

*Mr. Carleton to Mr. Forsyth.*

NEW ORLEANS, *October 21, 1835.*

SIR : I have the honor herewith to forward to you several of the newspapers of this city, from which the President will be fully apprized of the nature of the excitement felt here at the present situation of Texas, and the part which some of our citizens seem disposed to take in the struggle about to arise between that Province and the parent State. There can be no doubt that certain persons intend to proceed thither, to act in concert with the Texans, should an occasion present itself. Yet, when the matter is more narrowly investigated, it is difficult to apply to them the provisions of the second or sixth sections of the act of the 20th April, 1818 ; for it does not appear that any regular *enlisting or entering as soldiers* has taken place within the meaning of the statute, or that any definite or tangible *military expedition or enterprise* has been set on foot or begun.

I have just had an interview upon this subject with the Mexican consul, to whom I expressed a willingness to prosecute, under that law, for any offence committed against his Government, whenever himself or any one else would indicate the testimony upon which proceedings could be properly based. He seemed to think his agency would be unavailing, and said he could do nothing more than communicate the facts, as they occurred, to the officers of his Government.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY CARLETON.

HON. JOHN FORSYTH,

*Secretary of State, Washington City.*

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*Mr. Forsyth to Governor White.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Washington, October 27, 1835.*

SIR : The contest which is apparently beginning in a territory adjoining the United States, between parties of the Mexican empire, and recent publications in the public journals of New Orleans, lead to an apprehension that attempts may be made to violate the laws of the United States, passed to preserve the relations of amity with foreign Powers, and to fulfil the obligations of our treaties with them. By the directions of the President, I have the honor to request the attention of your excellency to any movements of that character that may be contemplated in Louisiana, and your prompt interference, and that of the officers of the United States, to arrest the parties concerned, if any preparations are made of a hostile nature against any foreign Power in amity with the United States.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN FORSYTH.

His Excellency EDWARD D. WHITE,

*Governor of the State of Louisiana.*