

by the decision of a disinterested and independent tribunal selected by the parties for its final adjustment. The President, on assuming the duties of his station, avowed his determination, all other means of negotiation failing, to submit a proposition to the Government of Great Britain to refer the decision of the question once more to a third party.

In all the subsequent steps which have been taken upon the subject by his direction, he has been actuated by the same spirit. Neither his disposition in the matter, nor his opinion as to the propriety of that course, has undergone any change. Should the fulfilment of his wishes be defeated either by an unwillingness on the part of Her Majesty's Government to meet the offer of the United States in the spirit in which it is made, or from adverse circumstances of any description, the President will in any event, derive great satisfaction from the consciousness that no effort on his part has been spared to bring the question to an amicable conclusion; and that there has been nothing in the conduct either of the Government and people of the United States, or of the State of Maine, to justify the employment of Her Majesty's forces as indicated by Mr. Fox's letter.

The President cannot under such circumstances apprehend that the responsibility for any consequences which may unhappily ensue, will, by the just judgment of an impartial world be imputed to the United States.

The Undersigned avails himself, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN FORSYTH.

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*Mr. Fox to Mr. Forsyth.*

*Washington, March 26, 1840.*

THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, has had the honour to receive the official note of yesterday's date, addressed to him by Mr. Forsyth, Secretary of State of the United States, in reply to a note dated the 13th instant, wherein the Undersigned, in conformity with instructions received from his Government, had anew formally protested against the acts of encroachment and aggression, which are still persisted in by armed bands in the employment of the State of Maine, within certain portions of the disputed territory.

It will be the duty of the Undersigned, immediately to transmit Mr. Forsyth's note to Her Majesty's Government in England; and until the statements and propositions which it contains shall have received the due consideration of Her Majesty's Government, the Undersigned will not deem it right to add any further reply, than to refer to, and repeat, as he now formally and distinctly does, the several declarations which it has, from time to time, been his duty to make to the Government of the United States, with reference to the existing posture of affairs in the disputed territory; and to record his opinion, that an inflexible adherence to the line of conduct which Her Majesty's Government have announced it to be their resolution to pursue, for the defence of Her Majesty's rights, pending the negotiation of the Boundary Question, offers to Her Majesty's Government the only means of protecting those rights from being, in a continually-aggravated manner, encroached upon and violated.

The Undersigned avails himself, &c.,

(Signed)

H. S. FOX.

No. 33.

*Viscount Palmerston to Mr. Fox.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, April 30, 1840.*

HER Majesty's Government had been in hopes that they should have been able to have sent to you, by the "British Queen," instructions to make to the American Government a further proposal, with a view to arriving at a final settlement of the Boundary Question; but they have been disappointed. Her Majesty's Government felt that they could not fully make up their minds