



CORRESPONDENCE

RELATING TO THE

NORTH AMERICAN BOUNDARY,

Subsequently to the Reference to Arbitration, of the Disputed Points of Boundary, under the Convention of the 29th September, 1827, and the Fifth Article of the Treaty of Ghent.

No. 1.

Viscount Palmerston to the Right Hon. C. R. Vaughan.

Sir,

Foreign Office, February 9, 1831.

I HAVE now to transmit to you a copy of the decision* which His Majesty the King of the Netherlands has communicated in duplicate to the Representatives of Great Britain and the United States at the Hague, upon the question of disputed boundary submitted by the two Governments to His Netherland Majesty's arbitration.

I am compelled by the pressure of other business to delay, until a future opportunity, whatever observations I may have to make to you upon the terms of this decision, against which, you will perceive by the enclosed copy of a paper communicated by the American Envoy at the Hague, to His Majesty's Ambassador at that Court, Mr. Preble has thought fit to protest in the name of his Government.

I can only acquaint you by this opportunity, that whatever might be the sentiments or wishes of His Majesty upon some of the points embraced in the decision of His Netherland Majesty, His Majesty has not hesitated to acquiesce in that decision, in fulfilment of the obligations which His Majesty considers himself to have contracted by the terms of the Convention of Arbitration of the 29th September, 1827; and His Majesty is persuaded that such will be the course adopted by the Government of the United States.

If, however, contrary to this expectation, the American Government should determine upon taking any step of the nature of that which has been adopted by Mr. Preble, and should make to you any communication to that effect, before you shall have received any farther instructions from me on that point, you will inform the American Minister, that you are not prepared to enter into any discussion upon such a subject, and that you can only transmit the communication to your Government for its consideration.

I am, &c.,

Right Hon. C. R. Vaughan,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

PALMERSTON.

Inclosure in No. 1.

W. P. Preble, Esq. to the Baron Verstolk de Soelen.

The Hague, January 12, 1831.

THE Undersigned, &c. &c., had the honor to receive from the hands of His Majesty, the King of the Netherlands, on the 10th instant, a document pur-