

disturb them. There can be no doubt that, according to the laws of this province, they are legally within its jurisdiction, and that they are claiming, with the full sanction of their own Legislature, a jurisdiction over part of the district to which our authority has extended.

The land-agents of Maine and Massachusetts, I am informed, have been recently there to regulate the distribution of the charge of their establishments, those States having equal claims on the territory they may acquire, the value of each alternate township on the Restook being accounted for by Maine to Massachusetts.

The co-operation of those States, and indeed of others, is also apparent from the tenor of their Legislative Reports and Resolutions in the present year.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

Inclosure 23 in No. 28.

Mr. Mc Lauchlan to Mr. Reade.

Entrance of the Grand River Madawaska,

June 11, 1841, Friday, 11 o'clock, A.M.

Sir,

I HAVE just had the honour to receive by express his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's despatch of the 9th instant, and I avail myself of the return of the person to Woodstock, to state to you, for the information of his Excellency, that I shall immediately communicate with the assessors of county rates, and desire them on no account to interfere with the American armed posse at the Fish River in their assessment of the parish of Madawaska, which takes place some time this month. With respect to the further instructions of his Excellency, I have only to say, that I shall strictly act up to them in every respect.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. A. Mc LAUHLAN,
Warden.

P.S.—Your two letters bearing date the 2nd instant I had the honour to receive the 8th instant.

Inclosure 24 in No. 28.

Mr. Mc Lauchlan to Sir W. Colebrooke.

May it please your Excellency,

Madawaska, June 19, 1841.

WITH reference to my communication to your Excellency of the 4th instant, I have again the honour of renewing that subject, and which I am induced to do from the circumstance of the reports that have reached me touching the probable result, should an assessment be made in the Madawaska settlement above the entrance of the Fish River.

In my letter to your Excellency's Private Secretary, of the 15th instant, I stated, for your Excellency's information, that the land-agent for the State of Maine and Massachusetts had passed through the settlement to that post at the Fish River, and where it now appears they were apprized of the intention of the Provincial Authorities to assess the inhabitants on the River St. John above the Fish River. This, I am informed, called forth their disapprobation, as well as a remark, that should the British Government attempt to exer-