



Aroostook War

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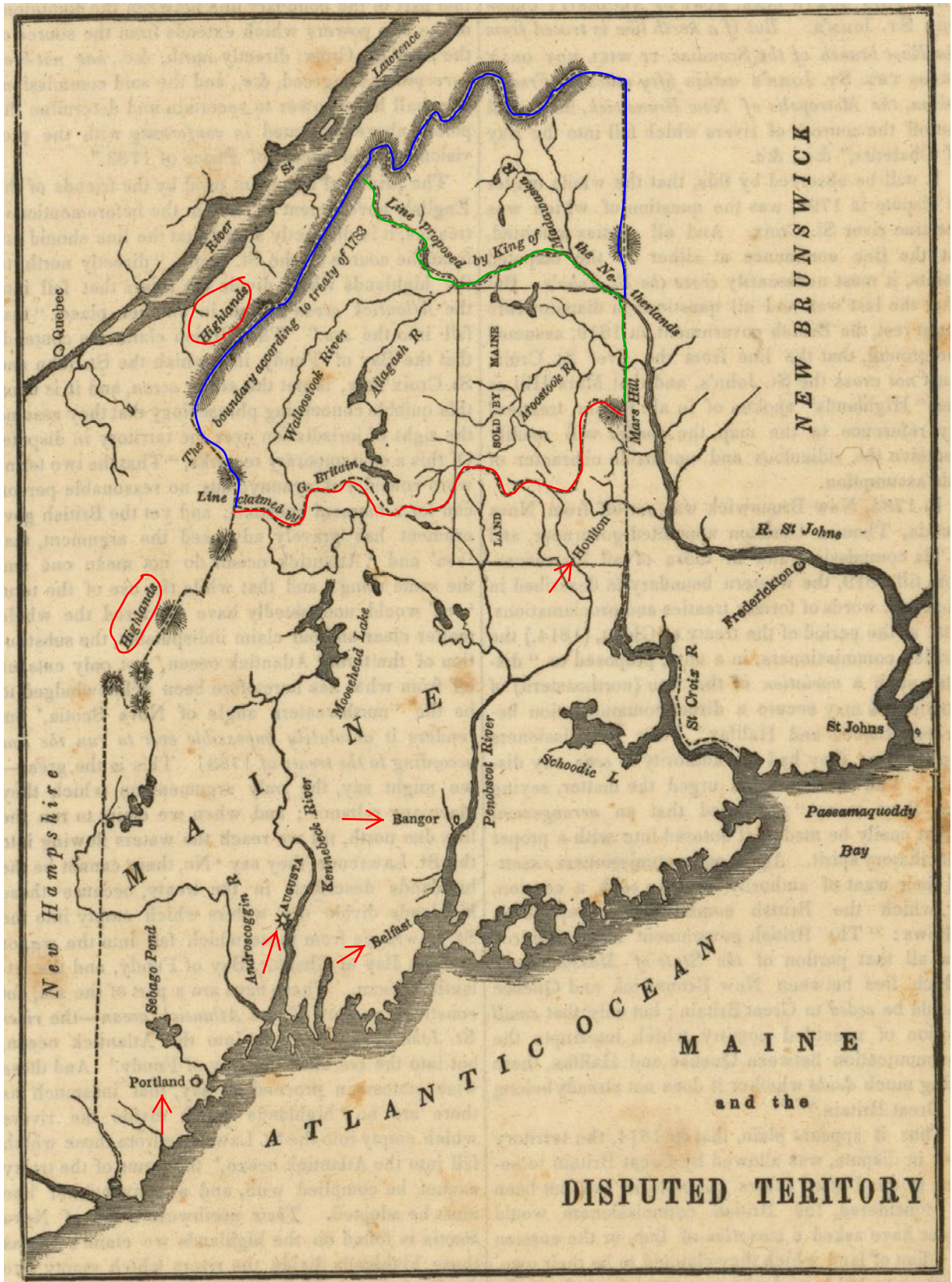
For many decades, the boundary between Maine and Canada was not clearly defined. In the 1820s, Great Britain and the United States began to argue about where exactly the border fell between the two countries. The argument was called the "Northeastern boundary controversy," but it is sometimes called the "Aroostook War" because the U.S. and Great Britain almost went to war over it. Thankfully, they settled the boundary in a treaty in 1843.

1. The first treaty to define the borders between Maine and Canada stated that the "highlands" were the boundary between the two. Find the two areas marked "Highlands" on the Border Dispute Map and **circle them**.

2. Find the boundary line claimed by the United States. **Trace it in blue.**
(Hint: because the mapmaker is American, he labels this boundary as the one "according to the treaty of 1793")

3. Find the boundary line claimed by Great Britain, who controlled Canada at the time. **Trace it in red.**

4. Find the boundary line between the two others that the king of the Netherlands suggested as a compromise. **Trace it in green.**



Family Magazine. Maine and the Disputed Territory. 1839. Osher Collection.

5. Compare the stretch of land between the green line and blue line with the land between the red line and blue line. Who (United States or Great Britain) does it appear that the king give more land to?

United States

6. Part of the confusion was that there were no major cities in the area that Great Britain and Maine were arguing over. List the 5 Maine cities included on the map.

1. Portland

2. Belfast

3. Augusta

4. Bangor

5. Houlton