

"The persons connected with the British Consulate at New York have been actively engaged in furthering the recruiting scheme. Mr Stanley, the assistant or clerk of the consul, has taken a more open and effective part than the consul himself, and is now under an indictment for violating the law against foreign recruiting. The consul, Mr Barclay, could not but know of Mr Stanley's conduct in that matter, but he still retains him in the consulate. Besides the responsibility that rightfully attaches to Mr Barclay for the improper conduct of an employee in his office and under his immediate and daily observation, this Government is satisfied that he has himself not only favoured the recruiting of the British army, but has participated in it. Moreover, the improper conduct of Mr Barclay in the case of the bark Maury has justly given offence to the commercial community in which he resides and with which he has official connexion."

"For these reasons this Government deems it proper to instruct you to ask the Government of Great Britain to withdraw Mr Barclay from the post of British consul at New York."

"You are directed by the President to read this despatch to the Earl of Clarendon, and, should he desire it, to hand him a copy."

"The copies of the original documents to which I have referred are contained in Hertz's trial. I send you herewith an authentic report of that trial, which you will offer to Lord Clarendon as a document connected with this despatch. I also send herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Chamber of Commerce in the city of New York relative to Mr Barclay's conduct in the case of the bark Maury. This, also, you will present to Lord Clarendon, as furnishing one ground for the request herein made for the withdrawal of Mr Barclay."

"I am, Sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

"W. L. MARCY."

"JAMES BUCHANAN, Esq., &c., &c., &c."