

tion of Vancouver's Island are foreigners, principally Americans; and in British Columbia the British population does not exceed 3 per cent.

15. I have now given their Lordships my view of the state of things here at this moment, and I trust they will approve of the course I have adopted.

I shall use every effort I can, short of a compromise of the honour of the British flag, to maintain our pacific relations with the United States until instructions shall arrive from home.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. LAMBERT BAYNES.

Inclosure 2 in No. 46.

Captain De Courcy to Captain Hornby.

Sir,

"Pylades," Esquimalt, July 30, 1859.

IN reply to your letter of this date, I acquaint you that his Excellency Governor Douglas has instructed the Resident Magistrate at San Juan to postpone further proceedings on the summons issued against Captain Pickett, an officer commanding the United States' forces.

The instructions already given to you to prevent by force the landing of any further forces of the United States, or the erecting fortifications by the forces already landed, are hereby revoked.

Captain Richards will give you further information, and I shall join you in the course of the day, or early on Monday.

I have, &c.

(Signed) MICHAEL DE COURCY.

Inclosure 3 in No 46.

Governor Douglas to Captain Hornby, August 2, 1859.

[See Inclosure 10 in No. 34.]

Inclosure 4 in No. 46.

Orders issued to Captain Hornby.

"Ganges," in Esquimalt Harbour,
August 13, 1859.

Memo.

THE orders under which you are now acting from Captain De Courcy, of Her Majesty's ship "Pylades," you will consider cancelled.

2. Whilst you remain in Griffin Bay watching the movements of the American force, you will strictly avoid all interference with them, either in landing or embarking, and by every means in your power prevent the risk of a collision taking place.

3. You will communicate with Major De Courcy, the Resident Magistrate, who I have no doubt will put you in full possession of any order, confidential or otherwise, he may receive from his Excellency the Governor.

4. Should the Resident Magistrate at any time require your assistance, I must press upon you the necessity of weighing well the requisition before you act, and not to do so unless you feel, after mature deliberation, that the insult offered, or any aggression on the part of the Americans, imperatively demands redress. You will then immediately acquaint me with the circumstances in order that I may take such measures as I may deem necessary to support you in the course you have adopted.

(Signed)

R. LAMBERT BAYNES,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-chief.

Captain Hornby,

Her Majesty's ship "Tribune,"

Griffin Bay, Island of San Juan.