

Lieutenant-General Sir J. MICHEL to the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

MY LORD,

Head-Quarters, Montreal, June 8, 1866.

I HAVE the honour to forward a statement of the naval force which has been placed on the St. Lawrence and Lakes within the last week, chiefly owing to the valuable and extraordinary exertions of Captain Hood of Her Majesty's ship "Pylades."

This flotilla is more valuable than any number of troops, and quite places the line of the St. Lawrence in our hands.

Also a return showing the number and position of our troops.

The Proclamation just issued by the President of the United States has had already very great effect.

The United States Government and Military authorities, are acting with good faith, vigour, and promptitude.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. MICHEL, Lieutenant-General,
Commanding the Forces in British North America.

The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for War,
War Office.

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MEMORANDUM of Naval Arrangements.

These have been made under authority of his Excellency the Governor-General.

Those at Montreal have been carried out under Captain Hood, of Her Majesty's ship "Pylades," who has supplied the accompanying tabular statement.

At Toronto the steamers "Magnet" and "Rescue," have been taken up; crews, armaments, and stores for them reached Toronto on 5th proximo, from Her Majesty's ship "Aurora," Captain de Horsey, which is at Quebec.

The "Rescue," Lieutenant Heron Maxwell, R.N., has passed into Lake Erie and is now at Windsor, C.W.

The "Magnet," Lieutenant Fairlie, R.N., is at Toronto, C.W.

The "Watertown," a ferry boat, has been taken up at Kingston and armed with a 24-pounder brass howitzer, and 9-pounder brass gun; she is manned by Royal Artillery and a Volunteer Naval Company.

Vice-Admiral Sir J. Hope was to arrive in Her Majesty's ship "Duncan" at Quebec this morning, with the 17th Regiment on board from Halifax.

He has been telegraphed.

By command,
(Signed) WM. EARLE, Lieutenant-Colonel,
Military Secretary.

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(Signed for the Lieutenant-General, who has gone to St. John's.)