

affairs. As a civil official you have been of material service, not only in supporting me, but in maintaining the supremacy of the United States over what is most undoubtedly *our own soil*.

Very truly, your obedient servant,

GEO. E. PICKETT,  
*Captain 9th Infantry.*

Hon. H. R. CROSBIE,  
*San Juan, W. T.*

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SAN JUAN, W. T., *November 15, 1859.*

Since the 10th of August last, I have been in command of the United States troops, who held the military occupancy of the island of San Juan. During this time H. R. Crosbie, esq., held the office of justice of the peace on the part of the Territory of Washington.

Collision with the British naval forces, to arrive from the threatened conflict between the civil authorities of the island, has at times been quite imminent.

That no such collision has taken place is, in my opinion, due, in part, to the prudent, conciliatory, and patriotic manner in which Mr. Crosbie has performed the duties of his office.

SILAS CASEY,  
*Lieutenant Colonel 9th Infantry,*  
*Commanding on San Juan Island.*