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Sir J. Pauncefote to Lord Aberdeen.

14th May, 1898.

The U. S. Govt. are willing to agree to the temporary demarcation of the boundary round the head of Lynn Canal. The general plan to be followed is that suggested by the Dominion Govt., viz., that the summit of the watershed surrounding the head of the Lynn Canal shall be followed by the boundary line.

The U. S. Govt. propose that on this watershed in at least three places suitable monuments should be erected to mark definite points by two assistants appointed by each Govt. Three of said places to be the summit of each of the three passes.

U. S. Govt. desire it to be distinctly understood that rights under existing treaties for the ultimate adjustment of the boundary line in question shall not be affected by this arrangement.

I have informed Lord Salisbury. What steps are proposed to be taken to carry out the delimitation? I am forwarding copy note by mail.

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OTTAWA, 17th May, 1898.

To His Excellency

The Governor General in Council.

The undersigned has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Reference from Council of the 14th instant, No. 874 K. of a copy of a communication from the Colonial Office, dated 26th ult., covering copy of one from the Foreign Office of the 23rd of the same month, with regard to the Alaska Boundary negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD SIFTON,

Minister of the Interior.

No. 115.

CANADA.

DOWNING STREET, April 26, 1898,

MY LORD,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, a copy of the letter specified below respecting the proposed answer to a question in the House of Commons relative to the Alaska Boundary negotiations.

I have, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD,

For the S. of S.

The Officer Administering,
The Government of Canada.

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Immediate.

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 23, 1898.

SIR,—With reference to the question, of which notice has been given in the House of Commons, respecting the Alaska Boundary, I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that in reply to an enquiry made by telegraph H. M. Ambassador at Washington has reported, after consulting the State Department, that there is no objection to the proposed answer to the effect that the question of arbitration is under the consideration of the governments of the United States and Great Britain, nor to an addition that there is a good reason to believe that an agreement will shortly be concluded for a *modus vivendi* at the passes on the routes to the mining districts pending a final adjustment of the boundary line.

I have, &c.,

F. H. VILLIERS.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.