

The assurances which I have continued to receive from this Government since I had the honour to address to your Excellency my despatch of the 16th ultimo, tend to confirm the hope that the result of General Scott's mission may be to replace things at San Juan upon the footing laid down in Secretary Marcy's letter to Governor Stevens of the 14th July, 1855.

At the date of the last despatches from London (the 15th ultimo), Her Majesty's Government were in possession only of the concise account of occurrences at San Juan up to the 6th August, which was telegraphed to the newspapers here from St. Louis, Missouri. I have addressed a note to General Cass, in accordance with a despatch from Lord John Russell, expressing the confidence of Her Majesty's Government in the friendly disposition and loyal intentions of the Cabinet of Washington, and their conviction that the Government of the United States will be ready to disclaim the having authorized, or the having in any way been privy to, General Harney's proceedings.

I take the liberty of inclosing, under flying seal, a despatch from me to Captain Prevost, and I shall be much obliged if your Excellency will cause it to be forwarded to its destination.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

No. 51.

Lord Lyons to Lord J. Russell.—(Received October 25.)

(No. 226.)

My Lord,

Washington, October 11, 1859.

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of a note to the United States' Secretary of State, in which, in execution of the instruction contained in your Lordship's despatch No. 67 of the 22nd ultimo, I have pressed for an answer to my note of the 12th May last, relative to the Island of San Juan, and have urged that instructions should be sent to the United States' officers not to use military force on disputed territory without direct authority from the President.

General Cass has told me this morning that he regrets very much the delay which has unavoidably taken place, but that he cannot say anything more definite without referring to the President, who is at this moment in Pennsylvania.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure in No. 51.

Lord Lyons to General Cass.

Sir,

Washington, October 10, 1859.

HER Majesty's Government have received my report of the verbal communication which you did me the honour to make to me on the 5th of last month, with regard to the recent occupation of the Island of San Juan by United States' troops.

It is satisfactory to Her Majesty's Government to learn, as to the past, that General Harney did not act on that occasion upon any order from the United States' Government, but entirely on his own responsibility.

But as to the future, Her Majesty's Government cannot consider it satisfactory that my note of the 12th of May last should have remained without an answer.

They have consequently instructed me to press for an answer to that note, and to urge that orders be sent to the United States' officers not to use military force on disputed territory without direct authority from the