PATRIOT EXTRA

TORONTO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1838

No. 1. HEAD QUARTERS.
Chippewa, 3rd January, 1838.

SIR—With reference to your letter to me of yesterday, and my reply thereto, I have the honor to inform you that I have issued the enclosed General Order to the Forces under my command, which I trust will be satisfactory to the Authorities of the United States,

Having acted upon your suggestion in abstaining from any attack upon Navy Island until you could make [illegible] and Stores from the Pirates assembled there, [illegible] to be informed of the result of that application.

I have &c.
ALLAN N. MACNAB
Col. Com'g Her Majesty's Forces on the Niagara Frontier.
Commis'y General Henry Arcularius, &c. &c.

Head Quarters, Chippewa,
Ass't Adjutant General's Office,
3rd January, 1838.

General Order.

Col MacNab being desirous of doing every thing in his power to preserve the treaty of Peace and amity which happily exists between Her Britannic Majesty and the Government of the United States of America, and having received the assurance of Commissary General Henry Arcularius, by command of the Governor of the State of New York, that it was his intention immediately to demand of the rebels and pirates assembled on Navy Island all the arms, ordnance and ordnance stores belonging to the people of the State of New York, and soliciting a suspension of an attack on Navy Island until such demand and surrender could be made, directs that the Naval Brigade and Troops on the Niagara Frontier [illegible] exceedingly careful to abstain from committing any act of aggression against the persons or properties of American Citizens.

K. CAMERON, *A. A. G.*

No. 2. *State of New York.*
Niagara Falls, January 3rd, 1838

Colonel MacNab, Commanding Her Majesty's Forces on the Niagara Frontier.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch enclosing the General Order to the Forces under your command, and tender you my thanks for your politeness, and for the humane disposition which you have manifested toward the illegal assemblage on Navy Island.

In compliance with my orders from the Governor, I waited upon Mr. Van Rensselear at Schlosser, at which place he came to see me and the honourable gentlemen who accompanied me, for the purpose of persuading him to a compliance with the requisition of the Governor, to surrender to me the ordnance and arms clandestinely obtained from the possession of the people of this State. I there presented him a copy of the requisition, and allowed him to pursue the original, which he did—and in reply expressed his wish to be allowed time until two o'clock of this day to make his answer,—and this forenoon requested further delay till four o'clock to furnish his answer—and to all of which arrangements I consented. But, unfortunately, it is now five o'clock, and I am not yet in receipt of the expected answer. I am therefore, with great regret, compelled to conclude that it is not the intention of Mr. Van Rensselear to obey the command of the Governor of this State, to surrender the ordnance and arms to me in compliance with them.

Be assured, however, that it is not my intention to relax in the necessary efforts to obtain possession of the military property in question.

This is all I am at this moment able to state to you,—should any thing further occur, and which it will be necessary to send you information of, of a more favourable character on the subject, I shall hasten to communicate it, and with the greatest cheerfulness. I have, &c.

[Signed] HENRY ARCULARIUS,
Com. Gen. Military Stores, S. N. Y.

No. 3. *State of New York,*
Wednesday Evening 9 o'clock,
Niagara Falls, January 3rd, 1838.

Colonel Allan N. MacNab, Commanding Her Majesty's Forces on the Niagara Frontier.

SIR,—In compliance with my promise made in my letter of this evening, which I had the honor to address you, I now deem it my duty to send you the enclosed copy of a communication just received from Mr. Van Rensselaer, the commanding officer at Navy Island. I have, &c.

[Signed] HENRY ARCULARIUS,
Com. Gen. Military Stores, N. Y. S.

[Copy] *Head Quarters, Navy Island,*
Upper Canada, January 3rd, 1838

To General Arcularius, Commissary General, State of New York, now at Niagara Falls

SIR,—I have laid your letter of yesterday before such members of the Provisional Government as were on the Island, at the time of my landing, but as a sufficient number to form a board could not be assembled in time to give your request the grave consideration it demands, it was considered just to defer a reply until to morrow, which I will have the honour to communicate to you [illegible] decision of the Board. I have, &c.

REUSS. VAN RENSSELAER,
Commanding &c.

(No. 4) *State of New York,*
Niagara Falls, January 4th, 1838

Colonel Allan N. Macnab, commanding Her Majesty's Forces on the Niagara Frontier.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Proclamation issued to our citizens by the United States Marshal, N. Garrow, Esquire, this morning, with aid to enforce the laws of our country.

I would most respectfully avail myself of this opportunity of communication, to express a humane desire to you, which is to know, whether the Canadians on Navy Island can be permitted to find their way to their respective homes in Canada unmolested, and to be enabled to say that the delusion under which they have acted will be pardoned.

Were I permitted to say something positive in this relation from the Authorities in Canada, to the misguided minds of many of my fellow-citizens, both on the Island and on this Frontier, it does appear to me that I should thereby be enabled more peacably to attain the object for which I have been sent here, namely, to recover the State Military property, [illegible] destinely extracted from various depots.

It appears to me that the few [illegible] scruples and agitations now existing would be softened thereby, and the object of suppressing the designs of the insidiously inclined be left without an argument for their insane practices.

With all deference and respect I submit this proposition to your most favorable and honorable construction, as it emanates from the most sincere desire on my part to attain the object of my mission in the most peaceable manner

I have, &c.,
[Signed] HENRY ARCULARIUS,
Com'y. Gen. Military Stores.
[Copy.] S. N. Y.

(Copy) AMERICAN CITIZENS!

Will you listen to the voice of reason?—and the obligations of duty?—Will you respect the laws of your country!—That every true Patriot—every friend of our own free and happy Republic, who desires and prays for the continuance of those inestimable blessings, which flow from our own free and liberal institutions will do so, cannot be doubted.

You are forbidden by the laws of your own country, to arm yourselves for war against a Nation with whom your country is at peace. And I am directed by the public authorities to arrest every man who shall violate this law. A sense of duty, and the oath which I have taken to obey this direction, impel me to its performance.

I call therefore upon you—by your own sense of duty and obligation, as you value the interests of your own country—and as you revere the laws of your own choice and adoption, that you pause before you violate those laws and subject yourselves to the penalties by which those laws are sanctioned.

I am on the ground with my officers at this place, for the purpose of testing the efficiency of the laws, with a fixed and determinate resolution to arrest every man who shall violate them, and I call upon all good citizens to aid me in the performance of this duty

(Signed) N. GARROW,
U. S. Marshal, N. D. N. Y.

Fort Schlosser, January 4th, 1838.

No. 5. HEAD QUARTERS,
Chippewa, 4th January, 1838

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day, enclosing a Proclamation issued by N. Garrow, Esquire, United States Marshal for the Northern District of New York.

It is with great satisfaction that I have received this further proof of your sincere desire to prevent the continuance of the illegal proceedings pursued by a great number of the citizens of New York in arming themselves to invade this Province.

My object in attacking Navy Island is, not to obtain possession of the persons either of American or of Canadian subjects, but simply to recover for Her Britannic Majesty by force of arms, a portion of the British Empire, upon which an American citizen, styling himself R. VanRensselaer, General Commanding, with others, have in violation of the laws of Nations, presumed to constitute for Upper Canada a Provisional Government, which promises to parcel out to its adherents the most fertile lands in this Province.

Those, therefore, who may think [illegible] to depart from Her Majesty's [illegible], are at full liberty to do so,—and even when I attack it, any who may lay down their arms shall receive from me no personal injury, but will be made prisoners to answer for their conduct to the laws of this Province.—I have, &c

[Signed] ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Col. Com'g Her Majesty's Forces on the Niagara Frontier.

Commissary General
Henry Arcularius, &c &c &c.