

place, to question in the slightest degree the correctness of His Majesty's conclusion. But when the arbiter proceeds to say, that it would be suitable to run the line due north from the source of the River St. Croix, not "to the highlands which divide the rivers that fall into the Atlantic Ocean, from those that fall into the River St. Lawrence," but to the centre of the River St. John, thence to pass up said river to the mouth of the River St. Francis, thence up the River St. Francis to the source of its south-westernmost branch, and from thence by a line drawn west into the point where it intersects the line of the highlands as claimed by the United States, and only from thence to pass "along said highlands which divide the rivers that fall into the Atlantic Ocean, from those which fall into the River St. Lawrence, to the north-westernmost head of Connecticut River," thus abandoning altogether the boundaries of the treaty, and substituting for them a distinct and different line of demarcation, it becomes the duty of the undersigned, with the most perfect respect for the friendly views of the arbiter, to enter a protest against the proceedings, as constituting a departure from the power delegated by the high parties interested, in order that the rights and interests of the United States may not be supposed to be committed by any presumed acquiescence, on the part of their representative near his Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

The undersigned avails himself of this occasion to renew to the Baron Verstolk Van Soelen, the assurance of his high consideration.

WM. P. PREBLE.

His Excellency the BARON VERSTOLK VAN SOELEN,
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