

Inclosure 2 in No. 5.

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Box 347**Mr. Forsyth to Mr. Fox.**Washington, June 26, 1840.*

THE Undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States, has had the honour to receive a note addressed to him on the 22nd instant, by Mr. Fox, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain, inclosing printed copies of the Report and Map laid before the British Government by the Commissioners employed during the last season to survey the territory in dispute between the two countries, and communicating the consent of Her Britannic Majesty's Government to the two principles which form the main foundation of the counter-proposition of the United States for the adjustment of the question.

The Undersigned having laid Mr. Fox's note before the President, is instructed to say, in answer, that the President duly appreciates the motives of courtesy which prompted the British Government to communicate to that of the United States the documents referred to; and that he derives great satisfaction from the announcement that Her Majesty's Government do not relinquish the hope that the sincere desire which is felt by both parties to arrive at an amicable settlement will at length be attended with success; and from the prospect held out by Mr. Fox of his being accordingly furnished by an early opportunity with the draft of a proposition, amended in conformity with the principles to which Her Majesty's Government has acceded, to be submitted to the consideration of this Government.

Mr. Fox states that his Government might have expected that, when the American Counter-Draft was communicated to him, some reasons would have been given to explain why the United States Government declined accepting the British Draft of Convention, or that, if it thought the Draft was not in conformity with the previous agreement, it would have pointed out in what respect the two were considered to differ.

In the note which the Undersigned addressed to Mr. Fox on the 29th of July of last year, transmitting the American Counter-Draft, he states that, in consequence of the then recent events on the frontier, and the danger of collision between the citizens and subjects of the two Governments, a mere Commission of Exploration and Survey would be inadequate to the exigencies of the occasion, and fall behind the just expectations of the people of both countries, and referred to the importance of having the measure next adopted bear upon its face stipulations which must result in a final settlement under some form, and in a reasonable time. These were the reasons which induced the President to introduce in the new project the provisions which he thought calculated for the attainment of so desirable an object, and which, in his opinion, rendered obviously unnecessary any allusion to the previous agreements referred to by Mr. Fox. The President is gratified to find that a concurrence in those views has brought the minds of Her Majesty's Government to a similar conclusion; and from this fresh indication of harmony in the wishes of the two Cabinets, he permits himself to anticipate the most satisfactory result from the measures under consideration.

The Undersigned avails, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN FORSYTH.

No. 6.

*2. Copy in 505.
Box 347**Mr. Fox to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received July 28.)*

(No. 15.)

My Lord,

Washington, July 5, 1840.

I HAVE the honour herewith to inclose a printed copy of a message from the President to Congress, transmitting the last correspondence upon the Boundary Negotiation between the United States Secretary of