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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Detroit, January 8th, 1838.*To the Civil Authority of Sandwich, Upper Canada.*

I have the honor to inform you, by direction of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that by twelve o'clock at noon, this day, the steam boats *Erie* and *General Brady*, will leave this City with a sufficient armed force, to proceed to the mouth of this river, to enforce the laws of the United States against armed men who attempt a violation of the same. This communication is given with the view of informing you of the fact, that His Excellency the Governor is with the detachment, and will do all in his power to allay this unfortunate excitement, and that you may understand this movement.*

Very respectfully, Your Obed't. Serv't.

J. E. SCHWARZ,
Adjutant General, Michigan.

* This movement was not attended with any good result.

(Signed) J. PRINCE.

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AMHERSTBURG, UPPER CANADA,
9th January, 1838.
Four o'clock, A. M.*To His Excellency STEVENS T. MASON, Governor of the State of Michigan.*

DEAR SIR,

I presume that you have received my letter of yesterday's date. The enemy commenced her attack upon us about sun-set last evening, by firing two cannon shots. Her force, we are informed, consists of the schooner or sloop believed to be the "Anne," referred to in my former letter, also two scows and divers boats, a large schooner, three field-pieces, two twelve-pounders, and one six-pounder, besides a large quantity of arms, and some hundreds of men. One schooner, (the "Anne") sailed up in front of Amherstburgh, along the British channel, between the town and Bois Blanc; this evening our people fired upon her, (knowing her to be the enemy,) and she returned the salutation by two cannon shots. The steam-boat "United," which was very innocently bringing down some passengers from Sandwich to Amherstburgh, was also complimented with two musket shots from (as it is supposed) one or two American steamers proceeding up the river. The schooner, supposed to be the "Anne," then steered from Amherstburgh round the northern end of Bois Blanc, and there are lights on Hickory Island, which induce a belief at the south end of Bois Blanc, and there are lights on Hickory Island, which induce a belief by us, that she has moved near her the scows and small boats above referred to. We assume that the enemy will possess himself (if he has not already done so) of Bois Blanc forthwith. He is lying at anchor opposite to us. We have no hesitation in pronouncing him to be regardless of all laws, and a plunderer and pirate. My object is to secure him, to make him amenable to the laws of this country, and in the name of the Civil Authorities of Upper Canada, as well as in the name of common justice, I now call upon Your Excellency, as the Governor of Michigan, to assist us the subjects of your natural ally, in preventing this enemy from touching upon, or holding any intercourse with the shores of Michigan, whereby we hope to be enabled to capture her, and to bring her to that bar of justice which will deal with her according to her merits.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's Most Obed't. Humble Serv't.

(Signed) JOHN PRINCE.

(Signed) J. P.

Colonel Radcliffe, (the Commandant) here, among others.

DETROIT, January 9th, 1838.

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DEAR SIR,

Your letter of this date has been received, and laid before the District Attorney of the United States. For your further information I enclose you the copy of a letter which I have addressed to the Magistrates of Sandwich, in reply to their communication of the same date.

Very respectfully, Your Obed't. Serv't.

(Signed) STEVENS T. MASON.

To JOHN PRINCE, Esquire,
Sandwich, Upper Canada.

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