

Majesty's Government upon the question, even of the continued occupation of Fort Jarvis by the Americans; and you will not fail to perceive, looking to that despatch, that I have even gone beyond what Lord Palmerston wishes, in the terms upon which I requested you, in my letter of the 3rd instant, to endeavour to negotiate.

I am, therefore, desirous that you should be good enough to inquire into the truth of the rumours I have referred to, without delay; and if there really exists any serious foundation for them, that you should avail yourself of the earliest opportunity of intimating, that the consequences of a movement upon Fort Jarvis by the United States' troops, without any previous understanding or agreement with Her Majesty's Representatives, must be of a very serious character.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) SYDENHAM.

*Schedule of Inclosures in Lord Sydenham's Despatch to Mr Fox of August 28, 1841.*

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1. Sir Richard Jackson to Lord Sydenham . . . . . Sorel, August 6, 1841.  
Sub-Inclosures.
  1. Lieutenant Simmons, Royal Engineers, to Sir Richard Jackson . . . Little Falls, Madawaska, August 3, —
  2. Captain Walmsley, 56th Regiment, to the Major of Brigade . . . . . Dégelée, August 3, —  
(Inclosing a letter from Lieutenant Smith of same Regiment.)
  3. Sir Richard Jackson to Sir James Macdonell . . . Sorel, August 6, —
2. Lord Sydenham to Sir Richard Jackson . . . Kingston, August 10, —
3. Sir William Colebrooke to Lord Sydenham . . . Fredericton, August 10, —
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*Mr. Fox to Lord Sydenham.*

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(Private.)

Dear Lord Sydenham,

Washington, September 1, 1841.

I HAVE this day received your despatch, with its inclosures, of the 28th ultimo. I have seen Mr. Webster, and have communicated to him the principal part of your despatch. I believe that, unknown to him, some premature order has been issued, either by the Secretary of War, or by General Scott, authorizing the movement of the two United States' companies to the Aroostook and to Fish River. I believe, however, that this has been done, not through intentional bad faith, but owing to the state of complete disorganization, or rather of discord, in which the Government here is now placed, and owing also to the extraordinary habitual negligence of Mr. Webster in the management of official business. He promises me that, by this night's post, an order shall be despatched, countermanding the premature movement of the troops, but I am afraid this order will be too late. He will also, on Friday or Saturday, the 3rd or 4th, address to me a written statement, to be forwarded to you, both upon the subject of this movement, and upon the subject in general of the proposed arrangement in the Disputed Territory. I shall detain, until then, the messenger who brought your letter, and hope to despatch him from hence, on Sunday the 5th, or the following day. I will write to you very fully by that occasion. In the present state of the Government here, I do not see much likelihood of making any more extensive arrangement than for the substitution of two companies of United States' troops for the irregular armed posse of Maine, and this by an understanding, through an exchange of notes, rather than by a precise convention. Upon these points, I shall write to you more fully by the messenger. In whatever I agree to, you may depend upon my asserting,