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In doing this it does not appear that the smallest doubt was ever entertained, that the River S^t. Croix was the western boundary of the former, and the eastern of the latter Province, nor, that the River S^t. Croix which constituted this boundary, was the same River S^t. Croix which was originally so named by De Monts in 1604, described by Champlain & L'Escartot in their Histories and made the Original western boundary of Nova Scotia in the grant to Sir William Alexander in 1621. —

Accordingly we find in the first instructions to survey the River S^t. Croix, in order to ascertain the western boundaries of the Province of Nova Scotia, the same River S^t. Croix which is described by Champlain is pointed out in the instructions to the Surveyors.

At this time two rivers only appeared in most of the maps that had been published, to empty themselves into the Bay of Capimaguady, the westernmost called the Capimaguady River and the easternmost the River S^t. Croix.

(94) Governor BERNARD at that time Governor of Massachusetts Bay, was desirous to obtain a grant of a tract of land in this Eastern County for himself and some other Gentlemen associated with him. There were difficulties in procuring any Grants of Land lying westward of

the boundaries of the Province of Nova Scotia, within the territory described in the Charter of William & Mary to the Province of Massachusetts Bay, as lying between Nova Scotia & the Province of Maine, ^{on the one hand} ~~on the one hand~~ the Massachusetts Bay, to the qualified property in and jurisdiction over this territory by virtue of their Charter, the nature of which claim we have seen in their Statement to their Agent in 1732, and the doubts entertained by the ^{on the other hand} ~~on the other hand~~ Crown of the validity of this claim and of the justice of the opinion of the Attorney & Solicitor General, by which it was supported; which doubts are stated in a letter from Mr. Mauduit the Agent of the Province of Massachusetts Bay to the General Court, dated 9th June 1764 a copy of which has been laid before the Board by the Agent of the United States, (a) — In this letter Mr. Mauduit states that in the course of the business before the Board of Trade respecting the Grants made by the Province of Massachusetts Bay of lands lying between Pensacola and S^t. Croix, "The chief things insisted on were, that the Lords notwithstanding the Opinion formerly given are still disposed to think the right of the Province doubtful" but as to the lands between Pensacola & S^t. Croix

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(a) vid. his argument part. 2. § 52.