

REPORT

ON THE

BOUNDARY LINE

BETWEEN THE PROVINCES OF

CANADA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

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No. 1.

MONTREAL, 31ST AUGUST, 1844.

Sir,

In obedience to the requirements contained in a letter from the Honorable D. Daly, Secretary for the Province of Canada, dated the 18th of October, 1843, informing me that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to appoint me to be Commissioner on behalf of the Province of Canada, to meet the Honorable Thomas Baillie, Surveyor General of the Province of New Brunswick, who had been named Commissioner for that Province, with the object of endeavouring to trace the boundary line between Canada and New Brunswick,—and also, conveying to me His Excellency's instructions in relation to the duties assigned me,—I now have the honor to report the completion of those duties, and to present, for His Excellency's consideration, a full Report, showing, from various indisputable authorities, the true position of every question now pending, connected with the disputed boundary.

The Commissioner named on the part of New Brunswick had completed and delivered his report on the boundary question previous to the date of my instructions, and, at our first interview in New Brunswick, he informed me that he considered his duties in relation thereto, to have terminated.

To prevent any misunderstanding, I addressed a letter to him, previous to my departure to other parts of the Province, adverting to the actual state of the relations between us, and still expressing my willingness and desire to avail myself of any suggestion from him by which the objects of the Commission could be facilitated, or more effectually accomplished.

Mr. Baillie never acknowledged the receipt of this letter, and tacitly declined every further communication, personal or otherwise, with me.

I was officially informed, however, the same day on which my letter was written and despatched to Mr. Baillie, that he had placed it in the hands of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.