

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

The last evening by Mr. Henry Thaxter I received a letter from Stephen Jones and James Avery Esq^r dated at Machias the 29th of June. They mention in it, that by letters from Co. Allan, and Mr. Delesdernier, a copy of which was inclosed, they are informed of a most daring insult upon the dignity of this Commonwealth, and the United States, committed on the 26th of that month by the civil and custom House officers of the British Province of New Brunswick, in seizing two vessels the property of the citizens of this Commonwealth and within the acknowledged jurisdiction of it. —

Colonel Allan's letter dated at Dudley Island the 27th of June mentions, that the Acts of New Brunswick which are now published, extends the Western boundary of Charlotte County to the Western shore of Passamaquaddy Bay, that the seventh Parish called the West Isles, includes Moore, Dudley, and Frederick Islands expressly; and consequently that the United States are wholly debarred from all navigation in, and into that Bay. —

By enquiry of Mr. Thaxter, I find the two vessels were seized as they lay at anchor near the western shore of the west Passage, into Passamaquaddy. This conduct corresponds to those acts and both together shew a disposition to excluder us from the navigation of that Bay; and at the same time must be considered as a violation of the definitive Treaty of pence between the United States and Great Britain. —

I have lately received depositions from Mr. Avery abovementioned, dated the 12th of May at Moore Island, concerning the conduct of Sheriff Wier, an officer of New Brunswick, which have been obtained in consequence of a resolve of the General, passed the last Session. — These with the letters above, referred to, will be laid before you Gentlemen, for your information, and determination concerning the subject of them. —

Council Chamber July 7th 1706 True copy
Attest James Bowdoin
John Avery Jun^r Sec^y

Indorsed with the Office Copy by me
 Jan^y 29. 1803
 (Copy)
 Post Bowdoin's Representation to the Senate and House of Assembly of Massachusetts, of British Encroachments on Dudley and Moore Islands — Off. Copy — dated in Council Chamber July 7th 1706 —

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