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Henry Clay - Secretary of State - Washington

Quincy 11 September 1827

Dear Sir.

I have received your letters of the 25th, 27th, and 30th ult^o with copies of despatches from Mr Gallatin, and Mr Appleton; and two letters relating to the Post Office at New York. On my passage through that City I saw General Bailey, who did not indicate any intention of resigning, and I understood that he had no such intention.

Since the perusal of Mr Gallatin's despatches, it appears to me to be most advisable to wait until we hear further from him, before we give him new instructions, with regard to the modifications proposed by the British Government to the Convention of 1815 upon its renewal. The discrimination between rolled and hammered iron is an object not of magnitude to stake upon it the renewal of the whole Convention. From the experience we have had it seems scarcely possible that any project of Settlement on the Northwest Coast should within ten years receive the sanction of Congress. But if it should, the stipulation that either party may with twelve months notice annul the Convention, would enable them to undertake it as freely as if we had no engagement of forbearance. I should nevertheless prefer the renewal of the Convention, unaltered.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Adams.

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