

intention on the part of Maine is believed to exist at present, nor was any such intended to be imputed by the terms of the letter of instructions to General Eustis."

(Signed) JOHN BELL.

Inclosure 8 in No. 35.

Mr. Fox to Lord Sydenham.

My Lord,

Washington, September 7, 1841.

I NOW inclose to your Lordship a correspondence which has taken place between Mr. Webster and myself, as anticipated in my despatch of the 1st instant, relative to the movement of two companies of United States' troops into the Disputed Territory, in place of the irregular armed posse of the State of Maine.

I also inclose a copy of the instructions issued by the Department of War to the officer in command of the United States' detachment, which paper has been furnished to me this day by Mr. Webster, and which he desires me to consider as being communicated in confidence.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. S. FOX.

No. 36.

Mr. Fox to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received October 9.)

(No. 88.)

My Lord,

Washington, September 22, 1841.

WITH reference to my despatch to Lord Palmerston No. 83, of the 12th instant, and to the various correspondence therein inclosed, upon matters connected with the Disputed Territory and the provisional occupation and custody thereof, I have now the honour to forward the copy of a letter, dated the 14th instant, addressed to me by the Governor-General of British North America, in reply to my communications to his Lordship of the 1st and 7th instant, which formed part of the correspondence inclosed in my despatch No. 83, above referred to.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. S. FOX.

Inclosure in No. 36.

Lord Sydenham to Mr. Fox.

Sir,

*Government House,
Kingston, September 14, 1841.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches of the 1st and 7th instant, on the subject of the substitution of United States' troops for the armed civil posse of Maine in the Disputed Territory, and inclosing copies of the official correspondence respecting it, which has passed between Mr. Webster and yourself.

From this correspondence it appears that the rumours which had reached us of the movement of United States' troops, were well founded, although that movement had taken place in the first instance, without the knowledge of Mr. Webster; and I infer from the absence of any allusion to that point in his official letter, that Mr. Webster had not subsequently countermanded the march of these forces, as he had informally promised you to do. However much the adoption of this irregular mode of proceeding in a matter of so much importance, is to be regretted, I agree with you that the substitution of regular troops for the Maine civil posse, with or without reference to other parts of the contemplated arrangement, will be a great point gained both with a view to present peace, and