

No. 2.  
J. Stephen, Esq.  
to Lord Leveson.  
2 Sept. 1841.

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*J. Stephen, Esq. to Lord Leveson.*

My Lord,

Downing-street, 2 Sept. 1841.

I AM directed by Lord John Russell to transmit to you, for the information of Viscount Palmerston, the copy of a despatch from Lord Sydenham of the 9th of August, enclosing copy of a despatch which his Lordship has addressed to Mr. Fox on the 3d of August, in answer to his communication of the 27th of July, respecting the proposal which Mr. Fox has received from Mr. Webster for arranging the question pending between the two Governments, of temporary jurisdiction over the disputed territory.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *James Stephen.*

No. 104.

No. 3.

Lord Leveson to  
J. Stephen, Esq.  
2 Sept. 1841.

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*Lord Leveson to J. Stephen, Esq.*

Sir,

Foreign Office, 2 Sept. 1841.

I AM directed by Viscount Palmerston to transmit to you, for the information of Lord John Russell, copies of two despatches from Her Majesty's minister at Washington, enclosing copies of his correspondence with the Governor-general of Canada, relative to the present state of Mr. Fox's negotiation with the government of the United States, for regulating the provisional custody and occupation of the disputed territory; and I also enclose a copy of a despatch which Lord Palmerston has addressed to Mr. Fox thereupon.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *Leveson.*

From Mr. Fox,  
8 Aug. 1841.  
Ditto,  
11 Aug. 1841.

To Mr. Fox,  
29 Aug. 1841.

No. 4.

Lord Palmerston to  
H. S. Fox, Esq.  
31 Aug. 1841.

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*Lord Palmerston to H. S. Fox, Esq.*

Sir,

Foreign Office, 31 August 1841.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches, Nos. 73 and 75, of the 8th and 11th instant, enclosing copies of your correspondence with Lord Sydenham, and of the papers therein referred to, relative to the present state of your negotiation with the government of the United States for regulating the provisional custody and occupation of the disputed territory.

I have to state to you, in reply thereto, that Her Majesty's Government concur in opinion with Lord Sydenham that it would not be right or safe to agree to any arrangement which should preclude Her Majesty's troops from moving, if necessary, into that part of the Valley of the St. John which lies south of the river; but Her Majesty's Government are of opinion that it would be highly inexpedient to consent to an arrangement by which United States troops should be permitted, with the consent of the British Government, to occupy any position in the Valley of the St. John. The agreement made between Sir John Harvey and General Scott is perfectly clear, and is as fair as it is clear; and you are instructed to adhere to that arrangement, which leaves the Americans in occupation of the Valley of the Aroostook, and the British in occupation of the Valley of the St. John. If this basis of arrangement were once agreed to, no difficulty could be experienced in defining the boundary between those two valleys sufficiently for the purpose.

I am, &c.  
(signed) *Palmerston.*