

situated as you are, who really desired to see the rebellion against the constituted authorities of Upper Canada put down; more particularly as the majority of the persons concerned in the hostile expedition were citizens of your own country, and were in fact in the situation of mere banditti.

I regret to observe an evident intention on the part of the authorities of the United States, stationed on the Niagara frontier, to screen the guilty actors in this disgraceful outrage against the laws, as well of Great Britain as of the United States, otherwise we should not hear those authorities speak of the "practicability" of arresting the leaders of that expedition, when so completely in their power, as those men are who lately occupied Navy Island.

I had, on the 11th instant, the honor to address Commissary General Arcularius, or the Officer in command of the United States Militia Forces, on the Niagara Frontier, upon the subject of an outrage committed by the Militia Force of the United States, stationed upon Grand Island, on Lieutenant Elmsley, of the Royal Navy, and the Boat's Crew under his command, but I have not as yet received any answer to my communication upon this matter. I may now briefly state, that the outrage complained of was the firing upon Lieutenant Elmsley, by the Militia Force alluded to, and directly under the American Flag.

I trust that you will cause an investigation of this serious charge to be made—and I have the honor to request that the result of your enquiries into this matter may be communicated to me with as little delay as possible.

I beg also to refer you to the correspondence that took place on the 13th instant, between Colonel Iron Ayer, of the 48th Regiment, 47th Brigade, New York Militia, in relation to certain complaints made by that Officer to me; in order that the same may be laid before the proper authorities in the United States for investigation—as I have no desire to conceal from the world any part of my conduct, whilst in command of Her Majesty's Forces upon this frontier.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Colonel Commanding Militia & Naval Forces,
Niagara Frontier.

Major General Scott,
United States Army,
Sr. Sr. Sr.
(Copy.)

HEAD QUARTERS, CHIPPEWA.

Friday night, January 19th, 1838.

I have the honor to report to you, that I proceeded to Buffalo with your Despatch to General Scott, of the United States Army, where I had the honor of an interview with that Officer this morning.

After General Scott had perused the Despatch, he desired me to inform Colonel MacNab, at a convenient time he would answer his Despatch in writing—that at present he could do so verbally. General Scott then remarked, that it was evident Colonel MacNab was anxious of drawing him into a correspondence, for which he had no leisure at present, as he was wholly occupied in endeavouring to preserve the neutrality of the United States from the existing disturbances on our frontier;—that Colonel MacNab might have leisure for maintaining such correspondence, but he (General Scott) had not;—and that he had been so employed in maintaining the neutrality of the United States, two Officers of the British Army in the house (American Hotel) could testify.

I beg leave to remark, that General Scott appeared very much agitated on perusing your Despatch, and while he made the above verbal communication.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obed't. Humble Servant,
(Signed) D. BETHUNE.

Colonel,
The Hon. ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Commanding Militia and Naval Forces, Niagara Frontier.