

Having fully expressed my views to you personally, I do not deem it necessary to be more particular in making this communication.

With full confidence that you will do everything in the premises which the honour and interest of your State require, I subscribe myself, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN FAIRFIELD,
Governor of Maine.

Inclosure 37 in No. 30.

Governor Fairfield to Sir John Harvey.

Sir,

Augusta, February 15, 1839.

THIS communication will be handed to you by the Hon. Jonathan P. Rogers, a distinguished citizen of this State, whom I have requested to proceed to Frederickton, for the purpose of conferring with your Excellency upon a most extraordinary and high-handed proceeding, on the part of certain trespassers upon the public lands, in seizing and transporting beyond the bounds of the State, the Hon. Rufus McIntire, land agent, and several other persons while aiding him in the regular and legal execution of the duties of his office—and for the purpose of procuring their release. Mr. Rogers will inform your Excellency of the facts as they have been reported here, and confer with you generally upon the subject.

I cannot doubt that your Excellency will furnish Mr. Rogers with the information in your possession, and will afford him every facility in accomplishing the object of his mission.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN FAIRFIELD,
Governor of Maine.

Inclosure 38 in No. 30.

Appointment of Mr. Jarvis.

Sir,

Augusta, February 15, 1839.

AN extraordinary state of affairs upon what is called the disputed territory, has induced me to invite your services in the cause of the State. By the inclosed resolve, you will perceive that the State has come to the determination of breaking up and putting an end to the trespassing upon the public lands. Under this resolve, Mr. McIntire, the land agent, repaired to the scene of operations, with about 200 chosen men. The trespassers had combined, and intended to resist every attempt to disperse them—but finding that our men had supplied themselves with artillery, they thought it prudent to leave the ground, though 300 in number. After this, however, Mr. McIntire with four others, being unfortunately separated from the main body, were seized by a detachment from the trespassers, and transported beyond the bounds of the State. Our men are now on No. 10, upon the Aroostook, fortified, where they will remain until they receive a reinforcement, and then proceed to the further execution of the resolve alluded to.

Under these circumstances, it has become necessary for me to appoint some one to take the place of Mr. McIntire, and to lead on the expedition. I know of no gentleman better qualified for the service than yourself, and trust that you will find no obstacle in the way of your acceptance of the appointment.

Mr. Strickland, Sheriff of Penobscot, is instructed to procure forthwith, from 200 to 300 additional men. He has also been supplied with the necessary funds. I hope you will immediately set out for Bangor, where you can confer with Major Strickland, and repair at the earliest possible moment, with the additional force, to the scene of the trouble, where you will proceed to execute the resolve of the 24th of January.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN FAIRFIELD,
Governor of Maine.