

Resolved, That we have a right to expect that the General Government will extend to this member of the Union, by negotiation or by arms, the protection of her territorial rights, guarantied by the Federal Compact, and thus save her the necessity of falling back upon her natural and reserved rights of self-defence and self-protection—rights which constitutions can neither give nor take away; but should this confidence of a speedy crisis be disappointed, it will become the imperative duty of Maine to assume the defence of our State and national honour, and expel from our limits the British troops now quartered upon our territory.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to the President and heads of departments, and to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, with a request to the latter to lay them before the respective bodies of which they are members; also, to the Governors of the several States, with a request to lay them before their several Legislatures.

No. 35.

Mr. Fox to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received May 25, 1840.)

(Extract.)

Washington, May 7, 1840.

I HAVE had the honour to receive, by the steam packet *Great Western*, your Lordship's Despatch of the 14th of April, relating to the boundary negotiation.

Mr. Forsyth informs me that by the same conveyance he has received letters from Mr. Stevenson, which are considered satisfactory by the United States Government, inasmuch as they contain assurances of Mr. Stevenson's conviction, founded, I believe, upon recent personal communications with your Lordship, that a sincere desire exists on the part of Her Majesty's Government to conduct the boundary negotiation to an amicable conclusion.

No further correspondence upon the subject of the boundary affairs has passed between the American Government and myself, and no further proceedings have taken place in Congress, since the date of my Despatch of the 17th of April. The brief but important debate in the Senate of the 14th of April, of which a report was forwarded in that Despatch, has produced a favourable effect throughout the United States.

With reference to the latter part of the correspondence upon the boundary affairs which recently passed between the United States' Government and myself, I have now the honour to inclose copies of a further correspondence upon the same subject between Major-General Sir John Harvey and myself. Sir John Harvey's letter now inclosed, of the 16th of April, relates, it will be seen, principally to the positions assumed in Mr. Forsyth's official note to me of the 25th of March, (forwarded to Her Majesty's Government, in my Despatch of the 30th of March,) with reference to the geographical limits of the Madawaska Settlements, and to the extent of country over which, according to the true intent of the provisional agreement entered into at the beginning of last year, between the Governments of New Brunswick and Maine, the Maine land agent's posse ought to have been allowed to act.

Inclosure 1 in No. 35.

Mr. Fox to Sir John Harvey.

(Extract.)

Washington, March 28, 1840.

I HEREWITH inclose correct copies of two further official notes which have passed between the United States' Government and myself, upon the subject of the affairs of the disputed territory, subsequently to the date of my last letter to you.

These will probably close the correspondence for the present, at least on my part, and until I receive fresh instructions from Her Majesty's Government;