the subject again personally before your Excellency. But, in the mean time, I have to acquaint your Excellency that no assessment will be made in the settlement until the pleasure of your Excellency be known.

I have, &c.,

J. A. Mc LAUCHLAN. (Signed)

Sub-Inclosure 4 in Inclosure 7 in No. 32.

Mr. Mc Lauchlan to the Assessors of Madawaska County and Parish Rates.

Gentlemen,

Madawaska, June 19, 1841.

SINCE addressing you by desire of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 11th instant, circumstances have transpired which induce me to believe, should any assessment be made by you on the inhabitants of Madawaska residing above the American armed posse at the Fish River, must lead to a serious misunderstanding between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States.

I have therefore to request that you will. for the present, defer making any assessments in that part of the settlement, until I am again afforded an opportunity of bringing the subject under the consideration of his I have, &c., Excellency.

J. A. Mc LAUCHLAN, (Signed) Warden of the Disputed Territory.

Inclosure 8 in No. 32.

Sir William Colebrooke to Mr. Fox.

Fredericton, July 27, 1841.

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Excellency, for your information, the copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to Lord Sydenham, in answer to his Lordship's inquiries on the subject of my suggestions for the settlement of the Boundary Line, communicated to your Excellency with my letter of the 19th of June last.

I take this opportunity of acknowledging your Excellency's letter of the 27th ultimo, and of thanking you for the information contained in it.

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

Sub-Inclosure 1 in Inclosure 8 in No. 32.

Sir W. Colebrooke to Lord Sydenham.

My Lord,

Fredericton, July 27, 1841.

I HAD the honour to receive your Lordship's letter of the 30th ultimo, while absent on a tour through the province, and I take the

earliest opportunity of replying to it. The advantage of treating for the establishment of a boundary line which would obviate the protracted discussion of the claims of either Government to the Territory in dispute, has been much considered in this quarter; and I have recently been informed, from good authority, that Governor Kent, and other persons of influence in the State of Maine, had privately expressed their opinion in favour of such a settlement.

The probability was also intimated to me, that a line drawn from the intersection of the north line with the Restook to the Fish River would be agreed to at present, and the cautious' proceedings of the present

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Sir,

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