

"A fortnight after these orders had been sent out the undersigned received from Mr Buchanan a note, dated July 6th, alleging that the neutrality laws of the United States had in many instances been violated by persons taking steps, either with or without the approbation of the British Government, for the purpose of engaging or enlisting within the United States recruits for the British service; and Mr Buchanan, in the conclusion of his note, stated that "the President would be much gratified to learn that her Majesty's Government had not authorised the proceedings complained of, but had condemned the conduct of its officials engaged therein, and had visited them with its marked displeasure, as well as taken decisive measures to put a stop to conduct contrary to the law of nations, the laws of the United States, and the comity which ought ever to prevail in the intercourse between the two friendly Powers."

"The undersigned, in reply to this note, expressed to Mr Buchanan, on the 16th of July, the regret of her Majesty's Government if the law of the United States had been in any way infringed by persons acting with or without authority from her Majesty's Government; and he stated that any such infringement of the law of the United States would be contrary to the wishes and the positive instructions of the British Government.

"The undersigned went on to explain his reasons for believing that no person authorised to act for the British Government had violated the law of the United States; and in conclusion he stated that the request of the President that decisive measures might be taken to put an end to these proceedings had been anticipated by the spontaneous act of her Majesty's Government, who had, a fortnight before the receipt of Mr Buchanan's note, sent out orders to put an end to the arrangement for enlisting within the North American provinces persons who might come there from other places.

"Mr Buchanan, in reply, said, in a note dated the 18th of July, that he should feel much satisfaction in transmitting to his Government the note of the undersigned.

"So strong appears to have been the impression on the mind of Mr Buchanan of the satisfactory nature of this communication, that when afterwards he received a despatch from Mr Marcy with renewed instructions to address remonstrances to the British Government on the subject of the recruiting proceedings, he abstained from acting upon those instructions, and withheld Mr Marcy's despatch containing them from the knowledge of her Majesty's Government, obviously because he perceived by its date, the 15th of July, that it was written long before the note of the undersigned of the 16th of July could have been received by Mr Marcy, and because he concluded that when that note should have been received, the Government of the United States would be satisfied with its contents. For a considerable time this conclusion appeared well founded. On the 5th of September, however, Mr Marcy addressed a note to Mr Crampton, not alleging that fresh subjects of complaint had arisen since the receipt in America of the British orders of the 22nd of June, but going back to the same transactions to which Mr Buchanan's note of the 6th of July had adverted, and renewing all his original complaints, as if no notice had been taken of his former representations, as if no regret had been expressed, and as if no measures had been adopted to put an instant stop to the proceedings out of which his complaints had originated.