March 2, 1889, provides:

Vol. 25, p. 1009.

“Sec. 3. That section nineteen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby declared to include and apply to all the dominion of the United States in the waters of Behring Sea; and it shall be the duty of the President, at a timely season in each year, to issue his proclamation and cause the same to be published for one month in at least one newspaper if any such there be published at each United States port of entry on the Pacific coast, warning all persons against entering said waters for the purpose of violating the provisions of said section; and he shall also cause one or more vessels of the United States to diligently cruise said waters and arrest all persons, and seize all vessels found to be, or to have been, engaged in any violation of the laws of the United States therein.”

Laws prohibiting killing of fur-bearing animals in Alaska declared to include waters of Behring Sea in dominion of United States.

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, hereby warn all persons against entering the waters of Behring Sea within the dominion of the United States for the purpose of violating the provisions of said section 1956 of the Revised Statutes; and I hereby proclaim that all persons found to be, or to have been engaged in any violation of the laws of the United States in said waters, will be arrested, proceeded against, and punished as above provided.

Persons warned against entering Behring Sea intending to violate laws.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and nineteenth.

GROVER CLEVELAND

By the President:

W. Q. GRESHAM

Secretary of State.

[No. 17.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

February 25, 1895.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, an Act of Congress entitled “An Act to postpone the enforcement of the Act of August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled ‘An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions at sea,’” was approved February 23, 1895,

Preamble. *Ante*, p. 680. Vol. 26, p. 320.

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, do hereby give notice that said Act of August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, as amended by the Act of May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, will not go into force on March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the date fixed in my

Effect of Act to prevent collisions at sea postponed. *Ante*, p. 1250.