

the River Magaquadavie being a river running into the Bay. now called Passamaquoddy, on the northeast side thereof, had, long before the Charter of William and Mary, and from the earliest date of settlements by Europeans there, been called and known by the name of the river St Croix, and that no other river there, had been known or called by that name in any map, or public proceeding, before the passing of the said act of Parliament of Great Britain in the year 1775; which has already been attended to. But these are omitted for the present. And the Agent for the United States will ask leave to begin with those facts which took place more recently, and at, and near the time of the date of that Charter, and at times posterior thereto.

§. 8.

§. 8. By the second article in the Treaty of peace in 1783, it is agreed, that the eastern Boundary of the United States shall be, from the mouth of the River St Croix, in the Bay of Fundy to its source, and thence directly north to the highlands.

This is explained by the beginning of the Boundaries in that same article, where the northwest Angle of Nova Scotia is described; it is said - "to wit: That angle which is formed by a Line drawn due north, from the source of the St Croix to the Highlands."

If the Bounds of Nova Scotia had been known from any ancient Charter, there could have been no necessity for thus giving it a Boundary. But the fact was, that no boundary had ever been known between the provinces, excepting by an implication resulting from the dissolution of The Duke of York's Government.

§. 9.

Mouth of the River St Croix, is made the beginning of a Boundary to Nova Scotia.