

## No. 21.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, April 3, 1845.*

I HAVE received your despatch of the 25th February, in which, with reference to my despatch of the 3rd of January, you inform me that you can dispense with the further services of Captain Broughton; and that, although you consider the assistance of Mr. Featherstonhaugh in continuing the survey of the Boundary Line to be still necessary, you propose to relieve the public from the expense of his continued employment under the Commission at as early a moment as a due regard for the good of the service will admit.

You further state that you propose, in proportion as the labours of the officers and men under your orders shall be no longer required, to discharge them and send them to England.

I entirely concur in these views, and approve your intentions; and I feel it to be unnecessary for me any further to urge the observance of as strict an economy in the conduct of your operations as may be compatible with the efficient performance of the service intrusted to you.

I have notified to Captain Broughton that he will not be required to return to America; and that his duties and pay under this department will have ceased on the 31st of March.

You will understand that, in case no appropriation, or an insufficient appropriation, should have been made by Congress for the prosecution of the Boundary proceedings on the part of the United States' Commission, you are to continue alone the surveying and marking out of the Boundary Line without intermission, in the same manner as you were instructed to do last year.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

## No. 22.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, April 18, 1845.*

I HAVE recently received a despatch from Mr. Pakenham communicating to me a correspondence which, in consequence of a letter from you containing highly useful suggestions for the conduct of the remaining Boundary operations, he had held with the United States' Government relative to those matters.

Her Majesty's Government entirely approve your having spontaneously taken a step so well calculated to accelerate the termination of the labours of the Boundary Commission, which they much desire to bring to a close at the earliest practicable period.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

## No. 23.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, May 19, 1845.*

THERE appears to be some reason to doubt whether, considering the quantity of work which the American portion of the Boundary Commission will still have to execute on the line of the 45th parallel of north latitude, as laid down in the Treaty of Washington, the appropriation of 75,000 dollars made by Congress in their last session, for continuing the Boundary operations, will suffice for enabling the United States' Commission to bring those operations to a close during the present season.