

**Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
communicating Documents in relation to the Invasion
of the Canadas by the people of the United States.**

GEORGE ARTHUR,

In compliance with the address of the House of Assembly, the Governor now transmits copies of such Communications from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, in relation to the invasion of the Canadas by people from the United States of America, as he is at liberty to publish.

Government House, 8th April, 1839.

(SIR GEORGE ARTHUR TO MA. FOX.)

Government House,
Toronto, 22nd Oct.

On my return to Toronto from Quebec, on the 18th instant, I had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter, marked "confidential" of the 4th instant.

The information it contains, of the extensive preparation for the Invasion of this Province, is extremely alarming; it is amply borne out by statements which have reached me from Quebec, of which copies are enclosed.

The documents Nos. 1 & 2 are still more particular than the statements which your Excellency has received. Of their entire accuracy I have no doubt. You will perceive that the information is remarkably corroborated by the statement No. 3; and, indeed, there are many other statements in the Government, which tend to shew this deponent's accuracy.

I have despatched an officer to Major-General Macomb, earnestly requesting him to prevent the public Arsenals, from falling into the hands of the Brigands; which is inevitable, unless measures be adopted, and carried into effect with promptitude and vigour.

I have, further, earnestly desired him to take such other steps as are within his power, to prevent the calamities which must follow, if the Brigands cross into Canada.

I appeal to you also, Sir, to urge upon the American Government the solemn obligation, as a civilized State, to prevent these lawless aggressions from being carried on upon the Canadas. It would appear that Riflemen from Kentucky have been brought to Cleveland, to take part in a crusade; that Indians have been engaged to co-operate, who are still in a savage state; and that a Bank has been established, to provide funds, in which numbers of American Citizens are interested.

These are proceedings which, it may be expected, the Government of the United States will now that they have a perfect knowledge of their existence; and I do trust, that in Her Majesty's name your Excellency will demand of them so to do.

I enclose a memorandum, (a copy of which has also been sent to Major-General Macomb,) containing the names of the most prominent leaders in the conspiracy, and their immediate arrest would be a beneficial tendency. I have also addressed Governor Marcy.

Having taken these measures to avert the threatened calamity, I have called out a Militia in conjunction with Her Majesty's Regular Troops, in opposing such an enemy; and if I am not mistaken, I have no doubt but we shall be able to strike an effective one, to deliver the country from the hands of Ruffians.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GEORGE ARTHUR

(MR. FOX TO MR. ADRON VAIL.)

Washington, Nov.

The alarming reports which had reached the United States Government respecting the movements against Canada from within the American Territory, and which are confirmed by the friendly orders of the President, have been amply confirmed by intelligence conveyed to the Colonial Authorities through various other channels; and I am sorry to add, that the reports to be far more serious and extensive, and the danger of hostile disturbance more imminent, than has been represented in the information received at Washington.

It is now ascertained beyond the possibility of doubt, that a secret combination or conspiracy has been formed, and possessed of great resources in money and military provisions, has been formed,