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Dear Mrs Eckstorm

I am deeply grateful for your painful struggle with the name of the river which flowed past the home of my immigrant ancestor. It is certain that your results are perhaps grammatically sound, but it is equally certain you have sailed up the wrong "river". What you refer to as an expansion of the river - Lake Agamenticus - Cape Neddick Pond - now Chasco (!) Pond - has nothing to do with the River Agamenticus of the Indians. That is a really truly fresh water stream, dammed to form the lake and flowing into the sea at Cape Neddick, three miles East of the real Agamenticus tidal stream. My copy of Sewalls map is in storage just now, but I am familiar with it. The tidal stream of Agamenticus is near the Kittery line and runs up as straight as it can to near the North bounds of Kittery and York (or Berwick then). As you have Sewall's map, its mouth is York Harbor and no name is attached to it. The "lake" or "pond" (Cape Neddick on his map) - Lake Agamenticus on late Government maps was made such by a dam about 1700-20 for mill purposes. In other words it is the big water course in York, while the one at Cape Neddick is a baby affair, but a real fresh water stream rising above Mt. Agamenticus. You will see that the River Agamenticus later called York River, divides into two vermicular branches which end in York near the Berwick line (Kittery). The tide affects them, in a slight degree, at the Partings (so called). I hope this will permit you to look kindly on my Indiaology - as I base it on physical features that seem to me to justify looking askance at the river "other side" definition. If you could see the tide running up