

of Congress. The Instructions of Congress to their Foreign Ministers on this subject. The incessant public attention to it; and more especially - the Letters interchanged by the Governors of Nova Scotia, and Massachusetts, and New Brunswick, which are under the eye of the honorable Board, will give every necessary explanation on this head; and shew with what unabated ardour the States have pursued their claim to the country on Passamaquoddy Bay to the Magaquadavie. One remark may however be obviously necessary in order to shew that the settlers at Saint-Andrews were acquainted with these proceedings at the earliest, and through every stage of their progress.

§. 31.

§. 31. Early in the year 1784. The General Court of Massachusetts passed an Act - which is on the Table; requesting the Governor there to appoint Commissioners to proceed to the Bay of Passamaquoddy, and to enquire into the encroachments which had been made by Subjects of His Britannic Majesty on the land of the State. Whereupon Benjamin Lincoln, Henry Knox & George Partridge Esquires, were by the Governor with advice of Council, appointed on the Commission.

The Commission could not but derive great importance from the solemnity of the measure, as well as from the characters which filled it.

§. 32. The two first named of these Gentlemen undertook to execute the trust, - and after having been at Saint-Andrews - examined the Native Indians - viewed the river, and made every