

confident that the Government of the United States will lose not a moment in taking measures to avert the deplorable consequences which would indeed be only too likely to follow any disturbance of the settlement so justly and wisely effected by General Scott.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

No. 2.

Lord Lyons to Lord J. Russell.—(Received June 23.)

My Lord,

Washington, June 8, 1860.

I HAVE received, just in time to send a copy of it herewith to the post for the chance of its reaching New York before the departure of the American packet to-morrow, General Cass's answer to my note of the day before yesterday, respecting the orders recently issued by General Harney to the officer commanding the United States' troops in San Juan.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure in No. 2.

General Cass to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Department of State, Washington, June 8, 1860.

I HAVE received your Lordship's communication of the 6th instant, inclosing copies of orders issued by General Harney to the commanding officer of the United States' troops on the Island of San Juan dated on the 10th of April last, and communicated by the General's direction to the officer in command of Her Majesty's troops on the same island, and have lost no time in bringing the subject to the attention of the President.

I am now instructed to inform you that the arrangement entered into by General Scott, in the month of October 1859, in order to prevent any collision upon the Island of San Juan between the American and British authorities pending the negotiations between the two Governments, was strictly in pursuance of a previous arrangement which was made with Mr. Crampton by the Secretary of State of the United States in July 1855, and met the full approval of this Government. The orders of General Harney, to which his attention has been called for the first time by the note of your Lordship, and which appear to be in violation of the arrangement of General Scott, have been read, therefore, by the President, both with surprise and regret. It is earnestly hoped that, upon a full explanation of all the circumstances attending them, it may be found that they were not intended to bear the construction which seems naturally to belong to them, and that in any event they will lead to no collision between the American and British authorities on the island. To prevent this, as far as possible, instructions will be immediately sent to the Commander of the United States' troops in that region revoking the orders of General Harney, and giving full effect to the arrangement of General Scott. A strict inquiry will also be instituted into the conduct of General Harney, with a view to such measures on the subject as may be found necessary, and for this purpose he has been recalled from his command, and ordered to report at Washington.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LEW. CASS.
