

No. 3.

The Earl of Aberdeen to Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt.

Sir,

Foreign Office, March 31, 1843.

IN addition to the general instructions which I have conveyed to you in my despatch of this date, I have further to desire that in the course of the execution of those instructions, you will not fail to examine minutely, in a military point of view, every part of the Line of Boundary which will be surveyed by yourself or the officers under your orders, and to note down any point which, in the course of the operations, may strike you as worthy of being remarked upon, and brought to the notice of your Government.

You will carefully keep a record of all such matters, with a view to their communication to the Commander-in-chief.

You will also of course prepare maps and plans of all parts of the country surveyed by the British surveyors.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ABERDEEN.

No. 4.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received May 15.)

My Lord,

Boston, April 19, 1843.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that we landed this morning at this place, and that I have communicated my arrival to Mr. Fox, Sir Charles Metcalfe, and Sir William Colebrooke.

I have just now had a visit from Mr. Smith, the Commissioner of the United States, from whom I have learnt that the strength of his assistants will be equal to that on our side; and I think, from the conversation I have had, that Mr. Smith will be equally ready with myself, to send the astronomers and surveyors forward to the Upper St. John and St. Francis, to prepare, as I have proposed, a survey of that portion of the country, which will enable us to decide upon the points required by the Treaty, with, I hope, but little delay.

From all I can learn of the state of the country, both at Halifax and at this place, I do not think it probable we shall be able to take the field very early. This winter has been, on this side of the Atlantic, remarkable for its severity and duration. In the mean time, I shall make every practicable preparation, so as to expedite the work as much as possible, when we do begin our operations.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, Lt.-Col.,
British Commissioner.

No. 5.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received May 29.)

My Lord,

St. John, May 12, 1843.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that I met Mr. Albert Smith, the American Commissioner of Boundary, on the 1st of May, at Bangor, where we opened the Commission intrusted to us, and agreed upon a general plan of proceeding, by which I hope a fair rate of progress will be ensured to our operations.

The season is so late that we found it necessary to adjourn from