

variety of investigation, and opens
a wide field for evidence and ar-
gument.

This field is by the Claim
filed on behalf of His Britannic
Majesty, extended vastly beyond
the circumference which was in
the contemplation of the Agent
for the United States before he was
notified of the contents of that
Claim.

The harmony, peace and
honour of the two nations require,
that this decision should be had
upon facts and principles which
will be preserved for the approving
public eye of the present age, and
for that of succeeding posterity.

This idea renders it fit and proper
that the whole controversy should
be upon paper.

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The Claim of His Britannic
Majesty having been predicated
upon a Grant of His Royal Ancestor
to Sir William Alexander. The Agent
for The United States has considered
it as necessary for him to examine
the foundation of that statement,
in a minute but candid manner.

To do this he was obliged to trace
the history of the country in controversy,
so far as the same can throw light
upon the Question.

To compress that history
and to state the important transac-
tions which it contains in such
a manner as that they should be
clearly understood and not be
rendered tedious in the trial, was
a task which exceeded in labour
what the Agent of the United States
previously expected. He now hopes

that