

than that such decision should be founded upon evidence so clear, as to produce mutual satisfaction to both parties, whatever may be the disappointment to either in losing a portion of territory it had been wont to consider as its own. — Should it happen, for want of thorough information upon the subject, that the decision should be liable hereafter to be impeached as erroneous, instead of cementing the good understanding so desirable between the two Countries, it would be but sowing the seeds of future animosity, to burst forth when a convenient opportunity should offer.

From these considerations the underwritten Agent of His Majesty feels a peculiar satisfaction in the reflection that the Character of the Commissioners before whom he has the honor to manage the business ^{behalf of} on the British Government on the present occasion, must preclude all anxiety respecting the event of the cause he is engaged in, so far as it depends upon abilities to discover and magnanimity & integrity to adopt that line of conduct in their decision which will be supported by the unerring

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principles of truth and justice. — He is thus relieved from the apprehensions which would otherwise be justly excited by the industry industry and talents he contends with in the Agent appointed and authorized to manage the business on the part of the United States.

The underwritten Agent has accordingly ~~with unswerving attention~~ endeavored to ascertain from the most authentic sources of information within his reach, such facts as might lead to a discovery of what river was truly intended under the name of the river St. Croix mentioned in the treaty of peace, and he feels himself amply rewarded by the result of his researches, confident that he can demonstrate, with a degree of certainty hardly to have been expected, the truth and justice of His Majesty's Claim.

In discussing the question under consideration, he will endeavor with as little deviation as may be, consistently with perspicuity, to follow the arrangement