

Her Majesty's Government are, however, most anxious to complete the Boundary proceedings, and to dissolve the Commission before the expiration of the current year.

In case, therefore, you should, in process of time, have good reason to suppose that the funds voted by Congress will be found insufficient for their intended object, I should not object to your proposing to your American colleague to take upon yourself a given portion of the cutting or other work, which would properly fall to the Americans, on a written engagement being entered into with you by Mr. Albert Smith, that the sums thus expended by you in executing that part of the work should be considered reimbursable to Great Britain, and that they should be submitted to the United States' Government as such by Mr. Smith.

Should this mode appear to you, on due consideration, in any way objectionable or insufficient; or should any other scheme for accomplishing the same end strike you as preferable, so great a value do Her Majesty's Government attach to the completion of the whole of the Boundary work before the termination of the present year, that they are willing to leave in your hands a full discretion, and I hereby grant to you a full discretion to adopt whatever other mode of attaining the great object in view may appear to you to be best, whether by advancing a moderate sum on promissory bonds to be given to you by Mr. Smith, he undertaking the work, or by any other method by which security of reimbursement may be attained.

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

No. 24.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to Mr. Addington.—(Received July 30.)

(Extract.)

St. John's, July 9, 1845.

YOU will be glad to hear, and so still more will Lord Aberdeen, that the whole cutting of the Line will be finished to-morrow, 10th July. There remains therefore to finish now the survey and the erecting the iron posts.

Mr. Wilkinson is about the Metjarmette Portage, surveying the High Lands. He has just come up from the Valley of the St. John, where everything is done.

Mr. Scott has finished the erecting of the monuments from the Metjarmette to Arnold's River. Mr. Wilkinson will survey that. Two American parties are in the High Lands, surveying and erecting monuments west of Arnold's River. Hall's Stream has been surveyed and marked. The survey is going on on the 45th.

Captain Robinson removes from Montreal to Lake Memphramagog this week. Lieutenant Pipon from S. Regis about the end of next week. Major Graham is at Rouse's Point. The Americans have a surveying party on the 45th; just now they are about Missisqui Bay. Mr. Featherstonhaugh is near Stanstead also surveying the 45th. We have another surveying party just now attached to Lieutenant Pipon, in addition to his astronomy, in the neighbourhood of S. Regis; but I mean to send Mr. Scott to take charge of it, he being now released from the High Lands. Two months more work of one sort or another *in the field* remains to be done.