

As then at the treaty of peace in 1783 the northern limit of the Province of Nova Scotia was "a line along the Highlands which divide the Rivers that empty themselves into the River St. Lawrence from those which fall into the sea." it unquestionably follows that the North west angle of Nova Scotia at the time of the treaty of peace in 1783, was that angle which is formed by a line drawn due north from the Source of the River St. Croix to those Highlands.

If we now compare this angle with the North west angle of Nova Scotia described in the treaty of peace, viz., that angle which is formed by a line drawn due north from the Source of Saint Croix River to the same Highlands, can it be said with any degree of propriety, that (a) "The limits & boundaries of the Province of Nova Scotia, were unknown at the time of the treaty of peace in 1783 & that it therefore became necessary to give it a western boundary by the treaty itself in these words, "to wit, that angle which is formed by a line due north from the Source of the River St. Croix to the Highlands?"

Can it be believed or for a moment imagined by the credulous that in the course of human events so exact a co-incidence

(a) Vid. Mr. Sullivan's Argument. p. 1. §. 53.

have ^{could} happened between the actual real boundaries of the Province of Nova Scotia, and the boundaries of it described in this treaty, if the latter had not been dictated & regulated by ~~having~~ reference to the former? -

Can any man ~~of sense and judgment~~ hesitate ~~at once~~ to say ~~that~~ he is convinced that the Commissioners at Paris in 1783, in form ^{in which they have so exactly described this northwest angle} ~~ing the second article of the treaty of peace,~~ had reference to and were governed by the boundaries of Nova Scotia as described in the grant to Sir William Alexander, and the subsequent alteration of the northern boundary by the erection of the Province of Quebec, ~~in order~~ ^{understanding} ~~as they have done~~ ^{as they have done} the northwest angle of Nova Scotia?

Will not this conviction be ^{come} irresistible when he adverts to the reservation made to His Majesty in this Article of the treaty, "of such Islands as then were or there to fore had been within the limits of the said Province of Nova Scotia?" which clearly alludes to the ancient limits of the Province of Nova Scotia & to the Islands included & comprehended within those limits, as described in the Grant to Sir William Alexander; ^{some of which} ~~which, without that~~