

And whereas such determination has not hitherto been made by a joint survey as is requisite in order to give complete effect to said Treaties:

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and the United States of America, being equally desirous to provide for the surveying and marking out upon the ground of the said astronomical line established by existing treaties, and thus to remove any possible cause of difference between their respective governments in regard to the location of the said 141st meridian of west longitude, have resolved to conclude a Convention to that end, and for that purpose have appointed their respective Plenipotentiaries:

His Britannic Majesty, The Right Honourable Sir H. Mortimer Durand, G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States; and

The President of the United States of America, The Honourable Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States:

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, which were found in due and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following Articles:—

Article I. Each Government shall appoint one Commissioner with whom may be associated such surveyors, astronomers and other assistants as each Government may elect.

The Commissioners shall at as early a period as practicable ascertain by the telegraphic method a convenient point on the 141st meridian of west longitude and shall then proceed under their joint direction and by their joint operations in the field, to trace and mark so much of a north and south line passing through said point as is necessary to be defined for determining the exact boundary line as established by the said Convention of 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1825, between the possessions in America of His Britannic Majesty, and the adjacent possessions in America formerly belonging to His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias and ceded to the United States by the said Treaty of 30th March, 1867.

Article II. The location of the 141st meridian as determined hereunder shall be marked by intervisible objects, natural or artificial, at such distances apart as the Commissioners shall agree upon and by such additional marks as they shall deem