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DETROIT, 413
January 6th, 1838.

DEAR SIR,

Your favor of this morning has been received. I most sincerely regret that matters are assuming so serious an aspect on our borders. We have despatched a Marshal* to seize the schooner now proceeding down the river. The "Macomb" was stopped, her Captain arrested, and her lading examined, but nothing could be found to justify detaining her in port. A Deputy Marshal has been despatched to Monroe, and one to Fort Gratiot, with authority to call out the power of the respective counties to arrest all persons found in arms. A meeting of our citizens will be held at three o'clock this afternoon, to enrol a volunteer force to aid in enforcing the Laws in this City. I need not again express my determination to do all in my power to prevent the violation of the amity now existing between our Governments.

Very respectfully,

I am, &c.

(Signed) STEVENS T. MASON.

JOHN PRINCE, Esq., Sandwich.

* N. B. the Marshal did go down with about twenty-five unarmed men; when he got within hail of the Schooner, they cautioned him and his party not to come within thirty rods of her, stating that she knew nobody, and would not recognise any law or people; and that if he and his boat advanced nearer they would fire on him. He then returned to Detroit the same evening.

(Signed)

J. PRINCE.

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GOVERNOR MASON, &c.

BOIS BLANC ISLAND,
Malden, 8th January, 1838.
Six o'clock, A. M.

DEAR SIR,

On the return of the Steam-boat "United" from her unsuccessful attempt last Saturday, to bring back to Detroit the Schooner "Anne," pursuant to Your Excellency's instructions, three companies of our militia, besides several volunteers, (of whom I form one) proceeded to Amherstburgh, with a view of defending that Town, and in hopes of meeting the rebels and their adherents and supporters at this place.

But I regret to say that we have, for the present, been disappointed; I however deem it proper to inform Your Excellency, as Governor of the State of Michigan, that the above-mentioned schooner was at anchor last evening opposite the lower end of Grope Isle, at a wharf near Gibraltar, and that she had on board seven hundred stand of arms, being no doubt the same arms of which she possessed herself from the gaol at Detroit. There are moreover many hundred of our enemies there, and they have some heavy cannon, which they fired about ten times last evening, and twice during the night. All these facts are within our knowledge. From the conversation which my friend Mr. Charles Baby had with Your Excellency on Saturday last, I was greatly in hopes that the schooner and her cargo, as well as many of her crew, would ere this have been taken under your authority, and dealt with according to law. Now, with the concurrence of my brother Magistrates, beg to enquire whether Your Excellency will permit our forces on this side to attack the schooner,† with a view of taking her and those who may attempt to defend her. If you consent to this our request, we will at once proceed to the attack; and we solicit this favor at your hands, because we are unwilling to understand which subsists between our Government and yours, notwithstanding our conviction that the men, and schooner, and arms in question, are intended to act hostilely towards Mr. Mercer, one of our Magistrates, has undertaken to deliver this to your Excellency, and a reply to him will be thankfully received by—

Your Excellency's Most Obed't.
Humble Servant,

(Signed)

JOHN PRINCE.

† She was at this time anchored on the American shore, and it was with the utmost difficulty that I was able, by my advice, to restrain our Men (Officers and all) from going from Amherstburgh in a large schooner, to attack and capture the "Anne," lying on the opposite side.

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