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presumed to have been in the contemplation of the legislature when the Act passed.

If we could suppose it possible for the British Parliament purposely to misrepresent the true ancient western boundaries of the Province of Nova Scotia, there could have been no inducement at the time this Act passed, to assign any other than the true boundary; - and if the River Magaguadavic had been really the ancient river St. Croix & boundary between these Provinces, it would doubtless have been described in the Act as such, as it was the design of it to render the restrictions upon the trade & commerce of Massachusetts-Bay as effectual as possible and policy at that time dictated a description of it by its utmost bounds for the purposes of that Act. - It is said in the History of the District of Maine (a) ~~another~~ ^{place} that, "since the Treaty of Paris in 1763 the English have made the River of Schoodic the St. Croix" but it must be acknowledged that the British Government considered this river as the St. Croix as far back as the survey in 1772, or at least in the year 1774, when this Act of Parliament passed, & when the

(a) vid History of the District of Maine. p. 59.

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present question could not have been foreseen or imagined.

It is acknowledged that the River Cobscook, ~~apparently called an inlet from the sea~~, also empties itself into Cobscook Bay on the western side, and that for want of sufficient inquiry ~~was made~~ ^{was made} it had been at one time, some years before the passing of this Act of Parliament, been considered by the Government ~~as the~~ ^{as the} ~~boundary~~ ^{boundary} of the Province of Nova Scotia, as the river St. Croix described by Champlain, and mentioned in the Patent to Sir William Alexander in 1621; and that under that idea a Grant had passed under the Seal of that Province of a tract of land bounded upon this River Cobscook as being the ancient river St. Croix originally made a part of the western boundaries of Nova Scotia; but a more thorough investigation of the Subject and the Survey by order of the Board of Trade in 1772 had rectified this mistake, so that by the River St. Croix mentioned in the Act of Parliament, no other River than the River Schoodic could have been intended.

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