

Commission issued by Governor Hutchinson, with the advice of the Council of the Province of Massachusetts-Bay to the late General Brattle Mr. Bowdoin & Mr. Hubbard in the year 1770 which is stated by the Honorable Agent of the United States to be as follows (a)

(100) "When we consider the description given by
"Mr. Champlain who we apprehend was the
"first European, that reconnoitred the Eastern
"Shores, and gave the River S^t. Croix its name
"we are convinced that the river S^t. Croix, men-
"tioned in the Royal Charter, can by no means
"be the river Capimaguady, but that the
"river Capimaguady being an Indian name
"was then known thereby. - When we consi-
"der also that there is a living Witness, who
"will swear, that about 60 years ago, he used
"to trade at the S^t. Croix, that by the Indians
"he traded with, who were born there, & who
"always lived there, by the oldest of them who
"had it from their fathers, the river S^t. Croix
"aforesaid was known by that name, & that
"S^t. Croix runs East of Capimaguady. When
"we consider these things, and many more
"we could mention, it is plain to us, that
"the River S^t. Croix which we call by that
"name, which is East of Capimaguady is
"the true river S^t. Croix, and the Eastern

(a) vid. his argument part. 3. §. 19.

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"boundary of the Province as mentioned in the
"Charter."

The Underwritten Agent fully agrees with the Honorable Agent of the United States in his observation upon this report, "that altho' in some instances it is incorrect, yet that does not rob it of any part of its weight in this cause," and the following inferences may be fairly drawn from it.

1. That in the year 1770, one river only was contemplated by the Government of Mas-
sachusetts-Bay, under the name of the River S^t. Croix as emptying itself into the Bay of Capimaguady (101)

2. That in the year 1770 the Government of Massachusetts-Bay considered the River S^t. Croix, described by Champlain, and conse-
quently the same river S^t. Croix that is men-
tioned as part of the original western bound-
ary of the Province of Nova Scotia in the
Grant to Sir W. Alexander in 1621, as "the true
River S^t. Croix, and the Eastern boundary of
the Province of Massachusetts-Bay as mentioned
in their Charter."

3. That in the year 1770 the Government of
Massachusetts-Bay did not consider Nova
Scotia as ^{then being} within, or a part of, the Province of Mas-
sachusetts-Bay, by virtue of their Charter.