

FURTHER COPIES OF EXTRACTS OF CORRESPONDENCE relative to the
Affairs of LOWER AND UPPER CANADA.

LOWER CANADA.

— No. 1. —

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Lieutenant-General Sir J. Colborne, G. C. B. to Major-general Lord Fitzroy Somerset, K. C. B.; dated Head Quarters, Montreal, 9th January 1838.

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Sir J. Colborne to
Lord F. Somerset,
9 January 1838.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the General Commanding-in-Chief, that the American force from the United States, mentioned in my despatch of the 2d instant, still retained possession of Navy Island on the 3d instant, the date of my last accounts from the Niagara frontier. The reports of the numbers on the island vary; it is generally supposed that they have about 700 men well armed, and nine field-pieces.

*Vide Papers rela-
tive to the Affairs
of Canada, present-
ed to Parliament,
2 Feb. 1838, p. 11.*

Volunteers from the Upper Canada militia are flocking to the Niagara frontier; not less than 5,000 men are assembled in arms under Colonel M'Nab. Colonel Forster, I believe, arrived at Niagara on the 2d January, and assumed the command.

The 24th regiment, the reinforcement of the Royal Artillery, and the 10-inch mortars, which I ordered from Kingston, would probably have reached Chippawa yesterday; the five companies of the 32d regiment are on their route to Niagara, and may arrive there on the 12th instant.

Information has been received that the Americans are making preparations to invade the western district of Upper Canada, from Detroit; but the reports of the intentions of the Americans are so vague in respect to the parties making arrangements to invade the province, that I do not attach much credit to the information received from that frontier.

I transmit to you the statements forwarded to me by Sir Francis Head, relative to the capture of the steam-boat Caroline, in an American port. There appears no doubt that this vessel was employed in the service of the pirates, who have invaded our territory from the United States.

It would be a hazardous enterprise to attack the Americans on Navy Island, with reference to the rapid current and the difficulty of disembarking at night on any part of the island near our own shore. I have desired Colonel Forster not to incur any great risk in making an attack, for I trust that the pirates may be either dislodged by a constant fire from our batteries, or, that on finding the force opposed to them increasing, they will disperse themselves, particularly as the American Government must now see the necessity of preventing the conveyance of supplies, and the passage of recruits, through their territory to Navy Island.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

Sir,

Head Quarters, Chippewa, 30 December 1837.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the information of his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor, several papers connected with the capture of the steam-boat Caroline, belonging to the pirates who have joined the rebels on Navy Island.

Encl. 1, in No. 1.

Colonel the Hon. Jonas Jones,
A. D. C.

I have, &c.
(signed) Allan N. M'Nab, Col. Coms.