

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE

Inclosure 71 in No. 30.

Mr. Fox to Mr. Forsyth.

Washington, January 12, 1840.

[See Inclosure 1 in No. 30, p. 113.]

Inclosure 72 in No. 30.

Mr. Forsyth to Mr. Fox.

*Department of State,
Washington, January 16, 1840.*

[See Inclosure 2 in No. 30, page 114.]

Inclosure 73 in No. 30.

Mr. Poinsett to the President of the United States.

Sir,

War Department, January 22, 1840.

IN reply to that portion of the resolution of the Senate, referred by your direction to this department, by the Secretary of State, which requests you "to communicate to the Senate, so far as may not be incompatible with the public interest, whether any, and if any, what measures have been taken under the Act of Congress of March, 1839, or otherwise, to cause the removal or expulsion of the British troops, which have taken possession of a portion of the territory of Maine, claimed by Great Britain, and especially whether, since the last Session of Congress, any military posts have been established in Maine, or any other military measures adopted, preparatory to a just vindication of the honor and rights of the nation and of Maine, as connected with the persevering claim made by Great Britain, to a portion of the territory of that State,"—I have the honor to state, that the circumstance of a portion of the territory of Maine claimed by Great Britain, having been occupied by British troops, was recently communicated to the Government, and having been made the subject of remonstrance, and become a matter of discussion between the two Governments, no measures of a character referred to by the resolution, have been taken, either under the Act of Congress of March, 1839, or otherwise.

A careful military reconnaissance of the undisputed boundary of the State of Maine, was made in 1838, and the result submitted to the Senate during the last Session of Congress; but as no appropriation was made for the erection of fortifications on the sites selected for that purpose, none were commenced; and as is fully set forth in your last annual message to Congress, it did not appear, that the contingency contemplated by the Act alluded to, had occurred, no military measures whatever were deemed necessary, or were adopted.

Very respectfully, &c.,

(Signed)

J. R. POINSETT.

Inclosure 74 in No. 30.

Message from the President of the United States, communicating additional correspondence in relation to the adjustment of the North-Eastern Boundary, and the occupation of the disputed Territory.

To the Senate of the United States:

Washington, January 29, 1840.

I HEREWITH transmit to the Senate, with reference to their resolutions of the 17th instant, copies of two official notes which have passed, subsequently to the date of my message of the 22nd, between the Secretary of State and the British Minister at Washington, containing additional information in answer to the resolutions referred to.

(Signed)

M. VAN BUREN.