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SPECIAL ORDER

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, June 3, 1868.

The death of ex-President JAMES BUCHANAN is announced in the following order of the President of the United States:

WASHINGTON, June 2, 1868.

The President, with deep regret, announces to the people of the United States the decease, at Wheatland, Pennsylvania, on the 1st instant, of his honored predecessor, JAMES BUCHANAN.

The event will occasion mourning in the nation for the loss of an eminent citizen and honored public servant.

As a mark of respect for his memory, it is ordered that the Executive Mansion and the several Executive Departments be immediately placed in mourning, and all business be suspended on the day of the funeral.

It is further ordered that the War and Navy Departments cause suitable military and naval honors to be paid on this occasion to the memory of the illustrious dead.

ANDREW JOHNSON

In pursuance of the foregoing order, it is hereby directed that thirty-minute guns be fired at each of the navy yards and naval stations, on Thursday, the 4th inst., the day designated for the funeral of the late ex-President BUCHANAN, commencing at noon, and onboard the flag-ships in each squadron upon the day after the receipt of this order. The flags at the several navy yards, naval stations, and marine barracks will be placed at half-mast until after the funeral, and on board all naval vessels in commission, upon the day after this order is received.

GIDEON WELLES,
Secretary of the Navy.

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