

COPIES or EXTRACTS of all the CORRESPONDENCE between the Commanding Officers of the United States Troops in *Minnesota* and the Resident Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company at *Red River*, respecting a Tribe of SIOUX INDIANS who were Refugees within the British Territory:—Of REPORT of the Meeting of the Governor and Council of *Assiniboine*, on the 12th day of March 1864, including Copy of the MESSAGE which the Governor is reported to have received from the INDIANS:—And, of the CORRESPONDENCE between the Hudson's Bay Company, or any of the Colonial Authorities, and Her Majesty's Government, in reference thereto.

— No. 1. —

Copy of a LETTER from the Right Honourable Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart., to Sir *Frederic Rogers*, Bart.

Hudson's Bay House, London,
5 February 1864.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, copies and extracts from the letters (public and private) of Governor Dallas, explanatory of the position of the Red River Settlement at the present time.

An extract from the public letter of the 11th December has been communicated to the Foreign Office, with a view to obviate any misrepresentations at Washington.

I may be permitted to observe, that this difficulty with the Sioux has not come upon the Company in consequence of any of their trading operations. These Indians are driven back upon us by the American troops, and in the absence of the Queen's name and direct authority, it will be very difficult to prevent the mixed population of the Red River from looking to the Americans for protection in case of need.

I am of opinion that Governor Dallas has acted with great propriety and judgment, and I trust, from the extract of the last letter from Mr. Mactavish, that the pressure has for the moment passed away.

But the fact that the Queen's subjects look for protection to the United States, is one of grave importance with reference to the nationality of the settlement and territory. Moreover, it appears from previous correspondence that our officers have been compelled to communicate with the General commanding the American troops on their frontier, in a manner which is hardly consistent with the character of representatives of a commercial company, holding no direct authority from the Crown. It is obvious that the constant proximity of United States troops, and the contact with a civilised people, have produced a state of things wholly inconsistent with the original powers and position of the Company.

The extract from the "Nor-Wester" paper, respecting gold in the Bow River, or South Saskatchewan, is marked by Governor Dallas as "supposed to be true." That river, as his Grace knows, is near the frontier, and a rush of diggers from Minnesota would not be improbable, if the account turns out to be correct.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Edmund Head*, Governor.

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Bart., to Sir
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No. 1. Letter of
December 11.
No. 2. Letter of
December 18.
No. 3. Extract,
December 25.
No. 4. Extract
from Nor'-Wester
paper.