

The deposition of Alexander Nichols Esq, has been attended to. He & James Nichols Esq, both declare, that there was no white person in that Country in the year 1760. That the Indians all agreed in the fact, that the Magaquadavie, was the river Saint Croix.

James Boyd Esq, swears that he went there in the year 1763 to settle, that there were no white inhabitants there, and that the nearest were at Saint Johns, and Machias. That the Indians all called the Magaquadavie, the Saint Croix.

In the year 1764 a transaction took place, under the direction of John Mitchel, a Surveyor sent by Governor Bernard. The Agent for his Majesty has improved many pages for the purpose of shewing, that the orders of Bernard, & the subsequent proceedings of Mitchel, were all regarding the Scoodiac, and had no connexion with the other river. Either a cursory, or critical examination, of the documents before the honorable Board, will shew, that his Majesty's Agent, has gone altogether on a mistake in this point.

The honorable Board will be pleased to attend to the orders of Governor Bernard, and to determine for themselves, what the fact is, which results from the proof these afford. This is a matter of consequence, and the Agent for his Majesty treats it as such, by expending much labour and anxiety upon it.

Those instructions having been before recited verbatim, those parts only, which are necessary to these remarks, will be quoted.

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"You are then to proceed to survey the coast between the river Saint Croix & Papsamaquody, eight miles up each river."

The English Agent will shew if he pleases, where eight miles up the Cobscook could be found.

"You are next to survey the coast from the mouth of the river Papsamaquody, taking a trigonometrical measure from some certain point on the East side of the river, across the mouth of it, to the extreme point of the bay on the West side, and if the river Papsamaquody is very large at the mouth, you must survey up the river &c. In the like manner you are to survey the East side of the bay, from the extreme point unto the mouth of Saint Croix."

Whether Governor Bernard, by Papsamaquody river meant the Cobscook, and by Saint Croix, the Scoodiac must depend in some measure on his ideas of the Country.

It is to be acknowledged that his information, was by no means perfect. The object of his measures, was to gain that information, which he was at that time destitute of.

It is very clear however, that he conceived there were two rivers, each of considerable length. That the one was on the West, and the other on the East side of what he called Saint Croix, or Papsamaquody bay, and that the river Saint Croix, came from a Pond, from which there was a carrying place to a branch of the Penobscot. He directed that the Indians should be consulted.

It appears by the evidence of Mitchel, Nathan Jones, Israel Jones, Jacob Bradbury, and James Boyd Esquires, that the Indians were consulted, and under the obligation of an Oath fairly and candidly laid on them, declared that the Magaquadavie, was the river Saint Croix.

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