

Bangor, agreeing to meet again at Houlton on the 1st of June, with our parties.

In obedience to your Lordship's instructions, I did not fail to declare to Mr. Smith, the earnest desire of Her Majesty's Government, that the two Commissioners should, on all occasions, act together with the utmost harmony and cordiality; and that I was instructed to meet the United States' Commissioner in a spirit of perfect fairness and openness, and readiness, by all proper means, to smooth difficulties. Mr. Smith professed the same feeling on his side, and I feel very confident that he will act upon it.

The general plan of operations to which we have agreed, is to send all our scientific gentlemen to the Great Falls of the St. John, and to leave them to survey the river from thence upwards to the Lake Pohenagamook on the St. Francis, the astronomers fixing convenient stations at different points, and the surveyors laying down the course of the river with the islands, and the course of the deep channel. Whilst this is in progress, the two Commissioners will trace the North Line according to the terms of the Treaty, and, having done so, establish the cutting parties. They will then leave the cutting parties to continue that operation, and proceed themselves to the outlet of the Lake Pohenagamook.

The officers and the sappers who came out by the "Hibernia," arrived safely here on Monday last the 8th instant.

Mr. Featherstonhaugh has been here some time; he came on immediately after our arrival at Boston, and has been extremely useful in making preparations for us. Whenever the river will admit of it the whole party will remove to the Great Falls; but as yet there is no possibility of tracking up the St. John on account of the great flood of water.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT.

No. 6.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received July 28.)

My Lord, *Grand Falls of St. John, New Brunswick,
July 7, 1843.*

ACTING upon the instruction I received from your Lordship, I have engaged the services of Mr. Wilkinson of this province, for the Boundary Commission.

The terms of the engagement are, 25s. currency, about 20s. sterling, per diem.

Mr. Wilkinson is to have the direction of the cutting and survey of the north line. He has already four parties at work between the intersection of the St. John and the Aroostook.

I am sure he will be enabled to render great service to the Commission.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT.

No. 7.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received August 14.)

My Lord, *Woodstock, July 22, 1843.*

IT is right I should give your Lordship some account of the progress of the Commission.

On the 16th of June, accompanied by Mr. Lally, a gentleman deputed