

monuments on the islands of the St. John to the mouth of the St. Francis. It was after that, that Mr. Wilkinson joined the parties on the upper St. John, and came over, as has been related, to the Kennebec Road.

I will now restate shortly the amount of Boundary cut by the Commission this year.

The south-west line	64½ miles.
South line	19½ „
The line along the highlands, from the Kennebec Road to Hall's Stream, about	140 „
Total	<u>224 miles.</u>

The interval from the Kennebec Road to the Metjarmette Portage having been completed by the American Commission, the whole Boundary may be said to be cut from the St. Croix to Hall's Stream.

During the winter the iron monuments will be hauled in along the line from Pohenagamook to Hall's Stream. The St. John's River will be surveyed from the source of the south-west branch to the mouth of the St. Francis, as also some of the rivers intersected by the south-west and south lines.

For the coming season the work to be done by the British Commission is as follows:—

1st. To determine astronomically the positions of the extremities of the old parallel of latitude 45°; also that of the Line at its intersection of river near Rouse's Point.

To refer these to Quebec, for which perhaps two intermediate stations the will be required.

2dly. To survey and mark the south-west line, the south line, the line along the high lands, Hall's Stream, and the parallel 45°, as soon as that has been cut by the American Commission; therefore, though there is a good deal of survey to be done next year, as well as marking of the Boundary, it will not require many men. The whole of the cutting will fall on the American Commission.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Lt.-Col.

No. 18.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received December 30.)

My Lord,

Quebec, December 8, 1844.

IN obedience to your Lordship's instructions to reduce, as far as practicable, the number of Sappers employed by the Commission, nine have set off to return to England under charge of Captain Broughton.

The navigation having closed before they could be spared, they set off on the 4th instant by way of the Kennebec Road to Portland, in the State of Maine, so to Boston and New York, where they will embark in a liner for London. Captain Broughton has been directed to report himself upon arrival to your Lordship.

One more Sapper will be reduced; but as he wishes to be discharged from the service, and to settle in this country, I have detained him, and have applied to the General commanding here on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Lt.-Col.