

Pres. Pierce's message
to Congress, dated
Dec. 5 - 1853

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I come to the conclusion that K.
was seized without legal authority
at S.; that he was wrongfully
detained on board of the A. brig
of war; that, at the time of his
seizure, he was clothed
with the nationality of the
U.S; and that the acts of our
officers, under the circumstances
of the case, were justifiable, and
their conduct has been fully
approved by me, and a
compliance with the several
demands of the Emperor of
Austria has been declined."

