

that this proposal of compromise, that you are thus instructed to lay before them, is made without prejudice to the claim which Her Majesty's Government consider themselves justified in maintaining to the Rosario Channel, as the true boundary between Her Majesty's Possessions and those of the United States. They offer this compromise in the hope that its acceptance by the Government of the United States may obviate any further discussion on the subject; but if it is rejected they reserve to themselves the right to fall back on their original claim to its full extent.

You will read this despatch to General Cass, and will leave with him a copy of it.

I am, &c.

(Signed) J. RUSSELL

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