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After Mr. Buchanan had closed -

Mr. Clay, ~~to~~ of W, made ~~a few~~ ^{some} general remarks on the present condition of our relations with Great Britain - chiefly the question of the N. E. boundary - the question of the Caroline - ^(chiefly the coast of Mexico) & the question of the ~~space~~ searches of American vessels by British cruisers, on the coast of Africa. -

Accompanied with an emphatic declaration that this right speech could ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~be~~ ~~submitted~~ ~~to~~ -

Mr. C, from the whole view of our foreign relations, drew the following inferences; -
1st that no treaty exists for a special mission of any kind to England: -

2. That he had not yet ~~even begun~~ ^{to think} of war - nor did he see that there was any present prospect of it.

thirdly - that he believed in the sincerity of the
proposals of the British Govt - to maintain peace -

~~the peace of the world~~

that ~~does~~ nothing but the greatest evil
could result to either Country from a

war, that he believed peace might be maintained unless
a war were forced upon us from collateral exigencies, ^{such as}
over which neither Govt ^{or} people had control.

Country, & most especially to maintain
defence, ^{was a solemn duty which} ought to be immediately & resolutely

recolly undertaken by the Govt - of the 6th & 8th
that the Country might be prepared for

any contingency.

the British Govt. concurred in this - & at
 the present moment the true Government
had spun on all the essential points
of a repudiation which must inevitably end
the ~~Wendell~~ question; it was now hanging
on unimportant points involving rather
detail than principle. And a settlement
 could not be long deferred if, as he believed,
 the British Govt. was sincere in its
 professions of peace. ^{under these}
 circumstances ~~it was~~ ^{it was} believed that the
 correspondence ought not to be published.

After Mr. Buchanan had closed -

Mr. Clay, of Ky, made ~~some~~ ^{including} general remarks on the present condition of our relations with Great Britain - chiefly the question of the N. E. boundary - ^{including} ~~the~~ ^(chiefly the arrest of McLeod) question of the Caroline - ~~and~~ the question of the ~~afflict~~ searches of American vessels by British cruisers on the coast of Africa. -

Accompanied with an emphatic declaration that this right of search could ^{not} ~~under no circumstances~~ be submitted to -

Mr. C, from the whole view of our foreign relations, drew the following inferences: -

1st that no necessity existed for a special ~~Mission~~ ^{mission} of any kind to Engd: -

2. That he had not yet ~~but~~ ^{even} begun to think of war - nor did he see that there was any present prospect of it,

Thirdly - that he believed in the sincerity of the professions of the British Govt - to maintain peace - ~~that the~~ ^{that} ~~////////////////////////////////////~~ ~~////////////////////////////////////~~ nothing but the greatest evil could result to either country from a war; & that he believed peace might be maintained unless a war were forced upon us from collateral circumstances & events over which neither government had controul.

And finally, that the defence of the country, & most especially its maritime defence, ^{was a solemn duty which} ought to be immediately & energetically undertaken by the Govt - of the U.S., that the country might be prepared for any contingency.

the British Govt. coincided in this - & at the present moment
the two Governments had agreed on all the essential points of
of a negotiation which must inevitably end the ~~controversy~~
question; it was now ha ing on unimportant points involving
rather detail than principles. And a settlement wd. not be
long deferred if, as he believed, the British Govt. was sincere
in its professions of peace. Under these circumstances ~~the~~
it was
~~Govt.~~ believed that the correspondence ought not to be
published.