

appointed by Her Majesty's Government to inquire into the respective claims of Canada and New Brunswick, to the territory awarded to Great Britain in the Treaty of Washington.

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The papers with which your Lordship has now furnished me on this important subject, will not fail to receive the early and serious consideration of Her Majesty's Government ; but, adverting to the closing observation in the Minute of Council, I must express my opinion that, in the present state of the question, it would be highly inexpedient to bring the difference entertained between the two provinces under discussion in the Canadian Legislature.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,
&c. &c. &c.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl GREY to Lieut.-Governor Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.

SIR,

Downing-street, June 27, 1850.

I HAVE now to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 11, of March 19th last, on the subject of the disputed boundary between Canada and New Brunswick.

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2. I greatly regret the delays which have impeded the settlement of this question, feeling very strongly the force of the observations which you have from time to time addressed to me on the partial inconveniences which result to New Brunswick from its present undecided state.

3. But, notwithstanding the importance of these considerations, I have been anxious to make every effort for the final arrangement of the dispute by mutual accommodation, rather than by the positive interference of Her Majesty's Government ; and I now transmit to you the copy of a Despatch which I have addressed by the same mail to Lord Elgin, containing the outlines of a proposal which I trust may still lead to this result.

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You will, therefore, on receipt of this Despatch, proceed to place yourself in communication with Lord Elgin on this subject, unless you consider it indispensable to make any previous observations direct to myself. If it appear to Lord Elgin and to yourself that your personally conferring with him upon this subject would facilitate an adjustment of the question at issue between the two provinces, you will consider yourself as authorized to proceed to Toronto for that purpose ; and should you do so it will probably be convenient that you should be accompanied by one of the members of your Executive Council to assist you in the discussions that may take place.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut.-Governor Sir Edmund Head, Bart.,
&c. &c. &c.
