

BOUNDARIES: ALASKA AND CANADA

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The Secretary of State to the British Chargé d'Affaires

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, October 20, 1899

SIR: Your note of the 13th instant was duly received, in which you submit to me, under instructions from the Marquis of Salisbury, a modified form of agreement relative to a provisional boundary between the territory of Alaska and the Dominion of Canada in the region about the head of Lynn Canal.

I have given careful consideration to the modifications indicated in your note, and am prepared, on the part of the Government of the United States, to accept the same as a provisional agreement respecting the boundary in the localities stated. In examining the text of the proposed agreement inclosed with your note of the 13th instant, I have, however, noted some verbal changes which it seems desirable should be made and which in no wise affect the terms of the agreement. I therefore submit the following as the text of the agreement to be observed by the two Governments:

"It is hereby agreed between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain that the boundary line between Canada and the Territory of Alaska in the region about the head of Lynn Canal shall be provisionally fixed as follows, without prejudice to the claims of either party in the permanent adjustment of the international boundary:

"In the region of the Dalton Trail, a line beginning at the peak west of Porcupine Creek, marked on the map No. 10 of the United States commission December 31, 1895, and on sheet No. 18 of the British commission December 31, 1895, with the number 6500; thence running to the Klehini (or Klaheela) River in the direction of the peak north of that river, marked 5020 on the aforesaid United States map, and 5025 on the aforesaid British map;

¹ See convention of Jan. 24, 1903 (TS 419), *post*, p. 263.