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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 31st, 1849.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the House:

A treaty has been concluded by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and the Emperor of China, which I am authorized to announce to you this day.
TOM ROCKETT,
The English highighter.

Tom Rockett was a highighter. No one knew his real name, or how he had come to the United States. He was a man of about thirty, with a face that was always lit up by a smile. He was very fond of children, and was always ready to amuse them with his stories.

One day, a group of children were playing outside, and Tom approached them. "What are you all doing?" he asked.

"We're playing a game," replied one of the children.

"I want to play too," said Tom.

"But you can't, you're too old," said another.

"That's not true," said Tom. "I'll show you how to play this game.

The children were amazed by Tom's stories and were delighted to play with him. From that day on, Tom became a favorite among the children in the neighborhood.

The end.
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For President
JEREMIAH S. BLACK.

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

To the Public. We have disposed of our Printing Business to Mr. G. D. McRae, by whom the Valley Spirit is to be published in the future.

We transfer to these gentlemen one of the best and most popular periodicals in the State, and we believe that, under their management, it will continue to be a decided success.

The Democratic party are the only true friends of the people, and we believe that they will continue to be so, and that their cause will be sustained to the last.