

Inclosure 4 in No. 32.

Lord Sydenham to Mr. Foz.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Government House, Kingston, June 8, 1841.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you herewith, the copy of a despatch addressed to me by the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, on the 11th ultimo, together with a copy of my despatch to him of the 21st May, and an extract of my answer to his present despatch.

I trust that the further information which it was expected to obtain, and in anticipation of which I have hitherto delayed to address you, may show that some mistake exists as to the intentions of the people of Maine. Judging, however, from their former proceedings, it is but too probable that they are truly represented, and I therefore deem it expedient to possess you of these despatches, in order that you may, if possible, avail yourself of an opportunity to draw the attention, unofficially, of the United States' Government to the rumours which prevail of the intentions of Maine. They may perhaps, thus forewarned, be able to arrest such proceedings, should they be really meditated, and avert the necessity of any formal application, which would become indispensable under these circumstances.

They will readily perceive that Great Britain cannot acquiesce in any further encroachments by the State of Maine, or any further interference with Her Majesty's subjects on the banks of the St. John's. If, indeed, the people of Maine are permitted to extend their settlements in the Disputed Territory, as they have hitherto done, the claims of Great Britain will be virtually decided without the intervention of either Government; and against this result we are bound to take effectual precautions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) SYDENHAM.

 Sub-Inclosure 1 in Inclosure 4 in No. 32.
Sir W. Colebrooke to Lord Sydenham.

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 Sub-Inclosure 2 in Inclosure 4 in No. 32.
Lord Sydenham to Sir W. Colebrooke.

Sir,

Government House, Montreal, May 21, 1841.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 8th instant.

My official despatch of the 17th instant will have communicated to you my approval of the course pursued by the Warden of the Disputed Territory, in the case of Baker, to which reference is again made by your Excellency in your present letter. The offence committed by that person could not with propriety be passed over. He had already been made amenable to the laws of the province; and even under the limits assigned under Sir John Harvey's Convention, and maintained by him, there can be no doubt that he and those residing near him, fall under the jurisdiction of Her Majesty. In the event, therefore, of attention being given to any complaint he may prefer to the American Government, which I agree with you, however, in thinking unlikely, our answer is easy and direct.

But the case which you put as one of possible occurrence, namely,