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The first proposition that the East boundary of Massachusetts should be the West boundary of Nova Scotia, may be taken for granted, because every one perceives that since Nova Scotia ceased to be a part of the Province of Massachusetts, there never was a pretence for any space of Territory between the Provinces. yet the marks of the division ^{by located} were never so ascertained as to be known to any one, ^{excepting, on a general opinion, that a river called the Saint Croix was a part of the boundary.}

When we examine the Testimony of the President of the United States, we find that in his answer to the third interrogatory, he uses this expression. —

" One of the American
" Ministers proposed at first, the river
" Saint John, as marked on Mitchell's
" map, but his colleagues observing that
" ^{the} Saint Croix was the river mentioned
" in the charter of Massachusetts Bay, they
" could not justify insisting on ^{the} Saint
" John as an ultimatum; he agreed
" with them to adhere to the charter
" of the Massachusetts Bay."

When it is observed, that the river Saint Croix, is nowhere in the charter of the Province of Massachusetts mentioned, as a boundary, the honorable Board will be constrained to agree that when Hutchinson, Pratt, Bowdoin, and Adams, used the Saint Croix, as a charter boundary, they meant no more than this: that certain circumstances, raised that river as a boundary for the Province, and that it was known as such until the Treaty of peace was ratified.

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The Agent on the part of the United States attended to that answer when it was given before the Commissioners, but being then convinced that any attempt to improve the mistake against the Justice of his Nation's claim, would be to no purpose, he did not think it of consequence enough to have it corrected.

But since the Agent for his majesty has thought proper to treat it as a circumstance of weight and consequence, a respect to his character urges to a few observations upon the point on which it is called up. —

From the date of the Charter of William & Mary to Massachusetts in 1691, or rather from the year 1703, the continued wars with the French & the Indians, rendered the Eastern boundary of very little consequence. It was at least as far from Boston the seat of that Government, as Boston is from Philadelphia.

The Province of New Hampshire was originally inserted between the Province of Maine, and the old Colony of Massachusetts Bay. — The country called Sagadahock, more than one hundred & thirty miles wide, between Nova Scotia and the Province of Maine. The colony of Massachusetts had no concern in the country, before the charter of 1691, & it was then but six years before the territories called Acadie and Nova Scotia, were ceded in the Treaty of Ryswick to the French Crown.

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