

Minute of Cabinet,  
17 October 1782.

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Present

Lord Chancellor  
Lord President  
Lord Privy Seal  
Earl of Shelburne  
Duke of Richmond  
Lord Grantham  
Lord Thoppel  
Mr Pitt  
General Conway  
Mr Townshend

It is humbly represented to your Majesty, that Mr Townshend should send full Instructions to Mr Oswald

at

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at Paris either in writing or by some  
 proper & confidential Person regarding  
 the Boundaries to be fixed by the Treaty  
 between your Majesty's Colonies & those  
 ceded to the Americans. That Mr Oswald  
 should be directed to insist upon as large

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an Extension as can be obtained to the  
South West of Nova Scotia on the Side  
of Sagadahock to the Province of Main.  
land in case of failure in these Claims  
to refer them to Commissioners, as menti-  
oned by the American Commissioners, rather  
than

than agree to a bad Boundary. That he  
should state Your Majesty's Right to  
the Back Country, & urge it as a means of  
providing for the Refugees, saying however  
that Your Majesty is willing to recede from  
the same upon condition, that the united  
States make a just provision for the

Refugees

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pages, or in case other means shall occur  
in the course of the Treaty with France  
& Spain.

That he should resist the Claim  
of drying fish on the Island of Newfound-  
land, on account of the Danger of Disputes  
& their own Coast furnishing them sufficient  
convenience

convenience for drying.

That the Freedom of Navigation on the Mississippi should be agreed to, as proposed in the fourth Article of the Treaty but that the remainder of that Article respecting Navigation can not

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at present be adopted, it appearing to be  
much more for the convenience of both Par-  
ty, as to refer it to a Treaty of Commerce,  
for which it is a proper Subject, & that  
Mr Oswald should assure the Commissioners,  
that your Majesty is desirous of entering  
into such a Treaty.

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The Discharge of Debts due to British Merchants before the War to be again urged strongly.