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The American Presidency

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I. FOUNDATIONS

Charles C. Thach, Jr., The Creation of the Presidency, 1775-1789.

James Madison's Notes of the debates of the Constitutional Convention, 1787--in Max Farrand, The Records of the Federal Convention of 1787 and other editions.

- 1 June (all)
- 2 June (all, especially Franklin's speech)
- 4 June (all, and Mason's notes of his speech this day, which can be found in Farrand's Records)
- 18 June (Hamilton's speech)
- 17 July (last two-thirds, beginning II Farrand 29 dealing with 9th Resolution of committee of whole)
- 19 July (all)
- 20 July (all)
- 24 July (all)
- 25 July (Madison's first speech)
- 26 July (Mason's speech and Franklin and Morris' replies)
- 14 August (first four-fifths -- to II Farrand 290)
- 20 August (Morris proposals for a Council of State)
- 4 September (all)
- 6 September (all)

*Edward S. Corwin, The President, Office and Powers, 4th edition, ch. 1-2

Recommended:

- Wilfred E. Binkley, The President and Congress (3d ed.), ch. 1
- Clinton Rossiter, The American Presidency
- Joseph E. Kollentroch, The American Chief Executive

II. Election: Reform of the Electoral College

*Nelson Polsby and Aaron Wildavsky, Presidential Elections; 2nd ed.

*Neal R. Peirce, The People's President

*Alexander Bickel, The New Age of Political Reform

Irving Kristol, "Electoral College: How Important Is It?"
New York Times Magazine.

III. PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT

A. The Removal Controversy

Corwin, The President, ch. 3

1. The "Decision of 1789"

[Annals of Congress, Vol. 1, pp. 368-384, 456-585]

III. PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT, continued

2. The Jackson Controversy

Andrew Jackson, "Protest," April 15, April 21, 1837, Richardson, Messages and Papers of the Presidents, III, 69ff
 Daniel Webster, "The Presidential Protest," Speech delivered in the Senate, May 7, 1834, Works (6th ed., 1853), IV, 103ff

3. Judicial Views

U.S. v Kendall 12 Pet 524 (1838) [opinion of the Court by Thompson, J., only]
 *Myers v U.S. 272 US 52 (1926) [Chandler]
 *Humphrey's Executor (Rathbun) v U.S. 295 U.S. 602 (1935) [Chandler]

Recommended:

Leonard D. White, The Federalists, ch. 2; The Jacksonians, chs. 4-6
 Binkley, President and Congress, chs. 4, 5
 Marvin Meyers, The Jacksonian Persuasion: Politics and Belief, chs. 1, 2, 5, 11

Andrew Jackson, Veto of the Bank Bill, July 10, 1832, H.S. Commager, Documents of American History, I, #147 (Richardson, Messages and Papers of the Presidents, II, 576ff)
 _____, Removal of the Public Deposits, September 18, 1833, Comager, Documents, I, #148 (Richardson, Messages and Papers III, 5 ff)

Daniel Webster, A speech delivered in the Senate on the Presidential Veto of the Bank Bill, July 11, 1832, Works (1852), III, 416 ff

Edward S. Corwin, The President's Removal Power

B. The President as Administrator

President's Committee on Administrative Management, Report (including "Message from the President of the United States"), 1937

Arthur M. Schlesinger, The Coming of the New Deal (vol. II of The Age of Roosevelt), chs. 32-33
 Edward H. Hobbs, "The President and Administration--Eisenhower," Public Administration Review, Autumn, 1958
 Richard A. Neustadt, "Approaches to Staffing the Presidency: Notes on F.D.R. and J.F.K.," American Political Science Review, December, 1963
 Leonard D. White, "George Washington as an Administrator," The Federalists, ch. 9

Recommended:

U.S. Commission on the Executive Branch of the Government (Hoover Commission), 1949, General Management of the Executive Branch and Concluding Report

III. PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT, continued

Recommended:

Barry Karl, Executive Reorganization and Reform in the New Deal (of particular interest to students of political science and public administration for its discussions of Merriam, Gulick and Brownlow)

Herbert Emmerick, "The President's Committee on Administrative Management," Essays on Federal Reorganization

U.S. Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (Hoover Commission), 1955, Budget and Accounting (and Task Force Report on same) and Final Report to the Congress

Richard Fenno, Jr., The President's Cabinet, chs. 3, 4

Edward H. Hobbs, Behind the President

Laurin Henry, Presidential Transitions (a useful recent history, going beyond the problems of transition)

IV. PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP

The Federalist papers, #s 68-77

*Richard E. Neustadt, Presidential Power: The Politics of Leadership
Thomas Jefferson on the Presidency (mimeo)

Arthur M. Schlesinger, The Coming of the New Deal, chs. 1, 30-31, 34-35
The Politics of Upheaval, chs. 1, 35

Morton Frisch, "Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Problem of Democratic Liberty," Ethics, April, 1962

Harry V. Jaffa, "The Nature and Origin of the American Party System," in Robert A. Goldwin (ed.), Political Parties, USA

James MacGregor Burns, Presidential Government

*E.S. Corwin, The President, ch. 7

Recommended:

Leonard D. White, The Federalists; The Jeffersonians; The Jacksonians; The Republican Era

Wilfred E. Binkley, The President and Congress

Harold Laski, The American Presidency

Woodrow Wilson, Congressional Government

Richard Fenno, Jr., The President's Cabinet, ch. 7

Charles M. Hardin, "Emergent Defects in the American Constitutional System," in Robert A. Goldwin (ed.), Political Parties, USA

Walter Lippman, The Public Philosophy, ch. 5

Norman J. Small, Some Presidential Interpretations of the Presidency

V. PREROGATIVE

A. "Of Prerogative" John Locke, The Second Treatise of Civil Government,
ch. 14

B. Foreign affairs

Corwin, The President, ch. 5

Alexander Hamilton, "Pacificus" Letter No. I (June 29, 1793)

James Madison, "Letters of Helvidius," No. 1-5 (August-September, 1793)

*U.S. v Curtis-Wright Export Corporation 299 US 304 (1936) [Chandler]

C. Domestic Affairs

Corwin, The President, chs. 4, 6

[ex parte Merryman 17 Fed. Cases 144 (1861), Commager, Documents,
No. 209]

Opinion by Attorney General (Edward Bates) on the President's
extraordinary power to arrest and hold in custody dangerous
persons. 5 July 1861, War of the Rebellion Official Records
Series II, Vol. II, p. 20

[Abraham Lincoln, "Message to Congress in Special Session," 4 July 1861,
Roy Basler (ed.), Abraham Lincoln: His Speeches and Writings, 594]

*Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. v Sawyer 343 US 579 (1952) [Chandler]

*Recommended for purchase