

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS

OF THE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

SHOWING THE

OPERATIONS, EXPENDITURES, AND CONDITION OF THE INSTITUTION,
UP TO JANUARY 1, 1854.

AND THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD UP TO JULY 2, 1854.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

COMMUNICATION

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

TRANSMITTING

The Annual Report of the Board of Regents of that Institution.

AUGUST 1, 1854.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

AUGUST 2, 1854.—Ordered that 10,000 additional copies be printed, to include the minority report on the distribution of the fund—7,000 copies for distribution by the members of the House, and 3,000 copies for said Institution.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington, July 22, 1854.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and beg leave to request that you will present it to the House of Representatives of the United States.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HENRY,

Secretary Smithsonian Institution.

Hon. LINN BOYD,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In obedience to the act of Congress of August 10, 1846, establishing the Smithsonian Institution, the undersigned, in behalf of the Regents, submit to Congress, as a report of the operations, expenditures, and condition of the Institution, the following documents :

1. The Annual Report of the Secretary, giving an account of the operations of the Institution during the year 1853, including reports from the Assistant Secretaries, relative to the library, museum, &c.

2. Report of the Executive Committee, giving a general statement of the proceeds and disposition of the Smithsonian fund, and also an account of the expenditures for the year 1853.

3. Report of the Building Committee, relative to the progress made in 1853 in the erection of the Smithsonian edifice.

4. Proceedings of the Board of Regents and of the establishment up to July, 1854.

5. Appendix.

Respectfully submitted.

ROGER B. TANEY, *Chancellor.*

JOSEPH HENRY, *Secretary.*

JULY 22, 1854.

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OFFICERS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, *Ex-officio* Presiding Officer of the Institution.

ROGER B. TANNEY, Chancellor of the Institution.

JOSEPH HENRY, Secretary of the Institution.

CHARLES C. JEWETT, Assistant Secretary, in charge of the Library, up to July 10, 1854.

SPENCER F. BAIRD, Assistant Secretary, in charge of the Museum.

ALEXANDER D. BACHE,	}	Executive Committee.
JAMES A. PEARCE,		
JOSEPH G. TOTTEN,		

RICHARD RUSH,	}	Building Committee.
WM. H. ENGLISH,		
JOSEPH HENRY,		
W. W. SEATON, Treasurer.		

REGENTS OF THE INSTITUTION.

_____, Vice President of the United States.

ROGER B. TANNEY, Chief Justice of the United States.

JOHN T. TOWERS, Mayor of the city of Washington.

JAMES A. PEARCE, member of the Senate of the United States.

JAMES M. MASON, member of the Senate of the United States.

S. A. DOUGLAS, member of the Senate of the United States.

W. H. ENGLISH, member of the House of Representatives.

DAVID STUART, member of the House of Representatives.

JAMES MEACHAM, member of the House of Representatives.

RUFUS CHOATE, citizen of Massachusetts.

GIDEON HAWLEY, citizen of New York.

J. MACPHERSON BERRIEN, citizen of Georgia.

RICHARD RUSH, citizen of Pennsylvania.

ALEXANDER D. BACHE, member of the National Institute, Washington.

JOSEPH G. TOTTEN, member of the National Institute, Washington.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO OF THE INSTITUTION.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President of the United States.

———, Vice President of the United States.

WILLIAM L. MARCY, Secretary of State.

JAMES GUTHRIE, Secretary of the Treasury.

JEFFERSON DAVIS, Secretary of War.

JAMES C. DOBBIN, Secretary of the Navy.

JAMES CAMPBELL, Postmaster General.

CALEB CUSHING, Attorney General.

ROGER B. TANEY, Chief Justice of the United States.

CHARLES MASON, Commissioner of Patents.

JOHN T. TOWERS, Mayor of the city of Washington.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

ROBERT HARE.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

BENJAMIN SILLIMAN.

PARKER CLEVELAND.