CONVENTION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RESPECTING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (ALASKA AND PASSAMAQUODDY BAY.)

Signed at Washington, July 22, 1892.

[Ratifications exchanged at Washington, August 23, 1892.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, being equally desirous to provide for the removal of all possible cause of difference between their respective Governments hereafter in regard to the delimitation of the existing boundary between Her Majesty's possessions in North America and the United States in respect to such portions of said boundary as may not in fact have been permanently marked in virtue of Treaties heretofore concluded, have resolved to conclude a Convention in furtherance of these ends, and for that purpose have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Honourable Michael H. Herbert, Chargé

d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain; and

The President of the United States, John W. Foster, Secretary

of State of the United States;

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

ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties agree that a coincident or joint survey (as may be found in practice most convenient) shall be made of the territory adjacent to that part of the boundary-line of the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America dividing the Province of British Columbia and the north-west territory of Canada from the Territory of Alaska, from the latitude of 54° 40′ north to the point where the said boundary-line encounters the 141st degree of longitude westward from the meridian of Greenwich, by Commissions to be appointed severally by the High Contracting Parties, with a view to the ascertainment of the facts and data necessary to the permanent delimitation of said boundary-line in accordance with the spirit and intent of the existing Treaties in regard to it between Great Britain and Russia and between the United States and Russia.

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