

BOUNDARIES: ALASKA AND CANADA

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The Acting Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, March 25, 1905

No. 187

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 1903,¹ 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

¹ For a convention signed at Washington Jan. 24, 1903, see TS 419, *ante*, p. 263.

Convention of, 1892.² The successive peaks are designated by consecutive numbers, counting southward from Point P.

Points	Latitude			Longitude			From	to	Approximate Distances
	°	'	"	°	'	"			
Sheet 12									<i>Meters</i>
1.....	58	36	29	133	41	55	P	1	15,840
2.....	58	31	01	133	33	14	1	2	12,800
3.....	58	24	40	133	26	09	2	3	13,680
4.....	58	22	35	133	27	09	3	4	4,000
5.....	58	16	10	133	21	08	4	5	13,200
6.....	58	13	24	133	16	48	5	6	6,960
7.....	58	09	07	133	11	10	6	7	9,700
Sheet 10.....							7	8	81,440
8.....	57	29	47	132	32	52	8	T	36,800

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. ADEE
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.

The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

No. 50

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 of 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.

² For a convention signed at Washington Feb. 29, 1892, see TS 140-1, *ante*, p. 220.

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:

[For text of table, see U.S. note, above.]

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.