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1604 and eminently so called since that time; but so little foundation was there to suppose this obscure and hitherto unknown river, to be the true ancient and only River S^t. Croix, the boundary between the two Provinces, so totally destitute was it of all the characteristic marks by which the true river S^t. Croix is so particularly and certainly pointed out, by the French and other writers of credit, who were acquainted with the origin and occasion of the name, that Governor Bernard gave not the smallest heed to the account, easily discerning from his knowledge of the subject, that altho' with other rivers emptying into this Bay, this river might be known to the Indians by the imperfect traditions among them, under the name of S^t. Croix, it could never be the great river S^t. Croix so long known as the original western boundary of the Province of Nova Scotia, and the established boundary between that Province, and New England & Massachusetts Bay, and therefore no memorial remains of the transaction. (a)

The Surveyor General of Nova Scotia, also applied himself at this time, under the direction of Governor Wilmot then Governor of that Province, to discover which of the Rivers emptying into

(a) Vid: Morse's Geography. 3^d Edit. 1796. p. 380. in notes.

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Papimaquady Bay was the true ancient River S^t. Croix, He was informed also by the Indians, and perhaps the same that were consulted by Mr. Mitchel, that the river Cops-cook or Cobscook was known to them under the name of S^t. Croix; - he ^{probably} found that a small Island near the mouth of this river, now called Dudley Island, was by them known under the name of S^t. Croix Island - that about two leagues up this river there were Rapids, where the Indians carried their Canoes, about 500 paces & then re-entered the River, and that the River afterwards divided into two branches, finding this river agree, as he thought, in these particulars, with the description of the ancient River S^t. Croix, the original western boundary of the Province of Nova Scotia, he was satisfied with his researches & reported this river to Governor Wilmot, as, in his opinion, the true ancient River S^t. Croix. (a)

Upon this being made known to Governor Bernard, he applied for and obtained the grant before mentioned bearing date the 30th of October 1765 under the seal of the Province of Nova Scotia, of a tract of land for himself Thomas Cornwall, John Mitchel & Thomas Thornton, described as follows - to wit

(a) Vid. Appendix. p. 198.