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Attempt of the Authorities of the State of Maine, to exercise Jurisdiction within the Disputed Territory. October and November, 1831.

No. 1.—*Charles Bankhead, Esq. to Viscount Palmerston.*—(Received October 28.)

II.

(Extract.)

Washington, October 4, 1831.

Attempt of Maine  
to exercise jurisdic-  
tion in the disputed  
Territory.

ON the 1st instant, I received a despatch from Sir Archibald Campbell, His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, inclosing several documents forwarded to his Excellency by Lieutenant Maclauchlan, who is stationed on the disputed territory, in support of a complaint against the authorities of the State of Maine, for having endeavoured to exercise jurisdiction over part of the above-named territory:

As this proceeding was so much at variance with the spirit of forbearance inculcated by the President in his despatch to the Governor of Maine, at the period of the receipt of the decision of the King of the Netherlands, in this country, and one so likely to produce unfriendly feelings between the respective parties, I lost no time in submitting the complaint of General Campbell to the Government of the United States; and, I trust, that such a communication will be made to the authorities of Maine as shall prevent the recurrence of such irregularities until the period when the question of disputed territory shall be finally settled.

The General Government is most anxious to avoid the slightest collision between the State of Maine and His Majesty's provincial officers; and Mr. Livingston expressed his regret that any occasion had been afforded by the State of Maine to embarrass the harmony and goodwill subsisting between the two countries.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship copies of Sir Archibald Campbell's letter and inclosures, and of my note, to the Government of the United States.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Viscount Palmerston,

(Signed)

CHARLES BANKHEAD.

&c. &c. &c.

Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

*Sir A. Campbell to Charles Bankhead, Esq.*

Sir,

Fredericton, New Brunswick, September 13, 1831.

I HAVE the honour to inclose, for your information, some documents from Lieut. Maclauchlan, at present in charge of the boundary line between the United States and this province, by which you will perceive that the authorities of the State of Maine have actually taken possession of part of the territory now in dispute between the British and American Governments.

I cannot believe for a moment that these proceedings, so lamentably calculated to interrupt and destroy the peace and harmony existing between the two countries, can be sanctioned or approved of by the American Government; and I am sure you will therefore feel it to be your duty to call at once upon the American Government to put a stop to measures of so dangerous a tendency; measures, which, if persevered in, must infallibly lead to consequences the most prejudicial and injurious to both countries.

I have the honour to be, &c.

Charles Bankhead, Esq.,

(Signed)

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,

&c. &c. &c.

Lieut.-Governor.

Inclosure 2 in No. 1.

## NOTICE.

BY a warrant to me, directed from W. D. Williamson, Esq., one of the Justices of the Peace for the county of Penobscot, and State of Maine. This is to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Madawaska qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the dwelling-house of Mr. Peter Lizotte, on Saturday the 20th August, 1831, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles; viz.—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To choose a Clerk of the Town.
- 3d. To choose Select Men.
- 4th. To choose Constables.

(Signed)

WALTER POWERS,

By order of the said Justice.

Madawaska, August 19, 1831

True copy.

(Signed)

J. A. MACLAUHLAN, Warden of the Disputed Territory.