

Correspondence respecting the operations of the Commission for running and tracing the Boundary Line between Her Majesty's Possessions in North America and the United States, under the Sixth Article of the Treaty signed at Washington, August 9, 1842.

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No. 1.

*The Earl of Aberdeen to Lieutenant-Colonel Bucknall Estcourt.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 31, 1843.*

I TRANSMIT to you a commission which the Queen has been graciously pleased to grant to you under the royal signet and sign manual, constituting and appointing you the Commissioner on the part of Her Majesty, to meet a Commissioner to be appointed by the President of the United States, and with such Commissioner to run and trace those parts of the Boundary Line between the British possessions in North America and the United States, described in the First Article of the Treaty of the 9th of August, 1842, which will be required to be run and ascertained, and to mark the said line by proper monuments on the land.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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No. 2.

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Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 31, 1843.*

AS you are about to proceed to the United States in order to undertake the important duties confided to you as Her Majesty's Commissioner for tracing, in conjunction with the Commissioner of the United States, the Line of Boundary between Her Majesty's dominions in North America and the United States, as provided by the Treaty of Washington of the 9th August, 1842, the time is arrived at which it is right that I should give you such instructions as may be necessary for your guidance in the proper discharge of those duties.

You will, in the first place, proceed to Boston, accompanied by Mr. James Featherstonhaugh, one of the surveyors, and Mr. Scott, the secretary and draughtsman attached to your Commission, leaving Captains Broughton and Robinson, and Lieutenant Pipon to follow you by the mail packet of the 18th April. Those officers, accompanied by as many of the Sappers who are attached to the Commission as may be thought necessary, should be directed, after their arrival at Halifax or at Boston, as may be deemed expedient, to wait the receipt of instructions from you for their guidance in their ulterior proceedings.

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