

If, however, to prevent the possibility of the breach of neutrality which you apprehend, you will undertake to stop the said steam-boat, or any other vessel which may be employed in the same cause, and have her examined, to ascertain whether or not they have any of the rebels on board lately in arms upon Navy Island, or any of their arms or munitions of war, I will immediately give orders that Her Majesty's vessels shall merely remain in the Niagara river, as a squadron of observation, and without interfering in any manner with any vessel that may pass or repass upon any business whatever.

I have the honor to be, &c.

C. H. HUGHES,

Lt. Col. Commanding 24th Regt.

And Colonel Commanding Niagara Frontier.

Major General Scott, &c. &c.

Commanding United States Army, Buffalo.

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CHIPPewa,

January 21st, 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the last communications between myself and General Scott, commanding the United States troops at Buffalo, which last answer I have only now received, and of which I request you will inform His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

I herewith forward the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant General.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant. I have ordered twenty-five men of the Artillery to proceed to Niagara to-morrow morning, to embark for Toronto, under Captain Glasgow; and have given directions to Lieut. Colonel Cameron, R. A. that the ordnance, and ordnance stores, may be forwarded to Toronto, agreeable to your orders.

Lieutenant Crawley, R. E. is at present at Niagara, for the purpose of inspecting and reporting to you the state of Fort Mississauga; and I agree with you, that a Subaltern of the Royal Artillery should for the present be stationed there, and more Artillery-men than will remain from those to be taken by Captain Glasgow, on account of the number of guns which you propose to leave there.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, &c.

C. H. HUGHES,

Lt. Colonel 24th Regt.

And Colonel Commanding Niagara Frontier.

(Signed)

COLONEL FOSTER, &c. &c.

Commanding in Upper Canada.

(Copy.)

HEAD QUARTERS,
Eastern Division U. S. Army,
Buffalo, January 20th, 1838.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive, by the hands of Captain Maitland, your letter of the 16th instant, which enclosed one of the same date from Captain Drew, of the Royal Navy, and I have since received the communication of Colonel MacNab, commanding Her Majesty's militia and naval forces on the Niagara frontier, dated the 18th.

I begged Captain Maitland to offer you my numerous and pressing engagements as an apology for my not giving, at the time, a more formal acknowledgment of the first and second notes; and the same apology was repeated through Captain Glasgow, whom I have since had the pleasure to receive as a visitor.

Both Captains Maitland and Glasgow had opportunities, (and I was pleased that it was so) to witness the character of my occupations, which had for object the defeat, by harm-

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