

preliminary, on the simple question, whether the parties are willing to negotiate : and, that to enter upon the consideration of those points, at the present stage of the business, farther than has, in general terms, been done in the overture made on the part of the United States, would be to anticipate the negotiation itself. In laying these observations before His Majesty's Government, the Undersigned is further instructed to state to Lord Palmerston, that the proposition submitted by the United States was made, and is now repeated, under the belief than an affirmative answer to it will lead to such an adjustment of this long pending subject of difference, as will prove satisfactory to both parties.

The Undersigned, therefore, encouraged by the friendly assurances and explanations, which, by order of the President, he has the honor to present for the early and favorable consideration of His Majesty's Government, indulges the hope that the difficulties which appear to have prevented an earlier decision upon the proposition of the United States will now be removed, and requests that he may, with as little delay as is consistent with the importance of the subject, be made acquainted, for the information of his own Government, with the determination of that of His Britannic Majesty.

The Undersigned, &c.

Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

A. VAIL.

No. 23.

Sir C. R. Vaughan to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received May 14.)

My Lord,

Washington, April 13, 1833.

I RECEIVED yesterday your Lordship's despatch of February 25, directing me to enter into communication with the American Government respecting the long disputed claims of the two countries, with regard to the boundary between the north-eastern portion of the United States and His Majesty's colonial possessions in North America, and authorizing me to submit the contents of your Lordship's despatch to Mr. Livingston, in answer to his note of the 21st July, 1832.

I requested a conference with Mr. Livingston, and I this day read over to him your Lordship's despatch, and, in conformity with my instructions, I promised to communicate the contents in an official note.

I have little further to report, as the result of my first interview upon the question of boundary, than that my communication was received in the same spirit of frankness and conciliation in which it was made ; and I shall await a developement of the views of this Government, with regard to the line of boundary, after time has been given for deliberation upon the contents of your Lordship's despatch, which contains the clearest instructions for my conduct, and, in my opinion, the best possible answer to the note of the American Secretary of State, of the month of July last.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed)

CHAS. R. VAUGHAN.

Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 24.

Sir C. R. Vaughan to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received June 8.)

(Extract.)

Washington, May 13, 1833.

IN my despatch of April 13, I stated that I should communicate to the Secretary of State of the United States the instructions, *in extenso*, which I had received upon the boundary question, and I have the honour to enclose a copy of the note which I addressed to Mr. Livingston, which is a transcript only of your Lordship's despatch of February 25.

To that note I have received an answer from Mr. Livingston, a copy of which I have the honour to enclose, accompanied with a copy of my note to him, containing observations upon the means which he has suggested of settling the boundary question.