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BY AUTHORITY.



By His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

EDMUND HEAD.

A PROCLAMATION.

he involved in hostilities, and may be called on to act in strict union and alliance for purposes offensive and defensive against Russia, I do hereby require and enjoin all Officers or Servants of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and all Her Majesty's Subjects of the Province of New Brunswick, to afford to French Subjects and French Commerce, protection and aid similar to that which they are bound to afford to the Subjects and Commerce of Great Britain and Ireland; and I do hereby command them for the purposes aforesaid, to co-operate zealously and efficiently with Her Majesty's Naval Forces.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Fredericton, the twenty first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

J. R. PARTELOW.

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 24th February, 1854.

Sir,—I transmit herewith, for your information, copy of a circular instruction, which has been addressed to Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Agents abroad, directing them, in conformity with an agreement made by Her Majesty's Government with that of France, to afford protection to French subjects and commerce.

Instructions to the same effect will be forthwith issued to Her

Majesty's Naval Officers in all parts of the world.

I have to direct you to conduct yourself in the exercise of your powers as Governor of New Brunswick, in accordance with these instructions, so far as they are applicable to your Office: to impress on all the local Authorities under your superintendence the duty of affording similar protection to French subjects and commerce, and of co-operating for that purpose with Her Majesty's Naval Authorities; and to report to me, without delay, any measures which you may have deemed it expedient to take in reference to these instructions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Gov. Sir. E. Head, Bart. &c. &c. &c. New Brunswick.

(Circular.)

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Foreign Office, 23rd February, 1854.

The communication which has recently been made to you of the Correspondence on Eastern Affairs which has been laid before both Houses of Parliament, will have shewn you that there is every probability of an early commencement of hostilities between Great Britain and France on one side, and Russia on the other. That Correspondence will also have shewn you that the British and French Governments, throughout the difficult and complicated negotiatious which have preceded the existing state of affairs, have earnestly and cordially acted together, with a view to avert the calamity of war, and that they are equally prepared to act with the

same earnestness and cordiality for the preservation of the Ottoman Empire, if the Emperor of Russia should still be unwilling to negotiate for peace on fair and reasonable terms.

The time has now arrived when it is incumbent on the two Governments to prepare for all the contingencies of war; and among those contingencies, it has been impossible for them to overlook the danger to which their subjects and their commerce on the High Seas may be exposed by the machinations of their enemy, who, though unable from his own resources materially to injure either, may seek to devise means of offence from Countries whose Governments take no part in the contest which he has provoked.

But it is a necessary consequence of the strict union and alliance which exists between Great Britain and France, that, in the event of war, their conjoint action should be felt by Russia in all parts of the world; that not only in the Baltic, and in the waters and territory of Turkey, their counsels, their armies, and their fleets, should be united either for offensive or defensive purposes against Russia, but that the same spirit of union should prevail in all quarters of the world, and that whether for offence or defence the civil and military and naval resources of the British and French Empires should be directed to the common objects of protecting the subjects and commerce of England and France from Russian aggression, and of depriving the Russian Government of the means of inflicting injury on either.

For these reasons Her Majesty's Government have agreed with that of His Majesty the Emperor of the French to instruct their Civil and Naval Authorities in foreign parts to consider their respective subjects as having an equal claim to protection against Russian hostility; and for this purpose, either singly or in conjunction with each other, to act indifferently for the support and defence of British and French interests. It may be that, in a given locality, one only of the Powers is represented by a Civil Functionary, or by a Naval Force; but, in such a case, the influence and the power of that one must be exerted as zealously and efficiently for the protection of the subjects and interests of the other as if those subjects and interests were its own.

I have accordingly to instruct you, Sir, to act in conformity with this principle. You will consider it your duty to protect, as far as possible, against the consequence of the hostilities in which England and France may shortly be engaged with Russia, the subjects and interests of France equally with those of England; and you will make known without reserve to the French Civil and Naval Authorities with whom you may have means of communication, any dangers to which the interests of either country may be exposed, or any opportunities with which you may become acquainted of inflicting injuries on the common enemy.

Instructions to the same effect will be sent by the Government of France to its Civil and Naval Authorities in foreign parts, and Her Majesty's Government concur with that of France in anticipating the most favourable results from this decided manifestation of the intimate union which prevails between them, and which it is their earnest desire should influence their Agents in all parts of the world at a moment when they are about to engage in a contest with the Empire of Russia for an object of such paramount interest to Europe as the maintenance of the Turkish Empire.

I am, your most obedient, humble servant,

NOTICE.

(Signed)

CLARENDON.

R. JOHN SANDALL has been appointed, under the 14th Section of the Act 15 Vic. Cap. 28, a Clerk in the Provincial Treasury at Saint John.

B. ROBINSON, Provincial Treasurer. Saint John, March 20, 1854.—2w.

(508) CROWN LAND OFFICE, March 3, 1854.

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