

I have only to add that if any Expedition should be decided on, I beg to offer myself for employment on that service.

I have,

(Signed) JOHN FRANKLIN.

Journal,
Vol. 721,
p. 239.

DOWNING STREET,
21st October, 1824.

J. H. PELLY, Esqr.

SIR,—I am directed by Lord Bathurst to transmit to you the Copy of a letter from Mr. Commissioner Barclay on the subject of the probable course of the Boundary Line under the 7th Article of the Treaty of Ghent and suggesting with the view of obviating the difficulties which present themselves that the Boundary directed by the Treaty of Ghent, to be established should not be surveyed beyond the point where it shall intersect the 49th parallel, and that from such point of intersection the said parallel, shall form the Boundary Line according to the Treaty of 1818 and I am to request that you will favor me with any observations which the Hudson's Bay Company may be desirous of offering on the suggestions proposed by Mr. Barclay.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) R. WILMOT HORTON.

Journal 721,
p. 240.

HUDSON'S BAY HOUSE,
LONDON,
the 30th October 1824.

To

The Right honble

EARL BATHURST.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Horton's letter of the 21st Instant addressed to Mr. Pelly transmitting copy of a dispatch from Mr. Commissioner Barclay on the subject of the probable Boundary Line with the United States of America under the Treaty of Ghent, and requesting such observations as the Hudson's Bay Company may be desirous of offering on the suggestion made by Mr. Barclay—

In compliance with this request I have to observe that if the Boundary Line which Mr. Barclay supposes will be claimed by the American Commissioner were to be acceded to, the Communication between one considerable portion of the Hudson's Bay Company's Territories and the remainder, and the communication of the greater portion of these Territories and of the whole of His Majesty's other Indian Territory with Canada would be entirely cut off—

This Communication is necessary for the conveyance of Merchandize and intelligence to and from the Company's trading Stations and to the inhabitants of the increasing Settlement at the Red river, and if this supposed