TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

## MESSAGE

FROM THE

## PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN RELATION TO

The temporary appointment of heads of departments, in case of death, absence, or sickness.

January 6, 1863.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I submit to Congress the expediency of extending to other departments of the government the authority conferred on the President by the eighth section of the act of May 8, 1792, to appoint a person to temporarily discharge the duties of Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, and Secretary of War, in case of the death, absence from the seat of government, or sickness of either of those officers.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Washington, January 2, 1863.