

CORRESPONDENCE

RELATING TO THE

NORTH AMERICAN BOUNDARY.

In continuation of the Correspondence presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Command of Her Majesty, in 1838.

No. 1.

Mr. Fox to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received March 8, 1838.)

(Extract.)

Washington, February 13, 1838.

IT is probable that some weeks will elapse before a definitive answer is returned by the United States Government, to the official communication upon the question of the north-eastern Boundary, which I addressed to the Secretary of State, in conformity with the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch of the 19th of November, 1837. Consultation and correspondence will be held between the Federal Government and the State Government of Maine, before a final decision can be taken by the President, upon the offer submitted to him by Her Majesty's Government. Mr. Forsyth has, in the mean time, addressed to me two papers upon certain points of the question adverted to in the notes, which by your Lordship's orders I presented to him. I shall have the honour to transmit copies of these papers to your Lordship by the Messenger Kraus, whom I propose to dispatch to England at the latter end of this month.

No. 2.

Mr. Fox to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received May 16, 1838.)

(Extract.)

Washington, April 5, 1838.

THE United States Secretary of State has not yet addressed to me any definite reply to the official note, which, in pursuance of your Lordship's instructions, I presented to him on the 10th of January last, upon the question of the north-eastern Boundary.

The delay is occasioned by the reference which has been made to the State of Maine. But I expect, that in a short time I shall receive an official communication from Mr Forsyth upon the subject.

Waiting the final reply of the United States Government, I have the honour to inclose, in this despatch, copies of two notes from Mr. Forsyth, upon divers points of the dispute referred to in the communications, which, by your Lordship's directions, I addressed to him in January last. I also inclose copies of my official notes to Mr. Forsyth, which, with the exception of the opening paragraphs, are literal transcripts of your Lordship's instructions.