

give you particulars. Our city is in great alarm. The whole frontier is in motion, and God knows where it will end. An express has been sent to Governor Marcy to call out the militia.

The district attorney and marshal are now in Rochester, endeavoring to discharge their duty. Such is the exasperated state of feeling, that *I very much fear the laws cannot be enforced without great loss of life*. All shall be done on my part, as an officer of the Government, and as acting mayor of this city, to preserve and sustain the laws.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,  
PIERRE A. BARKER, *Collector*.

HON. LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

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*Mr. Woodbury to Captain Dobbin.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 4, 1838.*

SIR: In consequence of the existing state of affairs in the Canadas, it is deemed proper that the utmost vigilance should be observed in the due execution of the laws, and the most effectual measures taken to suppress any illegal or improper interference on the part of our citizens in the affairs of the neighboring people. Accordingly, the President has directed that the revenue cutter under your command be placed under the control of the collector at Buffalo, and that she be employed in aiding the authorities of the Government in maintaining the laws, and enforcing the obligations thereby imposed on citizens of the United States. You are, therefore, directed to proceed, if the state of the water will permit, with all practicable despatch, with the vessel, to that port, and report your arrival to the collector of the customs, who will instruct you in the measures necessary to be taken to suppress all and every attempt to violate the laws, and whose orders in this respect you will obey.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

DANIEL DOBBIN, Esq.  
*Commanding U. S. Revenue Cutter Erie.*

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*Mr. Woodbury to the Collector of Customs, Erie.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 4, 1838.*

SIR: Enclosed you will find an order addressed to the officer in command of the revenue cutter Erie, directing him to proceed with that vessel to Buffalo, for the purpose of aiding the authorities of the Government in maintaining and enforcing a due observance of the laws, and the obligations thereby imposed on citizens of the United States. I have to request that you will deliver the same to Captain Dobbin.

I am, respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

*To the Collector of the Customs, Erie, Pa.*