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I have the honour herewith to inclose the copy of a letter which I have addressed to the Secretary of State of the United States, officially communicating to him the above information.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. S. FOX.

Inclosure in No. 8.

Mr. Fox to Mr. Forsyth.

Sir,

Washington, July 28, 1840.

I HAVE been directed by Her Majesty's Government to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of the United States, that Lieutenant-Colonel Mudge and Mr. G. W. Featherstonhaugh, the Commissioners appointed last year to explore and survey the territory in dispute between Great Britain and the United States, having been prevented by want of time and by the advanced period of the season, from then completing their examination and survey of a certain portion of the Boundary Line claimed by the United States lying north of the River St. John and in the vicinity of the River St. Lawrence; and Her Majesty's Government having determined that such examination and survey shall now be completed, Lieutenant Broughton of the Royal Engineers, and Mr. James D. Featherstonhaugh, have been selected as joint surveyors for that service. These gentlemen have arrived from England at Halifax, on board the steam-ship "Britannia;" and they will immediately proceed to execute the objects of their Commission.

I avail myself, &c.,

(Signed) H. S. FOX.

No. 9.

Mr. Fox to Viscount Palmerston.—(Received September 1.)

(No. 20.)

My Lord.

Washington, July 30, 1840.

IN my despatch, No. 15, of the 5th of this month, I had the honour to inclose a printed copy of the President's Message to Congress of the 27th of June, in which, after transmitting the last correspondence between the United States' Secretary of State and myself upon the subject of the Boundary Negotiation, and referring to the report of the British Commissioners Colonel Mudge and Mr. Featherstonhaugh, which had been communicated by me to the United States' Government, the President called upon Congress to enable the Executive to effect a new preparatory survey, by American Commissioners, of those parts of the disputed territory which are especially treated of in the Report of the British Commissioners.

An Act was accordingly passed by the two Houses of Congress, shortly before their adjournment on the 21st of this month, appropriating the sum of 25,000 dollars for the purpose required.

The nomination of the American Commissioners has been made without delay; and they will commence their labours early in the month of August.

I have the honour to inclose the copy of an official letter addressed to me by the Secretary of State, acquainting me with the appointment of the American Commissioners, and informing me of the mode in which it is intended they should prosecute their investigations. I likewise inclose