

sent from hence, on the 2nd instant, to suspend, till further notice, the march of the two companies; but these counter orders will probably have arrived too late, as General Scott's previous orders appear to have been despatched on the 14th ultimo.

Mr. Webster tells me, that when the troops move, Colonel Pierce, commanding the United States' regiment at Houlton, has directions to go himself along the frontier, and to place himself in friendly communication with the British officers in command of our stations there. But I must repeat, that the business of the Public Departments at Washington is at this time so loosely and incoherently conducted, that it is most difficult for me to know what I may rely upon.

The ministerial crisis here is not yet over, but probably will be this week. The new Bank Bill has passed the two Houses of Congress, and is now in the hands of the President.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed) H. S. FOX.

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Mr. Webster to Mr. Fox.

September 7, 1841.

THIS copy of the orders transmitted from the War Department is communicated to Mr. Fox in entire and strict confidence.

(Signed) DANIEL WEBSTER.

Copy of directions from the Department of War to the Adjutant-General of the army for an order to General Eustis.

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Department of War, September 4, 1841.

YOU will inform the officer in command of the detachment lately ordered to take post in the Disputed Territory south of the St. John, that, as the duty of the civil posse of Maine, which his force was intended to relieve, was designed simply to prevent depredations upon the timber by unauthorised persons, whether citizens of the United States or subjects of the Crown of Great Britain, he will be careful not to interfere in any matter of civil jurisdiction assumed by the authorised agents or officers of either the State of Maine or New Brunswick, and confine himself strictly to the execution of the duties specially assigned, by the order of Major-General Scott of the 14th ultimo.

If any proceedings on the part of the Provincial Government shall appear to be in contravention of the spirit of the agreement between the two Governments in relation to the occupation, by either, of any part of the Disputed Territory, it will be reported directly to this department, or to general head-quarters, that the opinion of the President may be had thereon.

You will, at the same time, give directions that the troops of the detachment shall be particular in guarding against any intrusion into that portion of the Madawaska settlement which lies south of the St. John. All interruption of the inhabitants of that settlement, and of the subjects of Great Britain, will also be strictly forbidden, unless in the exercise of the duty of preserving the timber against unauthorised depredations; and then, force should not be employed unless it may be found absolutely necessary to effect this object.

It has been suggested that, from the language of the direction given by Major-General Scott to Brigadier-General Eustis of the 14th ultimo, it may be inferred that the Government of Maine is expected to authorize the cutting of timber on the Disputed Territory; such a proceeding is not contemplated by the President, and will be regarded by him not only unfortunate, but in violation of the understanding existing between this Government and Great Britain on this subject; and no such