

Orders to this effect have already been given to our officers, and they will be efficiently executed. No depredations committed by the insurgents on our American officers as justifying retaliation upon Her Majesty's peaceable submission of a similar rule on the part of Her Majesty's Authorities, in respect to incursions from our side of the line, as may be made in despite of the vigilant military,—and the exercise of great forbearance in all things on both sides the hope, that the two Governments will be able to overcome difficulties which beset their character.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed)

JOHN FORSYTH.



(MR. FOX TO SIR GEORGE ARTHUR.)

*Washington, November 30th, 1838.*

Your Excellency the copy of an official Note, which I addressed to the United States instant, upon the subject of the extensive conspiracy, which it has been ascertained to be within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States, for the prosecution of lawless and unauthorized depredations on Her Majesty's North American Provinces. I also enclose a copy of the Official Note, which I have received from the United States' Secretary of State.

Enclosed is a Proclamation by the President of the United States, which was issued on the 23rd of November, 1838, in consequence of intelligence had been received at Washington of the actual invasion of Her Majesty's Province of New Brunswick, in the direction of Prescott, by an armed body of Americans, proceeding from the State of New York. It will be well if this earnest exhortation to the Supreme Magistrate of the Republic, shall succeed before it be too late to arrest the present atrocious course of violence and crime.

From the President, and from his Government, distinct assurances of their resolution to support the law permits for the prevention or punishment of those acts of hostility directed against the peace of Her Majesty's possessions.

To add, that it becomes each day more manifest and certain, that the authority of the United States placed in the hands of the Executive Government, is sufficient to sustain the Government in the crisis, which we are now witnessing, to fulfil its national obligations to Great Britain.

Confidence in the defence of Her Majesty's Provinces, upon the firmness and valour of the British troops, and upon the well tried honour, courage and loyalty of the inhabitants of British North America, may all rest secure in the heartfelt and proud conviction, that the whole strength of the British Empire will be exerted, when necessary, to guard or to avenge the attached and faithful Colonies of North America.

I have the honor to be,

With high regard and consideration,

Your Excellency's &c. &c.

(Signed)

H. S. FOX.