

Inclosure 15 in No. 28.

*Mr. Coombs to Mr. Mc Lauchlan.*

Sir,

*Madawaska, May 31, 1841.*

I HEREWITH inclose you a receipt from Captain Rines, Deputy land-agent at Fish River, for 642½ tons of timber, at 5s. per ton duty, which was manufactured on lands occupied by, and purchased by me from, the settlers in the vicinity of Fish and St. Francis Rivers, the said timber being principally old timber, and the remainder made of trees partially burnt over whilst clearing land.

I, therefore, beg that you will lay this communication before Her Majesty's Government for consideration, and trust that I may be allowed to carry said timber to market free of any further duty.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) L. R. COOMBS.

*Receipt of Captain Rines.**Fish River, May 29, 1841.*

RECEIVED of L. R. Coombs 642 dollars and 50 cents in full, for the stumpage of 642½ tons of white pine timber, cut on the public lands in the vicinity of the St. Francis Rivers, by the settlers, viz. :—

			Tons.
Messrs. Johnson and Savage	-	-	420
Nathaniel Bartlett	-	-	50
Dominick and Kendall	-	-	111
Augustus Pickard	-	-	40
J. H. Ryan	-	-	21½
Total	-	-	642½

(Signed) STOVERT RINES,  
Deputy Land-Agent of the State of Maine.

Inclosure 16 in No. 28.

*Sir W. Colebrooke to Mr. Mc Lauchlan.*

Sir,

*Frederickton, New Brunswick,  
June 9, 1841.*

I HAVE received your letter of the 4th instant, inclosing to me an application you had received from Mr. Coombs, a magistrate of Madawaska, dated the 30th ultimo, to be allowed to bring to market, free of duty, certain timber for which he had paid the American agent, but which he had purchased from the settlers residing on the St. John's, above the American block-house at the entrance of the Fish River, who had cut it, under permission given by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in March last. You also inform me that certain instructions, recently received by the assessors of county rates from the Attorney-General, for assessing all property through the settlement, which, as you state, (must include that in possession of the American armed posse,) would lead to a collision between the two Governments.

I have referred to the Attorney-General for his explanation upon the foregoing subjects; but, as I conclude from the date of your letter, that you had not received my instructions of the 2nd instant, I need only refer you to them for your guidance; it being obviously important, that the assessors should not be allowed to interfere in any measure with the Americans at the block-house, by proceeding to assess their property at that place.