

underwritten Agent, by the Honorable Agent
of the United States, in which this same Mr.
Mitchell swears in the words following.

"I the Subscriber an Inhabitant of Chester
in the State of New Hampshire voluntarily
make the following declaration to wit, -

156/ "That I was employed by His Excellency Fran-
cis Bernard Esquire Governor of the Province
of Massachusetts-Bay in April 1764, as a
Surveyor in Company with Mr. Israel Jones
as my Deputy Mr. Nathan Jones as command-
ing Officer of a party of Troops & Capt. Fletcher
as Indian Interpreter to repair to the Bay of
Caspimaquady to assemble the Indians usu-
ally residing there and from them to
ascertain the river known by the name of
St. Croix. We accordingly assembled upwards
of forty of the principal Indians upon an
Island then called L'Attirail in the Bay of
Caspimaquady - after having fully & freely con-
versed with them on the subject of our mission
the Chief commissioned three Indians to
show us the said River St. Croix, which is sit-
uated nearly six miles North, and about
three degrees East of Harbour L'Etete & East
North East of the Bay or River Schudac
& distant from it about nine miles upon
a right line. - The aforesaid three Indians

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"after having shown us the River, and being du-
ly informed of the nature & importance of an
oath, did in the most solemn manner de-
pose to the truth of their information respect-
ing the identity of the said river St. Croix (a)
and that it was the ancient, and only
river known among them by that name. -

"We proceeded conformably to this information
in our surveys and in August following I delivered 157/
to Governor Bernard three plans of the said
River St. Croix and the Bay of Caspimaquady.

(signed) John Mitchell Surveyor

"Suffolk Is. Boston Octo^r. 9. 1784. The above
named John Mitchell personally appeared
and on solemn oath declared that the above
by him subscribed is true.

"Before me Esq^r. & Esq^r. Just. Peace

"A true Copy"

"Attest"

(signed) John Avery Just. Secretary

The underwritten Agent will not attempt
to reconcile these depositions, nor does he think
it necessary upon this occasion, to undertake to
vindicate Governor Bernard, whose understand-
ing was never called in question, from such
singular weakness as would have been imput-
able to him, had he sent off Mr. Mitchell
& his party under such instructions, as are

(a) named by the Sieur De Monts 180 Years before