



John Tyler,

10th President of the United States (1841--1845), was elected vice-president, having run with William Henry Harrison on the Whig ticket against incumbent Martin Van Buren. Harrison, after exactly one month in office, died of pneumonia, having accidentally contracted an illness during his inaugural speech. John Tyler became president by succession. Thereafter, Tyler was referred to as "His Accidency". Tyler believed in manifest destiny and presided over the annexation of the Republic of Texas as a state during his last days in office. Charles Dickens met President Tyler during his first American tour in 1842.

*What has caused this great commotion, motion,
Our country through?
It is the ball a-rolling on,
For Tippecanoe and Tyler too, Tippecanoe and Tyler too.
And with them, we'll beat the little Van, Van, Van
Van is a used-up man.*

Harrison's campaign song, election of 1840.