

M E S S A G E
OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

A copy of regulations for the consular courts of the United States in Japan, decreed and issued by the minister of the United States in that country.

JANUARY 27, 1871.—Read, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a report from the Secretary of State, and the papers which accompanied it, concerning regulations for the consular courts of the United States in Japan.

U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, *January 27, 1871.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, January 26, 1870.

The Secretary of State has the honor to submit herewith, for revision by Congress, in conformity with the provisions of section 6 of the act approved 22d of June, 1860, a copy of "regulations for the consular courts of the United States in Japan," decreed and issued by C. E. De Long, the minister of the United States in that country, in September, 1870; and also the papers mentioned in the subjoined list, which contain suggestions on the subject thereof.

A copy of Article XXVI of the consular regulations is also submitted, and the Secretary of State respectfully suggests, for the consideration of Congress, the propriety of limiting the power of ministers to make decrees and regulation, in the sense in which it is limited by paragraph 431 of the article before named—that is, "to acts necessary to organize and give efficiency to the courts created by the act."

Respectfully submitted.

HAMILTON FISH.

The PRESIDENT.

List of accompanying papers.

1. Regulations for the consular courts of the United States in Japan.
2. Mr. Fish to Mr. De Long, September 10, 1870.