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the United States, conceived it to be his duty to defer the termination of his argument, until he could avail himself of the advantage, which such a map would give to the Justice of the United States claim.

In the month of May, 1798, the Agent for the United States was furnished with a sketch of the river Magaquadavie, compiled from the Surveys, and being in possession of maps of the two branches of the Scoodiac, taken on the locations of Townships granted by the State of Massachusetts, and being willing to accelerate the ultimate decision of the controversy, he, with all possible dispatch, finished, & filed what he then believed would be the concluding argument in the cause:— But the Agent on the behalf of his Majesty, has seen fit, to file a supplemental argument, which demands the attention of the Agent for the United States, and on which some remarks have become necessary.

The undersigned, will carefully avoid the suggesting of any new principles, and offering any new evidence, (excepting that of one map, which was not in his possession when he compiled his last argument) but will strictly confine his observations to the reasonings of the Agent for his Majesty in his supplemental argument.

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The Agent for his Majesty, with the feelings incident to forensic disputes, has seen fit to consider the various positions, into which the Agent on the other side, in the usual mode of argumentation, has placed his cause, as concessions of the inefficacy, & weakness of his own arguments; but the Agent for the United States, cheerfully submits the various positions he has made, to the eyes of those, who cannot be betrayed by the feelings of Interest, or deceived by the ardent, but groundless hopes of Success. He might complain, that great Labour has been expended in bringing into one view, mutilated & detached parts of his argument, and that by unnatural and forced constructions, attempts, devoid of that candour which ought to direct the course of this important investigation, have been made, to prove the existence of contradictions, which never had a birth. But he will leave the Agent for his Majesty in the peaceable possession of those imaginary triumphs, & proceed to perform the remaining duty incumbent upon him in the controversy.

The honorable Board will be pleased to recollect, that after the Agent for his Majesty had exhibited his claim, founded professedly in the Charter of King James to Sir William Alexander, the Agent for the United States, proposed to combat that obsolete & extraordinary claim, in the following manner, viz. First. That there was not in the year 1782, when the Treaty of Peace was made, any Province within his Majesty's Dominions, called Nova Scotia, & founded in a Grant from King James to Sir W. Alexander in the year 1621, or at any other date.

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