States should accept or acquire fairly the sovereignty of these islands I hope you will be able to ascertain, and will apprise your Government thereof.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY.

TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES:

I transmit to the Senate a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying papers, in answer to their resolution of the 2d instant.

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1854.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, requesting the President to communicate to that body, if not incompatible with the public interest, "copies of all correspondence between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain in regard to the Sandwich Islands, including copies of all communications between the Secretary of State and Mr. Fox, the British minister, during the years 1843 and 1844, in regard to the independence of those islands, and especially of the letters of Mr. Fox to Mr. Upshur of the 25th of June, 1843, and of Mr. Upshur to Mr. Fox of the 5th of July, 1843; also a copy of any protest or other communication from the King of the Sandwich Islands to this Government in regard to the seizure of those islands by Lord George Paulet, commander of Her Britannic Majesty's ship Carysfort, and of any reply of this Government thereto," has the honor to lay before the President the papers mentioned in the subjoined list.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. MARCY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, February 15, 1854.

LIST OF ACCOMPANYING PAPERS.

Mr. Everett to Mr. Webster, July 1, 1842, extract.
Mr. Webster to Mr. Everett, March 23, 1843, copy.
Mr. Webster to Mr. Everett, March 28, 1843, extract.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Legare, June 1, 1843, extract.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Legare, June 3, 1843, copy.
Mr. Legare to Mr. Everett, June 13, 1843, extract.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Legare, June 14, 1843, extract.
Mr. Fox to Mr. Upshur, June 25, 1843, copy.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Legare, July 1, 1843, extract.
Mr. Upshur to Mr. Fox, July 5, 1843, copy.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Upshur, August 15, 1843, extract.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Upshur, September 28, 1843, extract.
Mr. Everett to Mr. Nelson (with inclosure), April 24, 1844, copy.