

The St. John's would, however, still be the most convenient channel for the valuable timber cut near the Restock; and if any equivalent advantage should be obtained in the settlement of the boundary, I am of opinion that the privilege might be accorded to the Americans of floating their timber down the St. John's, it being understood that the privilege should be strictly limited to that object.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

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Inclosure 21 in No. 28.

*Sir W. Colebrooke to Mr. Fox.*

*Government House, Fredericton,  
New Brunswick, June 26, 1841.*

Sir,

I DO myself the honour to inclose to you, for your information, the copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to Lord Sydenham on the state of our relations with the Americans on the frontier of this province.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

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Inclosure 22 in No. 28.

*Sir W. Colebrooke to Lord Sydenham.*

My Lord,

*Fredericton, N.B., June 25, 1841.*

ON the 23rd instant I had the honour to receive your Lordship's letter, dated Kingston, the 8th instant, and by the same opportunity I received one from Mr. Mc Lauchlan, dated Madawaska, the 19th.

Since the dates of my letters now acknowledged by your Lordship, I have successively addressed you on the 2nd, 9th, and 19th instant, and the communications of the Warden, which I herewith inclose, will put your Lordship in possession of the present state of affairs upon the frontier.

When I wrote to your Lordship on the 11th of May, it was my intention to have proceeded at an early period to Madawaska; but on further consideration I was induced to postpone that intention, unless circumstances should occur to render it necessary; and I am of opinion that in the existing circumstances of our relations with the Americans, my presence could only have the effect of bringing on questions with the inhabitants, for the solution of which I was unprepared.

Your Lordship is aware that I considered it my first duty, in assuming charge of this Government, to make myself acquainted with the correspondence which has been held by my predecessor with your Lordship, and with Her Majesty's Government, on this intricate and important subject.

I took occasion to bring under your consideration the difficulties resulting from the position which the Americans had been permitted to assume; and from the responsibility devolving on me in the protection of Her Majesty's subjects and the administration of the laws, I expressed an apprehension that collisions could not be avoided without the adoption of timely measures of precaution by the Supreme Authorities.

It was my object to impress on your Lordship that my responsibility in reference to the question of the Boundary arose from the exercise of the jurisdiction of this province over the Disputed Territory, and more especially over the Madawaska settlement; and that the American posse having placed themselves at the Fish River within that jurisdiction, and in fact assumed it over the territory above their post, rendered it impracticable for the Warden and the other magistrates to exercise an authority in that quarter without