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 Description: Letter from Robert Pagan to Ward Chipman regarding surveys of the areas around the Schoodic (now St. Croix) River in order to determine the true River St. Croix.

Saint Andrews 14th May 1798

Ward Chipman Esquire

Dear Sir,

I was yesterday favored with your of the ?? current---

I shall credit you for the survy of L51...9...6 in my account against, the Scudiac Survey this season and include that survy is too general account, and will Draw on Mss? Sullivan for his properties of this and such advances as have been or may be made by me during the survey when the amount becomes a sum worth the drawing for.

Agreeable to my appointment made with Francis Joseph, Colonel Milledge and I mett him and some other Indians on the 8th Instant at Pleasant Point.

We had a full conversation with them relating the situation of the Portages from the Chiputneticook and Scudiac into the Streams which communicate with the Penobscot River, and obtained from Francis Joseph under the immediate inspection of the other Indians, a plan on birch bark of the Ponds & streams near the source of the Chiputneticook which Colonel Milledge has copied. I herewith send you that copy.

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the head of the Chipuntinacook with any of the Lakes or
streams or the head of the Scudiac, But that they are
Distinct waters Separated from each other by high Mountains or
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or opposite Sides into the Lakes and Streams at the heads of
these Respective Branches — Francis Joseph and these other
Indians assure me that they have hunted and encamped in
these places, and that the high Mountains prevents the
possibility of a water Communication there between these
Branches —

I am further perfectly satisfied from their Intelligence that
the Madawamkee and Passadumky are considerable Streams, &
that they empty themselves into the Penobscot waters at some
Distance from each other, and that the Madawamkee waters
have no Communication with the waters of the Scudiac, till they meet each
other in the Penobscot River on their course to the Ocean —

Colonel Milledge authorizes me to assure you that he
fully agrees with me in this opinion —

If notwithstanding the foregoing Information you think
it prudent to employ men to go by the Portage from the
Chipuntinacook into the Madawamkee and from thence
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