

cise jurisdiction above their block-house, it would not only be resisted, but a military force sent to occupy that section of the country.

I have therefore thought it advisable to address the assessors on the subject, a copy of which I beg to transmit to your Excellency; and as Her Majesty's Attorney-General requires my attendance at the Supreme Court at Fredericton next week, I shall then have the honour of bringing the subject again personally before your Excellency. But, in the mean time, I have to acquaint your Excellency that no assessment will be made in the settlement until the pleasure of your Excellency be known.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) J. A. Mc LAUCHLAN.

Inclosure 25 in No. 28.

*Mr. Mc Lauchlan to the Assessors of Madawaska County and Parish Rates.*

Gentlemen,

*Madawaska, June 19, 1841.*

SINCE addressing you by desire of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 11th instant, circumstances have transpired which induce me to believe, should any assessment be made by you on the inhabitants of Madawaska residing above the American armed posse at the Fish River, must lead to a serious misunderstanding between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States.

I have therefore to request that you will, for the present, defer making any assessments in that part of the settlement, until I am again afforded an opportunity of bringing the subject under the consideration of his Excellency.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) J. A. Mc LAUCHLAN,  
Warden of the Disputed Territory.

No. 29.

*Mr. Fox to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received August 29.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, August 11, 1841.*

SINCE writing my despatch of the 8th instant, I have received the inclosed despatch from Lord Sydenham, in reply to the communication which I had addressed to his Excellency upon the present state of the negotiation for regulating the provisional custody and occupation of the Disputed Territory.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) H. S. FOX.