

There is a remarkable fresh water brook, which from its appearance must have been always there, and there are other fresh water brooks also along the shore, as described by L'Escaut.

The spot where the Fort is described to have been looks to the North & commands the river up and down.

There is no fresh water upon the Island and the breadth of the river on each side is such as it is described to be.

The Island is in the middle of the river and is peculiarly exposed to the North and North west wind.

As all the Members of this Honorable Board ^{together with the Agents} have viewed the premises in question, and if there are any errors in this statement of their appearance & situation will discover and reject them, the under written Agent has taken the liberty to be thus particular in making it & he flatters himself that he will be able to demonstrate this Isle and River to be the Isle & River originally called Sainte Croix by the Sieur De Monts.

To proceed in comparing them with the descriptions of L'Escaut. — Leaving

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Leaving St. John's River they came following "the Coast from that place to a Great River" which is properly called Sea — The River ^{1a} Schoodiac is by far the largest river between the Penobscot and St. John's, and from its width at the mouth may properly be called Sea or a branch of the sea, as the salt water flowing from a Bay on the Sea-Coast into the mouth of a wide river where the tide is received, is not unfrequently called, but in the present instance the term is peculiarly appropriate, as the Isle St. Croix in the mouth of this Great River is exposed to the full sweep and force of the tide and sea from the Bottom of ^{that part of} Passamaquaddy, now called St. Andrews Bay. —

"Where they fortified themselves in a little Island seated in the midst of this river, strong by nature and of easy defence" — This description is remarkably just and correct, & will apply to no other Island & river in that part of the Country.

"Nevertheless the Company took their station there in the midst of a broad river, where the wind from the North and north west ~~was~~ ^{was a full sweep} (30) and because that two leagues higher up there be streams that come cross-wise to fall within this wide arm of the sea, the Isle in which the French took up their quarters was called St. Croix,

1a. "A River which the Natives called the Machagadawick is found on the north side of Passamaquaddy Bay, twelve miles north east and by North from the mouth of the Schoodiac; this is much less than the river last mentioned." Sullivan's History. p. 41.