

(162) "a tract of land situate lying & being, begin-
 "ning, at the head of the western branch
 "of the River Copscook, called the River S^t. Croix
 "two leagues above the Falls or full Rapids
 "and to run from thence North on the Me-
 "ridian line or North fourteen degrees
 "East by the Needle, seventeen miles, thence
 "South sixty six degrees East, till it meets
 "with the western branch of the river Scoo-
 "dick, and is thence bounded by said River
 "Scoodick to the East Bay and by said Bay
 "round into Copscook River, thro' the Falls
 "and up the western branch to the first
 "mentioned boundary, together with the
 "Island called Moose Island and the Island
 "called S^t. Croix Island, containing in the
 "whole by estimation one hundred thousand
 "Acres more or less."

Governor Bernard must have been
 satisfied, that his Surveyor Mr. Mitchel was
 mistaken in supposing the Magaguadavic to be
 the true S^t. Croix, and, that the Copscook was
 the true ancient S^t. Croix River, or he never
 could have consented to take a Grant bounded
 upon it as such; and what puts it beyond
 all doubt, that this river was at that time

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 supposed by all parties to be the river S^t. Croix
 originally so called by De Monts & made a part
 of the original boundary of the Province of Nova
 Scotia in Sir William Alexander's Patent, is
 the evident reference there is in the grant to
 the boundaries described in the Patent. - The
 tract begins "at the head of the western
branch of the River Copscook, called the River (163)
S^t. Croix, and to run from thence North on the
meridian line &c." - the precise description
 used in Sir William Alexander's Patent, and
 comprehends two of the Islands included
 in that Patent. (a)

Notwithstanding the orders of Governor
 Bernard were so clear and positive to his
 Surveyors in 1764, to survey as the river S^t. Croix
 that river emptying itself into Caspunaquady
 Bay from the source of which there is a
 portage usually made use of by the Indians
 to an Eastern Branch of the River Conobscot,
 which description is applicable to no other river
 than the river Scoudiac, yet the Honorable A-
 gent of the United States maintains (b) that, "as
 soon as the peace was concluded in 1763, between
 "the English & French Crowns, the Government of
 "the Province of Massachusetts Bay," asserted its claim
 "to the river Magaguadavic as the river S^t. Croix,"
 and adduces these very orders of Governor Bernard
 in support of the assertion.

(a) Sullivan's History. p. 41.

(b) vid. his argument part. 3. §. 18.