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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, March 15, 1828.

The secretary of State, in pursuance of a resolution of the Ilouse of Representatives, of the $\mathbf{1 9 t h}$ ultimo, directing him to report to that Ifouse a copy of the Mapa, and so much of tive Reports of the Commissioners nueler the Treaty of Ghent, for ascertaining the Northern and Nortiwestern Boundary between the United States and Great Britain, as will exhlhit those parts of caid houndary winch are aircady deciled upun, has the honor to report the accompanying copiea of a part of a neriea of Mapa which have been communicatell to thls office, exhihlting Surveya and Delineations of ao much of sald Boumdary line as is believed to be requiredi hy tie resolution of the Home; and respectfuily to refer the llouse to the Deelslon, dated 18th June, 1882, of the Juint Commiasluners under the sixth article of the sald treaty, published at the end of the Acts of the secunil Sewsinu of the Beventeenth Congress, in the seventh volume of the Laws of the United States, fur a furtier and full explanation of the said Boundary L.Inc, as agreed upon and established.

Respertfully submitted.
II. CLAY.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISLIONERS

Under the Eixth Article of the Treaty of Ghent, done at Ltica, in the State of New York, 18th June, 1828,
The undernigned Commiaslnnera, appointed, sworn, and authorized, in virtue of the sixth artlcie of the Treaty of Peace and Amity between Ilis Britannic Majeaty and the United States of America, concluded at Ghent, on the 24th of December, 1814, impartially to exainine, anil, by a repurt or leclarntlon, nniler their hands and seals, to designate, "that portion of the boundary of the Unitell States from the point where the 45th degree of north latitude strikes the river Iroquois, or Cataraqui, alung the mldille of said river into Lake Ontario, through the middle of said lake, until it strikes the cuminunication, by water, between that lake and Lake Erie; thence, aiong the middle of said communication, into Lake Erie, through the milille of sald lake, until It arrives at the water communicatlon into Lake Huron ; thence, througlı the middic of said water communication, intn Lake Huron; theuce, through the milddic of said lake, to the water communication between that lake and Iake Superior ;" and to "decide to which of the two contracting parties the several islands iying within the salii rivers, lakes, and water comminications, do respectiveiy lelung, lin conformity with the true intent of the treaty of 1783;" do decide and declare, that the foilowing described line (which is more cleariy indicated on a series of maps accompanying this report, exhibiting correct surveys and delineations of ali the rivers, lakes, water communicarions, and islands, embraced hy the sisth articlo of the treaty of Ghent, by a biack line, shaded on the British side with red, and on the American side with blue; and each sbeet of which series of maps is inientified by a certificate, subscribed hy the Commissiuners, and by the two principal surveyors employed by them, is the true boundary intended by the two beforementioned treaties; that is to say :

Beginning at a stone monument, erected hy Andrew Ellicot, Espluire, In the yrar 1817, on the south bank, or shore, of the said river Impmuis, or Cataraqui, (mow called the St. Lawrence.) whicit monument hears soutil, $74^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ west, and is eighteen linndred and furty yards distant froin the stone church in the Indian viliage of St. Regis, and indicates the point it which the 45 th parullei of north latitule strikes the said river ; thence, running north $35^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ west, into the river, on a line at right angles with the sonthern shore, to a puint one hundred yards south of tive opposite islani, called Cornwall laland ; thence, turuing westerly, anly passing around the southern and western sides of said island, keeping une luudred yarils lisiant therefrom, and fuilowing the curvatures of lts shores, to a point opposite to the northwest colner, or angle, of sald isiand ; thence, to and along the midille of the nain river, until it approaches the castern extremity of Burninurt'a Island: thence, nurtherly, alung the clianmei which divides the iast mentioned isiand firm the Cnnailu shone, keeping one hundreil yards distant from the isiand, until it approaches Sleik's Island; thence, alung the minille of the atrait which diviles Barnhart's annd Sieik's lslands, to the channei called the Long Sault, which separates the twn last mentioned islands from the Lower Long Sault Ialand; thence, westerly, (crossing the centre uf the last mentiuned cliannel,) until it approaches within one insudred yarils of the north shore of the Lawer Sault Isiand; thencr, up the north branch of the river, keeping to the nurth of, and near, the Lower Sault islanil, aml aiso north of, nud near, the l'pper Sault (sometimes calied Baxter's) Island, and snuth of the twn sinail isiands marked on the map A and B, to the western extremity of the $\mathrm{U}_{\text {piper }}$ Sault, nr Baxter's Island ; thence, passing between the two islands called the Cats, to the middle of the river above; theure, along the mildle nf the river, keeping to the north of the smaii isiands marked C and D ; and nurth aisu of Chrystle's isiund, anil of the smail island nest above it, marked E, until it approaches the northeast angle of Guose Neck Island; thence, along the passage wincit divides the last mentioned island from the Canada slure, kceping one hundred yards from the island, to the upper end
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Fox, Stony, and the Galloyi Islands in Lake Ontariv, and to the sonth uf, and near, the Islunds calleil the Ducks, to the middle of the nuidl lake; thence, westerly, alung the millille of aaill lake, to a point inposite the mouth of the Niagara river; thence, to and up the milille of the said river, th the Great Falls; thence, up the Falls, thmugh the point of the Ilorse Sloce, kerping to the west of Iris or Giont Islanl, and of the group of small islands at its head, and following the bemln of the river so as to enter the strait between Navy and Girand Islands; thenee, along the middle of salll strait, to the liead uf Navy Island; thence, to the west anil mouth of, anll near to, Grand and Beaver Islands, and to the weat of Stranberry, Squaw, a oud Biral Islamils, to Lake Erie; thence, southerly and weaterly, along the middle of Lake Erie, in a dirvetion tu enter the passage immeliately south of Middle Island, being one of the easternmost of the groull of islamis lying lo the westerin part of snid lake; thence, aloug the said passage, pen. ceeding to the north of Cunuingham's Ishind, "f the three Basa Islands, and of the Western Sister, and to the mauth of the islands callel the Hen anil Chickens, and of the Eastern mud Middle Sisters; thence, to the mildle of the mouth of the Detroit river, In a direction tu enter the channel which divides Buis-blane and Sugar Islands; thence, up the said channel, to the west of Buis-blanc Islamil, amil to the east of Sugar, Fox, anil Stony Islands, until it approaches Fighting or Great 'Turkey Island; thence, along the western sinle, and uear the shore of said last mentioned island, to the inlddle of the river above the same; thence, ulung the middle of aaid river, keeping to the southeast of, and near, Hing Island, and to the northwest of, and near, the island called Isle a la l'cele, to Lake St. Clair: thence, thrmugh the middle of said lake, In a direction to enter that mouth or channel of the river St. Clair which is usually denominated the Old Ship Channel ; thence, along the middle of said channel, between Squirrel Island on the sontheast, and Herson's Island on the uorthwest, to the upper end of the last mentioned Island, which is nearly opposite to Point au Chenes, on the Aineriran shore; thence, along the middle of the river St. Clair, keeping to the west of, and near, the islands called Belle Riviere Isle, and the Isle aux Cerfs, to Lake Huron ; thence, through the midille of Lake Iluron, In a direction to enter the strait or passage between Drummond's Isiand on the west, and the little Maniton Island on the eart; thence, through the middle of the passage which divides the two last mentioned lslauls; thence, turning nurtherly and westerly, around the castern and northern shores of Druminond's Island, and proceceling In a tirection to enter the passage between the Island of St. Joseph's and the American shime, passing to the nurth of the intermediate islands No. 6t, $11,10,12,9,6,4$, and 2 , and to the south of thoso numbered $15,13,5$, and 1 .

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Anll the saill Cummissioners do further decide aml deefnre, that all the islanla lying in the rivers, lakes, and water communications, between the befuwe described bounlary line and the alljucent shores of Upler Camada, do, and each of thein does, belong to his Britannic Majesty: and that all the istands lying in the risers, lakes, annt water communications, between the suid boundary line and the adjucent shoures of the United States, or their 'Territories, do, and earlh of thein dues, belong to the United States if Anerica, in conformity with the true intent of the second article of the suid treaty of $1 ; 83$, and of the sixth urticle of the t-paty of Ghent.

In faith wherenf, we, the Commissioners aforesaid, have sigued this declaration, and thereunto allixell our seals.

Dune, in quadrupicate, at Utica, In the State of New Yurk, in the United Statea of America, this eigliternth day of June, in the rear of our Lord one thousand eight humlred and twenty-two.


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