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Lord Castlereagh in his Note to Mr. Russell, seems to have supposed, that had the British Government accepted the proposition made to it, Great Britain would have suspended ~~a right~~ immediately the exercise of a right, on the mere assurance of this Government that a law would be afterwards passed, to prohibit the employment of British Seamen in the service of the United States, and that Great Britain would have no agency in the regulations to give effect to that prohibition. Such an idea was not in the contemplation of this Government, nor is it to be reasonably inferred from Mr. Russell's note. Lest however, by possibility, such an inference might be drawn from the instructions to Mr. Russell, and anxious that there should be no misunderstanding in the case, subsequent instructions were given to Mr. Russell, with a view to obviate every objection of the kind alluded to. As they bear date on the 27th of July and were forwarded by the British Packet *Althea*, it is more than probable that they may have been received and acted upon.

I am happy to explain to you, thus fully, the views of my Government on this important subject. The President desires that the War which exists between our Countries, should be terminated on such conditions, as may secure a solid and durable peace. To accomplish this great object, it is necessary that the interest of impressment be satisfactorily arranged. He is willing that Great Britain should be secured, against the evils of which she complains. He seems on the other hand, that the Citizens of the United States, should

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