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ALASKAN BOUNDARY.—EXCHANGE OF NOTES.—ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO COMPLETE THE AWARD UNDER THE CONVENTION OF JANUARY 24, 1903, RESPECTING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN ALASKA AND THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN POSSESSIONS.

Agreement effected by exchange of notes, March 25, 1905.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington March 25, 1905

EXCELLENCY,—Referring to your note of October 1st, and Mr. Hay's reply of December 2d, 1904, in regard to the report by Messrs. O. H. Tittmann and W. F. King, the Commissioners appointed to carry out the delimitation of the Alaska boundary so far as it was left undefined by the Award of the London Tribunal, and concerning the character of our agreement between the United States and Great Britain for the formal acceptance of the recommendations of the Commissioners by an exchange of notes, I have the honor to state, by direction of the President, that the Government of the United States agrees with the Government of His Britannic Majesty that the part of the boundary between Alaska and Canada lying between the points P and T mentioned in the award of the Tribunal of 1903, shall be defined, in accordance with the general principles laid down by said Tribunal, by the summits whose geographical coordinates are given with sufficient approximation for identification in the attached Table, provided that the Commissioners are hereby empowered, after they have secured sufficient data, to select additional and intermediate peaks between the points 7 and 8 and 8 and T where the distances between the peaks given in the Table exceed the probable limit of intervisibility. Provided also that no such additional and intermediate peak shall be more than 2,500 meters from the

straight line joining peaks 7 and 8 or 8 and T of the attached Table, as follows:

TABLE SHOWING THE POSITIONS AND DISTANCES OF PEAKS.

The latitudes and longitudes are taken from, and refer to, the Maps numbers 10 and 12 of the surveys made by the British Commission under the Convention of 1892. The successive peaks are designated by consecutive numbers, counting southward from Point P.

Points.	Latitude.	Longitude.	From.	to	Approximate Distances
Sheet 12					<i>Miles</i>
1.....	58 24 29	129 42 28	P	1	15, 500
2.....	58 21 04	129 38 14	1	2	12, 000
3.....	58 24 09	129 30 09	2	3	12, 000
4.....	58 22 25	129 27 09	3	4	4, 000
5.....	58 16 10	129 21 02	4	5	12, 200
6.....	58 13 24	129 16 05	5	6	6, 000
7.....	58 09 07	129 11 10	6	7	9, 700
Sheet 10			7	8	21, 400
8.....	57 29 47	129 29 22	8	T	26, 000

Your acknowledgment of this communication, with a similar statement on behalf of the Government of His Majesty will complete the agreed Exchange of Notes and will confirm and give validity to the agreement reached by the Commissioners, thus completing the award of the London Tribunal under the Convention of January 24, 1903 as to the above-described part of the Alaska boundary.

Expressing the President's satisfaction at this settlement of the matter, I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant

ALVEY A. ADER
Acting Secretary of State.

His Excellency

The Right Honble.

Sir H. M. DURAND, G. C. M. G., K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E.
etc etc etc.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
Washington, March 25th; 1905.

SIR, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 187 of this date, in regard to the report by Messrs. W. F. King and O. H. Tittmann, the Commissioners appointed to carry out the delimitation of the Alaska Boundary so far as it was left undefined by the Award of the London Tribunal, and concerning the character of an agreement between Great Britain and the United States for the formal acceptance of the recommendations of the Commissioners by an exchange of notes.

By direction and on behalf of the Government of His Britannic Majesty, I have the honour to state that the Government of His Majesty agrees with the Government of the United States that the part of the boundary between Canada and Alaska lying between the points P and T mentioned in the award of the Tribunal of 1903, shall be defined, in accordance with the general principles laid down by

said Tribunal, by the summits whose geographical coordinates are given with sufficient approximation for identification in the attached Table, provided that the Commissioners are hereby empowered, after they have secured sufficient data, to select additional and intermediate peaks between the points 7 and 8 and 8 and T where the distances between the peaks given in the Table exceed the probable limit of intervisibility. Provided also that no such additional and intermediate peak shall be more than 2,500 meters from the straight line joining peaks 7 and 8 or 8 and T of the attached Table, as follows:

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Points.	Latitude.	Longitude.	From.	To.	Approximate Distances.
Sheet 12	° ' "	° ' "			Meters.
1.....	68 26 29	122 41 55	P	1	12,840
2.....	68 31 01	122 23 14	1	2	12,800
3.....	68 34 40	122 26 09	2	3	12,690
4.....	68 33 26	122 27 09	3	4	4,000
5.....	68 16 10	122 21 08	4	5	12,200
6.....	68 13 34	122 16 48	5	6	6,900
7.....	68 09 07	122 11 10	6	7	9,700
Sheet 10.....			7	8	21,440
8.....	57 20 47	122 22 22	8	T	26,800

I am instructed to express the gratification of my Government that, by this Exchange of Notes, confirmation and validity are given to the agreement reached by the Commissioners, thus completing the award of the London Tribunal, under the Convention of January 24, 1903, as to the above-described part of the Alaska Boundary.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

H M DURAND

The Honorable JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State, etc., etc., etc.