

leus; - In addition therefore to the argument drawn from the inconveniences resulting from its cutting off the sources of these rivers, which discharge themselves within the British Territory upon the Sea Coast, the source of this branch of the Scoudiac or S^t. Croix, cannot be the source intended by the Treaty of Peace, because in such case we cannot arrive at the Northwest angle of Nova Scotia, which is the first bound or station upon which the other boundaries depend, as they must be traced from thence, that is to say, "that angle which is formed by a line drawn due north from the source of S^t. Croix River to the Highlands which divide those rivers that empty themselves into the RIVER S^t. Lawrence from those which fall into the Atlantic Ocean": - If the fact being as above stated, should a line be traced due north from the source of the Chequamegon, if the Highlands in such case are on this side or to the Southward of the River Restigouche, they will divide the rivers that fall into the Atlantic Ocean or Bay of Fundy, from those which fall into the Gulf of S^t. Lawrence; - if they are between the River Restigouche and the Metabediac Lake, they will divide the rivers which from different sources unite and fall into the Gulf of Saint Lawrence; - if they are beyond this Lake, they will divide the rivers which fall into the Gulf

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of S^t. Lawrence from those which fall into the RIVER S^t. Lawrence; the requisite angle therefore will not be found upon this line. - But if a line is traced due north from the source of the western or main branch of the river Scoudiac or S^t. Croix, it will run to the westward of the sources of all the rivers that fall into the Gulf of S^t. Lawrence and will strike the Highlands which divide the rivers that fall into the Atlantic Ocean from those which empty themselves into the RIVER S^t. Lawrence, and consequently give the requisite angle or first bound.

There is certainly a clear distinction in the Grant to Sir William Alexander between the River S^t. Lawrence and the Gulf of S^t. Lawrence or rather of Canada; - The boundary line by this Grant, after stating that the RIVER, is to follow the course of it eastward to Gaspe, which lies to the northward of the Bay of Chaleur, and afterwards the Gulf is mentioned, and the words made use of in the Grant seem to import a considerable distance eastward, between the line where it strikes the river of Canada or S^t. Lawrence, and Gaspe. (133)

It is far from being certain that the ridge of Highlands which divides the rivers that empty themselves into the river S^t. Lawrence from those which fall into the Atlantic Ocean is continued to the Eastward of the sources of the rivers which fall into the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, but whether thus continued or not