

No. 3.
Sir John Colborne
to Lord Fitzroy
Somerset,
2 January 1838.

that the force under my command should be constantly prepared to repel any invasion on the part of the population of the United States. I hope, however, that the failure of the rebels will have the effect of repressing the violence of the many supporters in the United States of the revolt and disturbances in Canada, and of preventing the party on Navy Island from receiving further reinforcements.

There has been no appearance of resistance to my orders in this district since my return from St. Benoit, and the measures which I have authorized for disarming the *habitans* generally have been acted on without difficulty.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-governor Sir *F. B. Head*, Bart.,
to Lord *Glenelg*.

My Lord,

Toronto, 28 December 1837.

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Sir *F. B. Head* to
Lord *Glenelg*,
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I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of the speech with which I have this day opened the Legislature of this province, together with copies of sundry documents,* which will explain to your Lordship, firstly, that the rebellion which has broken out here has been effectually put down, with the loss on the side of the Constitutionalists of only one man killed; and, secondly, that an unprovoked attack has been made upon our territory by American citizens, who have succeeded in taking possession of Navy Island (which is in the Niagara river, about two miles above the Cataracts), have intrenched and garrisoned it, have planted 13 pieces of cannon upon it, and, in fact, have thus formed a camp upon our territory, to which people by hand-bills, termed "Proclamations of the Provincial Government," are publicly invited, under the promise that "300 acres of the most valuable lands in Canada, and 100 dollars in silver, will be given to each volunteer who may join the Patriot forces on Navy Island."

I have communicated these facts to his Excellency the Earl of Gosford and to Sir John Colborne, and have addressed communications to the Governor of the State of New York and to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, copies of which I have the honour to enclose. I have stationed a militia force of about 2,000 men on the Niagara frontier, and have made all the arrangements in my power for calling out the militia of the province, in case their services should be required.

Having thus done all in my power to withstand a foreign invasion, which was never contemplated in my despatch to your Lordship, dated 18th November, I feel it my duty to recommend, contrary to the suggestions contained in that despatch, that Her Majesty's Government should afford to the Commander of the Forces every possible assistance, promptly and effectually to put down this attack by American citizens, unauthorized by their government, and in open violation of their laws.

I have, &c.

The Lord *Glenelg*, &c. &c. &c.

(signed) *F. B. Head*.

Enclosure

* Sir *F. B. Head*'s Speech to the Legislature, and the Proclamation signed "*W. L. Mackenzie*," are the only documents enclosed in this Despatch.