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CONVENTION

AND

FUNDAMENTAL ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT,

*Between The St. Lawrence and Atlantic, and The Atlantic and
St. Lawrence Railroad Companies,*

ENTERED INTO THE 17th DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1846.

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THIS INDENTURE of two parts made and concluded this seven-
teenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and forty-six, by and between the St. Lawrence and Atlantic
Railroad Company, acting by GEORGE MOFFATT, AUGUSTIN NOR-
BERT MORIN and SAMUEL BROOKES, their Committee for this pur-
pose, duly appointed on the one part; and the Atlantic and St. Law-
rence Rail Road Company, acting by WILLIAM PITT PREBLE,
JOHN MUSSEY and JOHN BUNDY BROWN, their Committee for
the same purpose, duly appointed on the other part—*Witnesseth:*
That, whereas the two Companies were incorporated for the ex-
press purpose, as appears by their respective charters, of con-
structing a continuous Rail Road from the navigable waters of
the River St. Lawrence, at Montreal, to the navigable waters of
the Atlantic Ocean, at Portland, for the common convenience,
use and benefit of the citizens, subjects and residents, as well of
Great Britain and its several Provinces and dependencies, as of
the State of Maine and of the other States of the American
Union; and whereas, for the purpose of carrying into effect the
intentions of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, and of the
Legislature of Maine, in authorizing and empowering said
Companies to construct said Railroad, it has become necessary
for the two parties to this indenture to agree upon some uniform
plan and system of construction, and upon the point of connec-
tion and junction at the boundary between the territories of
Great Britain and the United States, and upon some general
principles, rules and regulations for the management and con-