

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. Viscount MONCK to the
Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

Government House, Ottawa, June 8, 1866.

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SIR,

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IN continuance of the narrative contained in my despatch No. 45* of the 4th of June, I have the honour to report that no further invasion of Canadian territory has taken place on the part of the Fenians.

I am still without official reports of the proceedings at Fort Erie, but the circumstances of the last week have called so largely on the time of the military officers as to render correspondence very difficult.

I have no reason to doubt the substantial accuracy of the account which I sent you in my last despatch.

Immediately after the first news of the invasion reached me the whole Volunteer force of the Province was placed on active duty.

I have the utmost satisfaction in reporting to you the admirable spirit in which the exigencies of the moment were met both by the administration and the population of the Province. The former placed unreservedly at my disposal, for employment by the officers of Her Majesty's forces, the entire resources of the country. The latter responded instantaneously to the call to arms, and I am sure I do not exaggerate when I say that, within twenty-four hours after the issue of the order, 20,000 men were under arms; and that within forty-eight hours after the same time, they, in combination with the regular troops, were disposed by the Lieutenant-General Commanding in positions which rendered the Province secure from attack.

With the assistance of the officers and men of the ships of war now in the St. Lawrence, a flotilla of steamers has been chartered by the Provincial Government, and fitted up as temporary gun-boats for service both on the River St. Lawrence and the Lakes.

I am happy also, to be in a position to inform you that the Government of the United States is exerting itself in an energetic manner to arrest the further progress of the Fenian movement within its territories.

I inclose a copy of a Proclamation which has been issued by the President, and of an order addressed by the Attorney-General of the United States desiring the arrest of all prominent persons connected with the conspiracy.

This latter has been acted on, as I am informed, but not officially, by the arrest of General Sweeney and by the stoppage on the railroads of members of the Fenian conspiracy who are proceeding northwards.

Under the circumstances of our own complete state of preparation, and of the steps which are being taken by the Government of the United States, I am persuaded that all real danger is at an end, unless the force of Fenians assembled on the frontier should betake themselves to acts of plunder which I do not anticipate.

Parliament is to assemble this day, and it is intended at once to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act, and to extend to Lower Canada the Act at present in operation in Upper Canada (Consolidated Statutes, Upper Canada, cap. 99), providing for the trial by Militia Courts-martial of the prisoners.

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.,
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I have, &c.
(Signed) MONCK.

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A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it has become known to me that certain evil-disposed persons have, within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States, begun and set on foot, and have provided and prepared, and are still engaged in providing and preparing means for a military expedition and enterprise; which expedition and enterprise is to be carried on from the territory and jurisdiction of the United States, against Colonies, districts, and people of British North America, within the domain of Great Britain and Ireland, with which said districts, and people, and Kingdom, the United States are at peace. And