

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

RELATING TO

THE BOUNDARY

BETWEEN

THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA

AND

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

UNDER

THE TREATY OF 1783.

No. 1.

*Viscount Palmerston to Lieutenant Broughton and
Mr. J. D. Featherstonhaugh.*

Gentlemen,

Foreign Office, June 1, 1840.

COLONEL MUDGE and Mr. Featherstonhaugh, the Commissioners who were appointed on the 9th of July, 1839, to explore and survey the Territory in dispute between Great Britain and the United States of America, having been prevented by the advanced period of the season, from completing their examination and survey of that portion of the Boundary Line claimed by the United States, which lies north of the St. John, and in the vicinity of the River St. Lawrence; and Her Majesty's Government having determined that such examination and survey should now be completed, I have to acquaint you that you have been selected as joint-surveyors for that service.

I have accordingly to instruct you to lose no time in preparing the equipments and in selecting the instruments which will be requisite for this expedition, and you should get ready to proceed thereupon with the least possible delay.

It is intended that you should embark on board the steamer "Britannia," appointed to sail from Liverpool for Halifax on the 4th of July.

Upon landing at Halifax you will proceed forthwith to Fredericton, and you will there place yourselves in communication with Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Harvey, who will be instructed to furnish you with all requisite assistance and advice.

You will be accompanied from hence by Corporal McQueen, of the Royal Sappers and Miners, who was in the service of the Commissioners during the whole of their expedition in 1839; and you will take with you, upon your survey, such further assistance, either from the Sappers and Miners stationed in New Brunswick, or from the civil surveyors of that province, as, after consulting with Sir John Harvey, you may find necessary.

But if upon your arrival at Halifax you should there find any Sappers or Miners who have been employed on the topographical surveys of Ireland, and who are familiar with the use of instruments, you are authorized to request Sir Colin Campbell, Her Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, to direct two of them to be placed under your orders.

After completing your arrangements at Fredericton, you will proceed to the point where the exploratory due north line which was marked out