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Foreign-Office, May 31, 1814.

EARL Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has this day notified, by command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to the Ministers of friendly powers resident at this Court, that the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's naval forces off the coasts of the United States of North America, has issued a proclamation, dated at Bermuda, on the 25th day of April last, declaring all the ports, harbours, bays, creeks, rivers, inlets, outlets, islands, and sea coasts, of the said United States, from the point of land called Black Point, to the northern and eastern boundaries between the said United States and the British provinces of New Brunswick, to be in a state of strict and rigorous blockade; and that the said Commander in Chief had stationed off the ports and places above-mentioned a naval force adequate to maintain the said blockade in the most rigorous and effective manner; and that the ports and places aforesaid are and must be considered as being in a state of blockade accordingly; and that all the measures authorised by the Law of Nations will be adopted and executed with respect to all vessels attempting to violate the said blockade.

Earl Bathurst at the same time notified to the said Ministers, by command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that, the whole of the French troops, which forcibly occupied positions on the banks of the Elbe, having been removed, so as to leave that River free and secure to the vessels of His Majesty's subjects, as well as of other nations, His Royal Highness has judged it expedient to signify His commands to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the necessary

orders may be given, that all His Majesty's ships of war, which may have been stationed at the Mouth of the Elbe, for the purpose of blockading the same, may be immediately withdrawn.

COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

Downing-Street, May 31, 1814.

A DISPATCH, of which the following is an extract, has been this day received by Earl Bathurst, from Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost, dated

Quebec, March 12, 1814.

WHEN I had the honour of addressing your Lordship on the 9th of February, the American army, under Major-General Wilkinson, continued to occupy their position on the frontier of Lower Canada, at the French Mills, on the Salmon River, near St. Regis, and at the Four Corners.

I now beg leave to acquaint you, that, between the 12th and 16th of February, the enemy abandoned their position, after partially burning their block-houses and barracks, erected with infinite labour and great expence, and also destroying their river craft and batteaux, several hundred of which had been frozen up in Salmon River, and they have succeeded in moving their ordnance and the principal part of their provisions and stores. Two regiments are stated to have proceeded to Sackett's Harbour, and the remainder of their force to Burlington and Plattsburgh, where Major-General Wilkinson has now taken up his head-quarters.

I am informed the frontier positions occupied by the enemy at the close of the last campaign were given up, by the orders of the American Govern-