

"till after the peace in Sept. 1783.

170/ 1a) The Honorable Agent of the United States informs us, that "early in the year 1784, the General Court of Massachusetts passed an act, requesting the Governor there to appoint Commissioners to proceed to Casimiquady, and to inquire into the encroachments which had been made by Subjects of His Britannic Majesty on the lands of the State. Whereupon Benjamin Lincoln, Henry Knox & George Bartidge & others were by the Governor with the advice of the Council appointed on the Commission. and that, "The Commission could not but derive great importance, from the solemnity of the measure, as well as from the Character which filled it."

The Report of two of those Commissioners who executed the trust, so far as is pertinent to the present occasion, is in the following words

"Boston Octo. 19. 1784."

"Sir"

"In obedience to your Excellency's Commission bearing date July 12. 1784, the Subscribers two of the Commissioners named therein proceeded the latter end of August to the Bay of Casimiquady, & there endeavoured to inform themselves of what encroachments had been made by the Subjects of His Britannic Majesty

1a) vid his Argument part 3. § 31.

"on the territories of this Commonwealth."

"They beg leave to inform your Excellency that a very considerable number of British Subjects are settled at a place called S^t. Andrews, on the Eastern Bank of the River Schudac, which, in the Opinion of your Commissioners, is clearly within the limits of this State."

"By your Excellency's leave they will recite a short state of facts on which this Opinion was formed."

"There are three very considerable Rivers which empty themselves into the Bay of Casimiquady, which is from five to seven leagues wide. The Eastern river falls into the Bay about a league from the head of it (b) and perpendicular to the Eastern side. - The middle river falls into the Bay far on the westerly side of it & in a direction parallel therewith. - The Western river falls into the Bay about six leagues from the head of it on the westerly side & nearly perpendicular to it, all of which in late British maps are called S^t. Croix! (c)

"The first is by the Indians called Machradavic, the second, Schudac, & the third, Cobbescook."

"From every information the Subscribers could obtain, on an enquiry of Indians & others (d) the Eastern river was the Original S^t. Croix. - This is about three leagues East of S^t. Andrews, where the British Inhabitants have made a settlement."

1b) The Agent of the United States differs with the Commissioners as to the Head of the Bay, he places it above the Devil's or Doreille's head where the River Schudac runs down from the westward, vid. his argument part 3. § 9.

1c) These maps must have been published before the peace in 1783! It is to be presumed no British Subjects were examined upon this occasion.