

Mr. Woodbury to Mr. Forsyth.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 6, 1838.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the instructions forwarded yesterday to S. Scoville, Esq., collector of the customs for the district of Niagara.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. JOHN FORSYTH,
Secretary of State.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 5, 1838.*

SIR: I deem it proper again to call your especial attention to the subject referred to in my circular of the 19th ultimo, (a copy of which was sent you,) and to urge upon you the necessity of exercising due vigilance, and exertion, in connexion with other United States officers, in suppressing any attempted violations of the laws in the particulars alluded to in said circular.

It is represented that boats and vessels are engaged within the limits of your district in carrying arms, ammunition, and military supplies to the Canadian side of the lines, for the use of the forces arrayed against the British Government in Canada.

You will take prompt measures for the seizure of boats, vessels, or carriages of any kind which may be engaged in such transactions: and also have the proper proceedings instituted against all individuals having charge or connexion therewith. Should you have any difficulty how to act in any case, you may consult with the United States district attorney, and be governed by his advice.

The cutter Erie has been ordered to Buffalo, to aid, under the direction of the collector of that district, in enforcing the law, and suppressing any hostile aggressions towards the authorities of Canada, which may be attempted on the part of citizens or inhabitants of the United States.

Should you require the services of the cutter, her boats, or crew, you will be pleased to advise and consult with Mr. Barker, the collector, and use them in such a manner as you may mutually deem expedient and proper, provided the ice will permit.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

SEYMOUR SCOVILLE, Esq.
Collector of the Customs,

District of Niagara, Lewiston, N. Y.