

rities for trial and punishment. Orders to this effect have already I doubt not, be promptly and efficiently executed. No depraved citizens, will be regarded by American officers as justifying retaliation; and with the application of a similar rule on the part of such unauthorized and lawless incursions from our side of the frontier of our officers civil and military,—and the exercise of great power. The President allows himself to hope, that the two Governments will feel to be of the most threatening character.

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(MR. FOX TO SIR GEORGE

SIR,

I herewith enclose to your Excellency the copy of an official statement of the United States Government on the 3rd instant, upon the subject of the existing piratical hostility against Her Majesty's North American Provinces. I further transmit to you a Proclamation by the President, dated the 15th instant, which I have received from the

I further transmit to you a Proclamation by the President, dated the 21st instant, after the intelligence had been received at Washington, that a party of British troops, in the direction of Prescott, had been moving from Oswego and Ogdensburgh, in the State of New York, addressed to his fellow citizens by the Supreme Magistrate of the United States, late for the peace of both countries, in arresting the present attack.

I continue to receive from the President, and from his Government, the fullest assurance of their determination to employ all means which the law permits for the prevention of any further aggression, which are now being perpetrated against the peace of Her Majesty's Colonies.

It is my duty, however, to add, that it becomes each day more manifest, that the laws and institutions of the United States place in the hands of the Government, not sufficient to enable that Government in the crisis, which we are now passing, to discharge its duties towards the Crown of Great Britain.

We must still mainly rely for the defence of Her Majesty's Colonies, and upon the well tried honour, courage, and loyalty of Her Majesty's Troops, and upon the well tried honour, courage, and loyalty of the British Empire will be exerted, when necessary, to guard the interests of Her Majesty's subjects in North America.

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