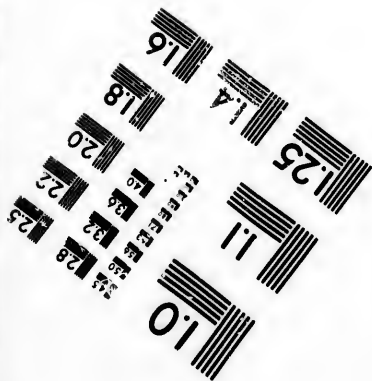
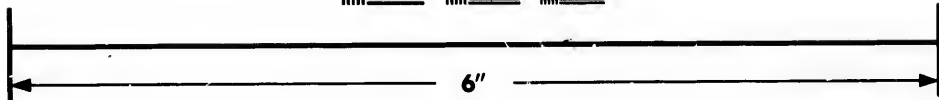
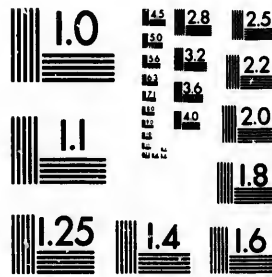


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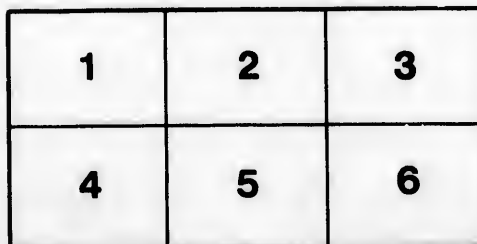
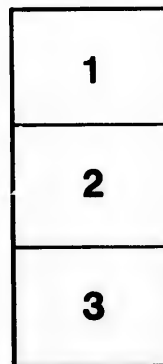
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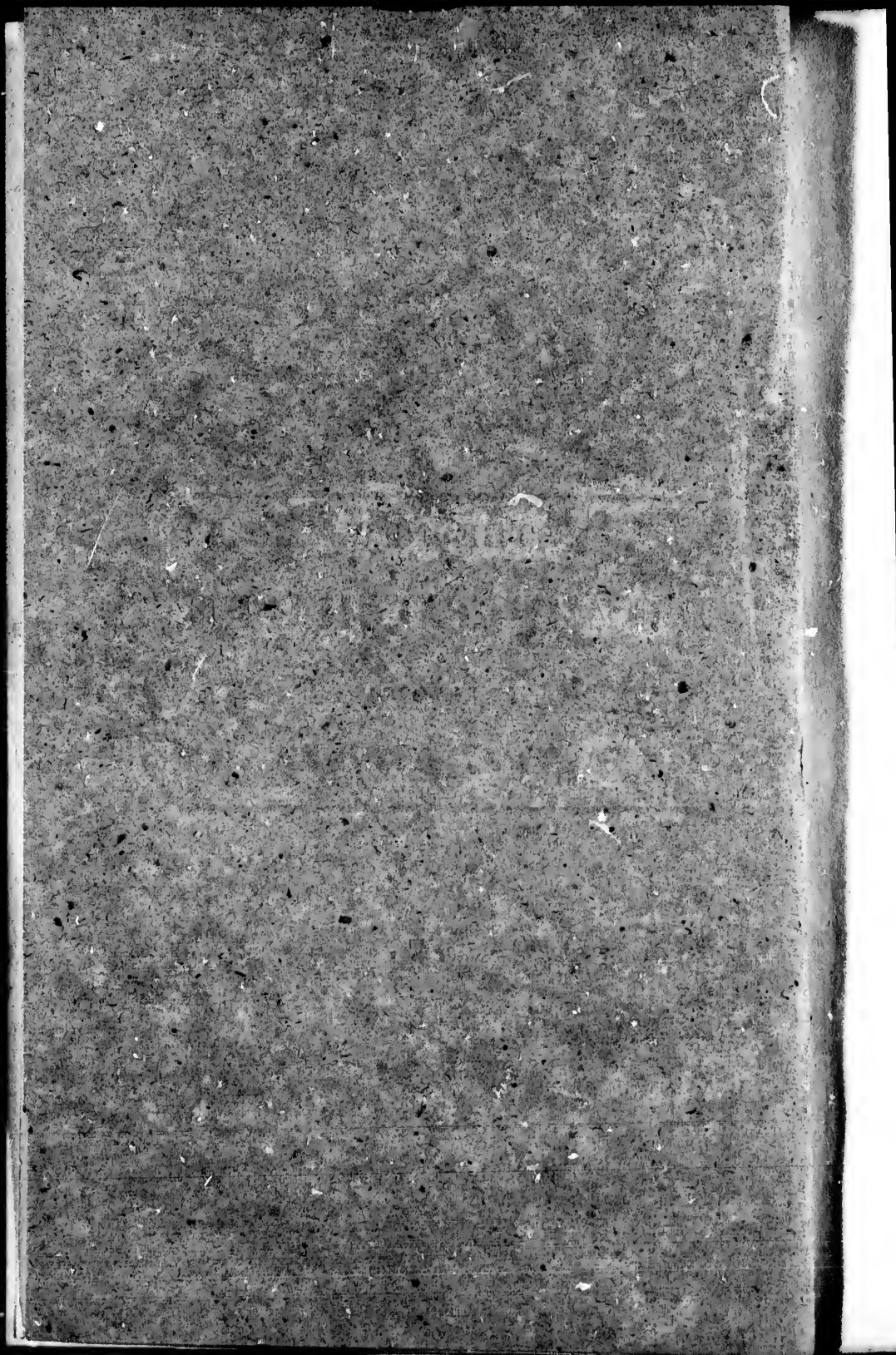
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I fear these Mainers—when they presents bring,
By Steam and Railroad—or on golden wing ;
I fear these Mainers—bold and cunning nation,
Who know no boundary line or limitation.

An age has run—and still 'tis undecided
How Maine from Canada is sever'd and divided,
While Holland's Monarch—umpire of this ques-
tion,

Has cut this gordian knot by mere suggestion,
And sunk his Netherlands deep in the mire,
With a disputed Boundary, for son and sire.

And Arnold's army needs no more be swamp'd,
On morass—rivers—forests—long encamp'd :
A few short hours will lead them to Point Levi—
Quebec's defenders soon must cry peccavi,

Pontoons, and bridge of boats, they'll bring on
cars,

Or (if in th' winter's absence of our tars)
They'll cross on th'ice—as at Stralsund did
Charles.

L'Isle d'Orleans must be theirs—with little effort,
Morency—Beauport—then have little left for't
But to surrender—thus Quebec surrounded
Must, at discretion yield—or be well pounded—
By mortars—bombshells—all those arts con-
founded,

Which war's destructive science has invented,
Whose dire effects might, earlier, be prevented.

What but surprize gave England her Gibraltar?
And, 'ere she's strong as Gib—Quebec must alter
Hertow's and bastions—well attack'd must falter.
What but surprize lost Britain Buenos Ayres?
While Beresford was dancing with her fairies:
What but surprize endanger'd Waterloo?

While Wellington, and staff, were dancing too.
Had Arnold *then* been favor'd—by surprize
Our good Quebec had surely been his prize.

It would be strange that ministerial drogeries
Should lose Canadian forests—Sydney's col-
lieries.

When steam and fuel now must rule all nations,
Who most wants these, wants all considerations,
And cousin Sam begins to know their value,
Which we, when lost, shall feel—*this truth I tell*
you.

Be not surprized if thus we lose Quebec,
(To Britain's glory 'twere indeed a check.)
A statesman eye should peep into futurity
And not commit to chance or blind security,
As far as human foresight can be right,
All these forebodings time will bring to light,
Heaven grant *I* may be wrong and *you* be right.
Militia conscripts—countless, willing, strong,
For plunder ripe—by steam, will fly along,
With others of *the line*, an endless throng ;
Hampshire and Massachusets join their quota,
Who for our Patriots care not one iota,
Or all the force that we can e'er collect,
Without the walls these would have no effect,
While gallant Wolfe, from heaven looks down
to see

Folly deprive us of his Victory,
And Britain thus commit felo de se.

Arouse, ere 'tis too late, ye sons of trade,
Recall your resolutions—but just made ;
Reflect on Æsop's tale of th' golden egg,
Nor on this Railroad stir another peg.
Saint John will cheat St. Lawrence of his right,
Your business then will be—not *trade* but *fight*.
Look at the Map made for our wise Assembly,
Maine's line's depicted there without dissembly,
It will secure to Maine Saint John's whole river,
And Brunswick then, from us, will strait dissever,
View but the line of Saint John's lakes and
water

A short canal to which, would give no quarter
To Quebec's commerce—she would catch a
tartar:

Look at our yawning Gulf, and endless river
Which commerce then would fly from—aye, for
ever ;

E'en rafts so much exposed on our wild stream,
Descend Saint John's as by a charm, or dream.

"Tis said they've bought the Isle of Antecosti,
 (What though its clime be somewhat cold and
 frosty)

Its bears and wolves will then receive no quarter,
 And Quebec's garrison wo'nt want hot water.

'Twould tend to help our fish'ries (now so poor)
 By selling them at once—all *Le bras d'or*,

And, being but solid rock, with little ground-land;
 It may be well, at once, to sell Newfoundland.

The reasons Hume (*of Westminster*) has
 shrewdly hit on,

These Colonies *all ruin mother Britain.*

Ships, Colonies, and Commerce—all a drawback.
 For so think Hume, O'Connel—Atty Roebuck.

Should Whigs want money still—then *sell the
 navy.*

And honest Bull in vain may cry "O save me

"From such defenders—melancholy story,

"I'm torn to pieces between Whig and Tory?"

"I want a King like Richard—heart of Lion—

"(Though not like him to play the fool at Sion)."

"And ministers whom no man dare cry fie on."

" Plebeian times, and mobocratic rule
 " Must sink the state—too long we've play'd the
 " fool,
 " Already ' a Cheval,' on my St. Lawrence,
 " Sits cousin Sam—and 'tis a strange occurrence.
 " Sam now bestrides, by blinding Britain's sons,
 " From Mississippi to my own St. John's.
 " ' Qui mare teneat' rules the rest of th' world,
 " His sails soon spread—his thunders soon are
 hurl'd."

Maine's Engineer reports, " you've shewn good feeling,"

But better t'were, if you had shown plain dealing,

And told these Mainers—Sirs, it will not do,
 For reasons plain—that between me and you
 No boundary's drawn—or line of limitations,
 Such as will suit two independent nations ;
 And—'till this deed is done to satisfaction,
King William knows no more than *Andrew*
Jackson—

(In mobocratic times, and rul'd by faction)

What may ensue—so pray decide this question
 On honorable terms, and fair suggestion.
 Our nations ought, if possible, to live like bro-
 thers,

“As you wish done to you, so do to others;”
 When this is rightly settled—I am ready
 To meet you with a Railroad firm and steady.

Oh, purblind Britons! men of narrow sight,
 Farewell to future naval strength and might;
 One false move more, your game is lost—ill-
 fated!

And Quebec's garrison will be *check-mated*;
 Our troops must re-embark, for want of forage,
L'Enfant du sol, will lose his mess of porridge;
 And cousin Sam's is all the gloria mundi,
 From new Orlean's to the Bay of Fundy.
 In short, “Qui mare teneat has Quebec,
 And then adieu to Britain's rule, or check
 On this side of the great Atlantic's tide,
 For who with Sam will dare the western world
 divide.

