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Inhabitants upon the Islands in this Bay, but those upon Papsamaguddy or Copscook River and all who resided within several miles westward of Moose Island were always considered, and always acknowledged themselves, as being within the jurisdiction of the Province of Nova Scotia; that they were regularly summoned & attended the different Courts thus held upon the Island of Campo Bello, and that one, who was an Inhabitant of Moose Island at that time, and still continues to reside There, was appointed the Deputy Provost ^{Marshal} ~~Marshal~~ for the District of Papsamaguddy, was sworn into office, and held & executed the same till a stop was put to all judicial proceedings in 1775. — That during all this time the Government of Massachusetts Bay never claimed or exercised any jurisdiction over the Inhabitants of this district, that no Officers were appointed within it under that Government, & that when any of the Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay were aggrieved, they applied for redress to the Laws of Nova Scotia. ^(a)

Such compleat evidence of possession

(a) vid. appendix p. 69.

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added to such proof of the original title, as have been adduced in support of His Majesty's claim, would be sufficient in any Court of Law within His Majesty's Dominions, and it is presumed within the United States also, in an action of Ejectment, to recover the property claimed, did the whole Country belong ⁽¹⁵³⁾ to either of these Powers, and a Plaintiff, having equal title & equal proof, were to bring a suit against a Defendant claiming a title to the premises upon no better grounds than the United States rely upon in the present instance.

It will now be explained how it happened, that the Province of Nova Scotia exercised jurisdiction beyond or to the Westward of the River Scoudiac or St. Croix, now claimed, and proved to be, the real boundary of that Province; premising, that the having exceeded this boundary in any instance can no more affect the title to that part of the Country which is within the real boundary, than a man's encroaching, this a mistake of land marks, a part of his neighbour's field with his own, can destroy or lessen his title to that which is really within his own legal bounds.