I trust that Schoolcraft published the map, with the report. It is worth nothing without, & I want to get a few copies of the map separate to insert the boundaries of the Indian tribes on.

Fitch's proposition is a fudge - No one could prepare a work of that kind worth a continental — dime without years of labor & travel. To do it by Nov. 1st would be a physical as well as mental impossibility. Who is Ames who you have employed as council & who recommended him? Is he a safe man? It would be better to let things go by the run than employ a fool or a shark. I think it best that Sohier should resign. It is very clear that he cant or dont attend to the business but you must be very cautious as to his successor & not let the Governor appoint him.

There is one thing in relation to the French claims that has occurred to me, and although the thing is still in state, it is worth while to consider it. In separating the concerns of the Gibbs & Channing firm, were these claims all released to the Estate of George Gibbs or do the heirs of Walter Channing claim under with them. Pell may possibly have had papers connected with the claims. Find out about this - Who wound up the firm - Is there sufficient evidence existing of the interest in the claims being vested exclusively in the Gibbs family. Ask your Agent in Washington for a general statement of ~~the~~ our claims, and their situation, in order to ascertain what links in the title are wanting. A vast many will be rejected if ever it comes to an appropriation

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