

for this unwarrantable act of aggression will doubtless be demanded and insisted upon from the General Government of the United States, and if not promptly afforded, England will know how to assert her rights.

In the mean time, I have renewed my reiterated applications to Sir Colin Campbell for reinforcements, and have also applied to the Governor-in-Chief for the means of enabling me to protect the Madawaska settlers, and keep open our communication with Canada.

No. 2.

*Major-General Sir John Harvey to Lord Glenelg.—(Received
March 28, 1839.)*

(Extract.)

*Government House,
Fredericton, February 26, 1839.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose several of the latest Journals from the State of Maine, where all appears to be excitement. By private accounts, however, I am assured that there is no present intention entertained of proceeding beyond the valley of Restook. In this case no collision can occur, as my instructions to Colonel Maxwell, are, on no account to quit that of the St. John, the objects of the present service being purely defensive, namely, to protect our communications with Canada and Her Majesty's subjects of the Madawaska Settlement.

I have dispatched special messengers to the Governor-in-Chief, and to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, as, also, to Sir Colin Campbell for troops, that I am inclined to entertain the hope, that the measure which I propose to adopt in Council to-morrow, of issuing a strong Proclamation against all trespassers on the timber of the disputed territory, sending copies of it by confidential agents, and appointing a posse of civil assistants to act under the Warden in giving effect to it (or the person appointed to act in his absence), may do more towards satisfying and tranquillizing the minds of the Legislature and people of Maine, than any other which could be resorted to.

Inclosure 1 in No. 2.

Mr. Sherwood to Captain S. Tryon.

(Extract.)

*British Consulate, Portland,
Maine, February 18, 1839.*

I HAVE to acquaint you for the information of his Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, that in addition to what I have already written you, in regard to the doings of the Legislature of this State in secret Session, and the raising of an armed force of 200 men, to proceed to the disputed territory, that the Governor of said State, has ordered out a force of from 1,000 to 2,000 men, to proceed forthwith in aid of the posse who have invaded Her Majesty's Territory; and report says, if needs be, to march to Fredericton, and there recapture the Land Agent and his associates, with such of Her Majesty's subjects as may be found trespassing upon the disputed territory.

It is a fact, in corroboration, that the Adjutant-General of the State arrived in this city, on Saturday, and took from the Arsenal from 1,000 to 2,000 stand of arms, or more, together with other warlike stores, which were carried away on Sunday morning, to arm the Militia at Bangor, for a further invasion; and, further, several waggons, also left, with powder, blankets, &c., for the army now being raised.

I also understand, that an express from the Governor of Maine, to that of Massachusetts, passed through this city, this morning, asking a co-operation of force to take possession of the Territory, and that the Legislature of Maine intend this day, to pass a resolve, placing at the disposal of the Governor for this purpose, and the Militia, 500,000 dollars. Be it