

as it will, I fear from the excitement of the Legislature and people of this State, that matters will be carried to such length, as to cause much trouble to his Excellency, and great expense to his Government. Every thing here looks warlike, and the people are hot for it.

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Inclosure 2 in No. 2.

*Mr. Sherwood to Captain S. Tryon.*

*British Consulate,*

(Extract.)

*Portland, February 19, 1839.*

I addressed you yesterday, stating that 1,000 or 2,000 stand of arms and other warlike stores, had been taken from the Arsenal in this city, by order of the Governor of Maine, and carried off to Bangor, to arm the men drafted from the military divisions in that quarter, 1,000 of whom were immediately to march to the disputed territory, in aid of those already there.

I now have to acquaint you that I have since ascertained, that a further draft has been ordered out, of 1,000 men from each of the divisions in the State, for the like purpose, which will, with the force already raised, give an army of between 8,000 and 9,000.

The Militia of Maine consists of eight divisions, or about 43,000.

I need not inform you, that everything in this quarter is warlike, and, indeed, the same in the whole State; that the citizens are eager to try their strength, being confident of success, especially as you have no regular troops, and even if you had, in the woods they think they would be of but little use.

The drafting from the fifth division in this city and quarter, commences this evening or to-morrow morning, and, no doubt, will soon be completed, as whole companies offer their services.

There can be no doubt of the intention of this force. Maine is determined to take possession of the territory if they can, and to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over it.

P.S.—In addition to the arms above mentioned, as taken from the Arsenal here, 500 rifles may be added, which left here the day after, viz: yesterday.

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No. 3.

*Major-General Sir John Harvey to Lord Glenelg.—(Received April 30, 1839.)*

*Government House,*

(Extract.)

*Fredericton, March 23, 1839.*

THE confident hope of an early and amicable termination of the present Border dispute, which I ventured to express in my Speech upon closing the Session of the Provincial Legislature this day, I have had the satisfaction of finding confirmed by the arrival at Government House (during my absence at the Province Building), of a semi-official despatch, with an official inclosure, from General Scott, of which copies are inclosed, as well as of the memorandum placed by me upon the agreement.

I have requested the confirmation of this arrangement on the part of the Governor of Maine to be sent to me at Woodstock, to which place I proceed to-morrow.

Pending the reference to Her Majesty's Government, it is not my intention wholly to withdraw the troops from the positions which they at present occupy, with the exception of the Madawaska Settlement which will be sufficiently protected by a detachment which I shall leave at the Grand Falls, where I have caused a rough, but comfortable log barrack to be constructed, at an expense which I apprehend will not exceed about 200/.