

despatch to Governor Douglas, in which I inclosed, under flying-seal, a copy of my despatch to Captain Prevost; and at the same time made known to the Governor, in general terms, the substance of the communications which had recently taken place between the United States' Secretary of State and myself on the subject of the occupation of the Island of San Juan by United States' troops.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 1 in No. 50.

Lord Lyons to Captain Prevost.

Sir,

Washington, October 4, 1859.

HER Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has sent to me a copy of a despatch dated the 15th instant, which his Lordship has addressed to Lieutenant-Colonel Hawkins, with reference to a request from that officer for instructions as to whether, in case Mr. Campbell should continue to hold aloof, it would be advisable that he should himself proceed to mark out the boundary line without the co-operation of his American colleague. In reply to this request, Her Majesty's Secretary of State instructs Colonel Hawkins to be guided by such advice and directions as he may receive from me upon the point in question.

As it is probable that, in Colonel Hawkins' absence, it may be your duty to read the Secretary of State's despatch, I think it right to inform you that, in the exercise of full discretion left to me in the matter, I shall abstain for the present from addressing to the United States' Government any remonstrance against the obstructions which appear to be thrown by Mr. Campbell in the way of the labours of the Joint Commission, and shall, under existing circumstances, avoid, if possible, raising any question whatever respecting the Commission.

I have informed Her Majesty's Secretary of State of this determination; and I have stated to his Lordship that, if Colonel Hawkins were still at his post, and, consequently, the responsibility of giving him directions rested with me, I should certainly advise him to avoid bringing his difference with Mr. Campbell to an issue, and, in particular, rather to suspend for the present all operations for marking out the boundary, than proceed without the concurrence of his American colleague.

I can, indeed, perceive but little prospect of the labours of the Commission being pursued with advantage, until some satisfactory arrangement has been made respecting the affairs of the Island of San Juan; and in the meantime it is particularly desirable to avoid all cause of irritating discussion, either with the American Government, or its officials.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 2 in No. 50.

Lord Lyons to Governor Douglas.

Sir,

Washington, October 4, 1859.

I HAD, on the 28th ultimo, the honour to receive your Excellency's despatch of the 27th August inclosing copies of your correspondence with General Harney, respecting the occupation of the Island of San Juan by United States' troops under his orders.

I have been gratified by seeing that your admirable and convincing letter of the 13th August has been published in the principal American newspapers. Such being the case, I have thought it good to direct the attention of General Cass to it, and to point out to him the dignified and incontrovertible manner in which it disposes of the idle pretext alleged by General Harney as the ground of his ill-judged proceeding.