

from the monument northwards, and they have reached close on the thirteenth mile.

I have four parties cutting on the St. John and Aroostook under Mr. Wilkinson, and they have, I should suppose, completed about twenty miles. I have not however seen them for a fortnight, having been occupied on the Meduxnieag in examining the difficulty I have related.

The boats with provisions and the instruments reached the Grand Falls on the 18th of June; when Captain Robinson and Lieutenant Pipon began their astronomical observations to determine the difference of longitude between the Grand Falls and the mouth of the Madawaska. By this time they have got on to the mouth of the St. Francis.

Mr. Featherstonhaugh, who has rendered me very great service in making our necessary preparations, is now surveying from the St. Francis downwards, whilst Captain Broughton is surveying from the Grand Falls upwards.

I return myself on Monday northwards, and expect the American Commissioner to follow me in a week to go on to Lake Pohenagamook. Such is the distribution of our party and the progress of our operations.

On the American side I find every readiness to get forward amongst the gentlemen charged with the survey. They have during the three last years completed almost all that is necessary in astronomy for them to do on the St. John, and therefore they proposed to send forward a party of surveyors to the North-West Branch. To that course I readily assented, hoping, that when we come to that part, they will have fixed some point as agreeing with the terms of the Treaty, and that we shall be able with little delay to verify it, and establish it as the point to which the south-west line is to run.

They have left in company with Mr. Featherstonhaugh and Captain Broughton three surveyors, and by their joint operations a map will be constructed, which will guide the American Commissioner and myself in drawing the Line of Boundary along the St. John and in distributing the islands.

Trusting that this account of our proceedings will be satisfactory to your Lordship,

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, *Lt.-Col.*

No. 8.

Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt to the Earl of Aberdeen.—(Received September 14.)

My Lord,

*Camp at the Mouth of the St. Francis,
August 20, 1843.*

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that the outlet of Lake Pohenagamook has been agreed upon. I proceeded thither last week in company with an officer deputed to the duty by the American Commissioner.

The termination of the lake is so bold, that there was no difficulty in declaring where the outlet should be fixed. A stake was accordingly driven deep into the shore as a guide to the surveyors.

I reached this place on my return yesterday, Saturday, and to-morrow shall take advantage of the rain, which is falling heavily, to go up to the North-West Branch.

The St. John had become very low, and the navigation almost impracticable between this point and the North-West Branch.

The St. Francis is deep and still in great part of its course, the waters being kept back by many rapids, which, however, are generally short and not difficult.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. B. BUCKNALL ESTCOURT, *Lt.-Col.*