

the dividing ridge or crest of the highlands, in such a manner as to separate all the larger streams of the one class of waters from the other; but that no account should be taken of every little brook or rivulet which may be found to flow one way or the other.

To draw the Line with scrupulous nicety round the head of every little streamlet would occupy much time without producing any satisfactory result. All that is required is that the whole course of every stream of any magnitude should be secured to the party to which, under the Treaty, it of right belongs.

Hall's Stream, it is presumed, is sufficiently well known not to admit of question. The Line of Boundary will therefore have to be traced down the middle of that stream, and down the middle of the Connecticut River, to its intersection with the old and hitherto received parallel of 45th degree of north latitude, as described in the Treaty.

From that point there can scarcely be any difficulty in completing the Line of Boundary by tracing and marking it out along that old parallel, which, though astronomically incorrect, has been considered as the Boundary between the dominions of Great Britain and the United States ever since the Treaty of 1783, and has formed the basis of all contiguous grants of land, and settlements made by the subjects and citizens of both countries on each side of it respectively.

It will, however, be requisite that the Commissioners should verify and authenticate every part of that old Line, in order to avoid all future dispute.

When the Commissioners shall have completed their task of tracing the Boundary in its whole extent, from the monument at the source of the River St. Croix to the River St. Lawrence, it will be necessary, in conformity with the stipulation contained in the VIth Article of the Treaty of Washington, that they should "make to each of their respective Governments, a joint report or declaration, under their hands and seals, designating such Line of Boundary;" and that they should "accompany such report or declaration with maps, certified by them to be true maps of the new Boundary."

With this stipulation you will strictly conform.

It appears, however, to Her Majesty's Government, that in case the Commissioners should unfortunately have not been able to agree to the whole Line of Boundary, it would, nevertheless, be desirable, as tending to save much future trouble, that they should, at all events, make joint reports, and present joint maps, of such parts as they may have agreed upon.

Should the unexpected contingency of partial disagreement therefore occur, you will consider yourself authorized to make a proposition to the above effect to the United States' Commissioner.

Under any circumstances, however, you will take particular care to draw up correct and authentic maps and plans of every part of the Boundary ascertained by the British surveyors.

Her Majesty's Government consider that it will be desirable that each party, British and American, although acting and working together, should pay its own expenses respectively, in order to avoid the delays and embarrassments incident to joint accounts in such matters. The proceedings of the Commission may, it is apprehended, be so ordered as to insure a fair equality of expense on both sides.

The employment of woodsmen and other subordinate assistants will be left entirely to your own discretion. You will, of course, be careful, in this, as in all matters connected with the Commission, to observe as strict economy as may be compatible with rapidity and accuracy in the execution of the operations to be performed.

You will keep this Office constantly and circumstantially informed of all your proceedings. Should difficulties arise between you and the Commissioner of the United States, you will employ every reasonable effort in your power to overcome them; and you will not refer any point of difference home for the decision of Her Majesty's Government, until you have exhausted every means of amicable adjustment on the spot.

In case you should deem it advisable in such cases, you will have