

Protest of
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cis, thence up the river St. Francis to the source of its southwesternmost branch, and from thence by a line drawn west unto the point where it intersects the line of the highlands as claimed by the United States, and only from thence to pass "along said highlands, which divide the rivers that fall into the Atlantic ocean, from those which fall into the river St. Lawrence, to the northwesternmost head of Connecticut river," thus abandoning altogether the boundaries of the Treaty, and substituting for them a distinct and different line of demarcation—it becomes the duty of the Undersigned, with the most perfect respect for the friendly views of the Arbitrator, to enter a Protest against the proceeding, as constituting a departure from the power delegated by the High Parties Interested, in order that the rights and interests of the United States may not be supposed to be committed by any presumed acquiescence on the part of their Representative near His Majesty, the King of the Netherlands.

The Undersigned avails himself of this occasion to renew to the Baron Verstolk Van Soelen, the assurances of his high consideration.

(Signed)

WM. P. PIERCE.

His Excellency the Baron VERSTOLK VAN SOELEN, }
His Majesty's Minister of Foreign Affairs. }