

or twelve men, from the 24th British Regiment, under the command of a corporal or serjeant; a surgeon and commissary were attached to the post, on duty. The quarters at the foot of the lake were built of round timber, hewn upon the inside in a substantial but coarse manner.

Those at the head of the lake were neatly constructed of hewn timber, with a shingle roof, and painted. I think when I went to Quebec they were at work upon all the buildings, both at the foot and head of the lake; but when I returned, which was in September, some of the buildings were about completed. A road was at that time being made from the post at the head of Lake Temiscouata to the falls near the mouth of the Madawaska River, by contract with the British Government, or rather with Mr. McLauchlan, the late Warden of the disputed territory. I passed over a portion of said road, which had then been recently made. It was a well made permanent road. My information in relation to this road was acquired from the contractors who were at work upon it with their several crews of men.

(Signed)

THOMAS BARTLETT.

*Penobscot, ss. February 10, 1840.*

Sworn to before me,

(Signed)

SAMUEL CONEY,  
*Justice of the Peace.*

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Inclosure 9 in No. 30.

*Mr. Forsyth to Mr. Fox.*

*Department of State, Washington, March 6, 1840.*

BY the directions of the President, the Undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States, communicates to Mr. Fox, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Great Britain, the inclosed copy of a Report made to the Governor of the State of Maine, by the Agent commissioned on the part of the authorities of that State to ascertain the precise character and extent of the occupation of parts of the disputed territory by troops of Her Britannic Majesty, and of the buildings and other public works constructed for their use and accommodation.

By the Report and the three depositions which the Undersigned informally communicated to Mr. Fox a few days since, he will perceive there must be some extraordinary misapprehension on his part, of the facts in relation to the occupation by British troops of portions of the disputed territory. The statements contained in these documents, and that given by Mr. Fox in his note of the 20th of January last, exhibit a striking discrepancy as to the number of troops now in the territory, as compared with those who were in it when the arrangement between Governor Fairfield and Lieutenant-Governor Harvey was agreed upon; and also as to the present and former state of the buildings there. The extensive accommodations prepared and preparing at an old and at new stations, the works finished and in the course of construction on the land and on the water, are not in harmony with the assurance that the only object is the preservation of a few unimportant buildings and storehouses for the temporary protection of the number of troops Her Majesty's ordinary service can require to pass on the road from New Brunswick to Canada.

The Undersigned will abstain from any remarks upon these contradictory statements until Mr. Fox shall have had an opportunity to obtain the means of fully explaining them. How essential it is that this should be promptly done, and that the steps necessary to a faithful observance on the part of Her Majesty's Colonial Authorities of the existing agreements between the two Governments should be immediately taken, Mr. Fox cannot fail fully to understand.

The Undersigned avails himself, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN FORSYTH.