

every possible inquiry, they made the Report which is now before the honorable Board, and dated the 19th of October 1784. They say -

"From every information the subscribers could obtain, on an enquiry of the Indians and others, The Eastern River was the original Saint-Groix. This is about three leagues east of Saint-Andrews, where the British inhabitants have made a settlement"

They add -

"Although the mouth of the Saint-Groix is but little more than three leagues east of the Banks of the Stouidiac, on which the British Subjects are settled Yet, from the different courses of the two rivers, the source of the Western-branch of the Stouidiac is nearly one hundred miles from the source of the Saint-Groix"

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It is very clear That the opinion, proceedings & Report of those gentlemen, must have been well known to the settlers on the Stouidiac and Saint-Andrews point, at that time. They also advised in their Report that Pre-leases should be made to those settlers of the land whereon they had settled, as a free-Gift.

The Government of Massachusetts was disposed to have paid the most perfect attention to that Report; and opened the door frequently to negotiations ^{up} on the substance of it, and have acted ever since with a view to regard it, as the basis of all the proceedings had on the Subject; all which appears by the papers on the Table before mentioned, and under the numbers before described.

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