

be perceived that two companies of British troops have actually been marched into the disputed territory, and stationed at the Temiscouata Lake, where, it is well known, extensive barracks had been previously erected. This is clearly a violation of the spirit of the agreement entered into between the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick and myself, in March last, though the orders have been issued by the Governor of Lower Canada. I submit, also, whether the contingency contemplated by the Act of Congress of March 3, 1839, has not occurred: whether the facts do not clearly show an invasion of the State of Maine, which the Executive Government of the United States, under the directions of the act aforesaid, as well as under the obligations of the Constitution, is bound to repel.

I may add, that I am well informed that the British Government is also erecting barracks upon both sides of the St. John's, near the mouth of the Madawaska River, and that troops are concentrating at Grand Falls. Under all these circumstances, I deem it to be my duty to call upon the Government of the United States for that protection of this State from invasion, guaranteed to her in the constitution.

With the highest respect, I am, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN FAIRFIELD,
Governor of Maine.

Inclosure 63 in No. 30.

The Governor of Maine to Sir John Harvey.

*Executive Department,
Saco, December 12, 1839.*

[See Inclosure 5 in No. 28, p. 107.]

Inclosure 64 in No. 30.

Sir John Harvey to the Governor of Maine.

*Government House,
Fredericton, N. B., December 19, 1839.*

[See Inclosure 6 in No. 28, p. 108.]

Inclosure 65 in No. 30.

The Secretary of State to the Governor of Maine.

*Department of State,
Washington, January 2, 1840.*

YOUR letter of the 23rd ultimo to the President, has, with its inclosures, been received and referred to this department. The information therein contained, respecting the alleged occupation by British troops of a portion of the disputed territory, had before reached him from another quarter, and, by his direction, had immediately been made the subject of representations from this department to the British Minister; accompanied by a request that he would communicate such information in relation to the subject as he might have in his possession, or could obtain from the British colonial authorities. Presuming that the desired information is to be procured from the last mentioned source, sufficient time has not yet been afforded for that purpose; but, I am instructed by the President to state that so soon as an answer is received from the British Minister, its purport shall be communicated to your Excellency.

I have, &c..

(Signed)

JOHN FORSYTH.
