

troops now at Madawaska will be withdrawn to the barrack at the Dégelée, in conformity with an arrangement desired by the Commander of the Forces, on military grounds.

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

Inclosure 11 in No. 28.

Lord Sydenham to Sir W. Colebrooke.

(Extract.)

Kingston, June 8, 1841.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatches of the 11th, 15th, and 27th of May, on the subject of the Disputed Territory, and the proceedings adopted by the Warden for its protection. I had abstained from answering you before, in expectation of receiving the further intelligence, which the concluding sentence of your despatch of the 11th of May led me to expect.

From my despatch of the 21st ultimo, your Excellency will have learned my views in regard to the exercise by the Warden of any authority over that part of the Disputed Territory now in possession of the State of Maine. I still continue to think that every exertion should be made not inconsistent with the national honour and the safety of Her Majesty's subjects, to prevent a collision; but it is impossible to allow the people of Maine to carry out the scheme which you suppose to be in contemplation, without an entire sacrifice of British interests. I trust that the further information which Mr. Mc Lauchlan is seeking, will shew that some mistake exists as to their intentions, if not, I shall immediately, upon receiving your letter and further report, apply to Mr. Fox, with a request that he will at once appeal to the Federal Government to prevent acts on the part of Maine, which are contrary to the existing arrangements between the countries, and which, if persisted in, must inevitably lead to collision. I shall, without waiting for the report, inform that gentleman of the rumours which prevail, in order that he may take an opportunity of bringing them privately before the United States' Authorities, with a view to their prevention.

In the meantime, the instructions which were addressed by the Secretary of State and myself to Sir John Harvey will sufficiently point out to your Excellency the course to be pursued, to protect the inhabitants of the Madawaska settlement, and to keep open the communications between the Lower Provinces and Quebec.

In regard to the cutting timber, the Warden should continue, as heretofore, to prevent any of Her Majesty's subjects from infringing in this way on the existing agreement, and any timber cut by citizens of Maine, should, without fail, be seized on its passage down the St. John's. It would probably be expedient to make known the intention of the British Authorities in this respect, as a means of deterring the American population from any proceeding of the kind.

Inclosure 12 in No. 28.

Sir W. Colebrooke to Mr. Fox.

Sir,

Government House, Fredericton, June 9, 1841.

I HAVE the honour to inclose to your Excellency, for your information, the copy of a despatch which I have this day addressed to Lord Sydenham, with a communication I have received from the Warden of the Disputed Territory.

I hope that early intimation may be given to me of any military movements which may be intended upon the frontier of this province.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.