

facts in the case of John Anderson to Her Majesty's Government, nor written anything whatever to them on the subject.

A demand from the United States' Government for the surrender of Anderson was forwarded to Her Majesty's Government in my absence by Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires in the month of October last. A similar demand was forwarded last month to the Provincial Government of Canada by me. These demands were in the usual form, and simply stated that Anderson was charged with murder.

I knew nothing of the facts of the case then. I know nothing of them now, except what I have since read in the newspapers. A demand for the surrender of a fugitive made by the United States' Government, in virtue of Article X of the Treaty of 1842, must be forwarded by this Legation as a matter of course. The Legation has no authority to investigate the case, nor to give an opinion whether the fugitive ought or ought not to be surrendered. The investigation must, according to the terms of the Treaty, be conducted judicially by the Judges or other Magistrates of the place where the fugitive is found, and it belongs to them to decide whether or no the evidence brought before them is sufficient to warrant the surrender.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) LYONS.

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Inclosure 8 in No. 20.

*Lieutenant-General Sir W. Williams to Lord Lyons.*

My Lord,

*Montreal, December 21, 1860.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 14th instant, with its inclosures, relative to the case of John Anderson.

I have caused your letter to Mr. Hemming to be forwarded to its destination.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) W. F. WILLIAMS.

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