

Inclosure 30 in No. 30.

*Mr. Hamlin to the Governor and Council.*

STATE OF MAINE.

Gentlemen,

*Land Office, Augusta, January 22, 1839.*

I DEEM it my duty to lay before you the accompanying report of George W. Buckmore, in relation to depredations upon the Aroostook and St. John's Rivers; also, a copy of the instructions given him by the Land Agent of Maine and Massachusetts.

It will be seen from his report, that extraordinary depredations are being committed on the public lands situated on those rivers, and that energetic measures will be required to arrest them.

As to the trespassers upon the Aroostook, I am confident nothing short of an armed force, of at least fifty men, can effectually break them up. When the wholesale depredations on the Little Madawaska are stopped, the minor trespassers on the other streams, tributary to the Aroostook, will cease of course.

In an affair of this magnitude, the land agent does not feel himself authorized to proceed without some particular directions from the Governor and Council, or from the Legislature now in session.

(Signed) ELIJAH L. HAMLIN, *Land Agent.*

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*Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Coffin to Mr. Buckmore.*

STATE OF MAINE.

Sir,

*Land Office, Bangor, December 14, 1838.*

YOU are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to the Aroostook River and see that no trespassing is committed on the townships belonging to Maine and Massachusetts on that river the ensuing winter. You are also authorized, if it becomes necessary, to take off the teams and supplies of those found trespassing, and sell the same at auction, according to the provisions of an Act approved March 28, 1831.

If there should be any communication open with Fish River, you will make an examination there, and see that no trespasses are committed.

Should you meet with any resistance, or any thing extraordinary takes place, you will give immediate information to this office, where you will also make a return of your doings after the abovenamed service is completed.

(Signed) ELIJAH L. HAMLIN, *Land Agent of Maine.*

GEO. W. COFFIN, *Land Agent of Mass.*

By E. L. HAMLIN.

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*Mr. Buckmore to Mr. Hamlin.*

Sir,

*Augusta, January 22, 1839.*

AGREEABLY to your instructions, dated December 14th, requesting me to look after trespassers on the Aroostook and St. John's Rivers, I immediately left Ellsworth and proceeded to the Aroostook River; and after stopping there a few days, I left township No. 11, for Fish River, through the Madawaska settlement, and returned to township No. 11, after an absence of ten days. Finding the amount of depredations to be much larger than was anticipated, and being unable to arrest the trespassers or to take off their teams and supplies, I concluded to return, and herewith lay before you the following report of my doings and examinations, and await such further instructions as you may see fit to give.