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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 256
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF DECEMBER 30, 1849, WITH THE UTAH INDIANS

(C. D.) December 30. 1849.

of a. Santa Fe Agency
C. H. C.
James S. Calhoun,
Jan. 3. 1850.

Enclosed letter, No. 28, of dat
Jan. 4. 1850, accompanied by a treaty
made by him with the Utes
at Abiquiu, on the 30 Dec'y.
is also letter No. 29, Jan. 4. 50.
in relation to negotiation for a
treaty with Apaches, & transmis-
sing letter from Gen'l. P. Chirico
who, with Col. May, was ap-
pointed Commissary to
File box, "Treaties, Copies".

R. A. 4 March 1850
See letter of 14th " to
Hon Secy of Interior

"Santa
Fe" C. 406, 1850
Santa Fe Indian Agency
No 28.
January 1st 1850

No. 28

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The amount paid for
the land to be paid
C^o to the
the amount paid
to the Indians
1 - \$10.00

No. 38.

Indian Agency, Santa Fe,
New Mexico, January 1st, 1850.

Sir,

Accompanying this note you will receive the record
of a Treaty which I concluded with the Utah tribe of Indians,
at Abiquiu, on the 30th day of the last month.

It is proper to remark, these Indians, since last September,
have frequently manifested a disposition to enter into treaty
stipulations with the United States, and so far as facts
have come to our knowledge, their conduct has been unexcep-
tionable, except so far as the allowing of Apaches and Navajos
to visit and associate with them.

That the wild Indians have attempted a coalition
for the purpose of overrunning and ravaging this territory,
I entertain not the slightest doubt. If that purpose is abandone-
d, or has been defeated, it is the result of the Utahs influence
over the wild tribes. The Apaches and Navajos have been
with the Utahs until a few days since, and three Navajo
chiefs left them only, when it appeared they could not prevent
the Utah Chiefs from meeting me at Abiquiu.

On the 3^d of December last, the Prefect of Abiquiu informed
Governor Munroe, through the Secretary of State, of this territory,
that several Utah Chiefs desired a conference in relation to
a treaty of peace. The Governor was so obliging as to advise with

me, and after consultation, I sent to said Chiefs the enclosed communication marked A. Subsequently, ascertaining a sufficient number of Chiefs could not assemble by the time mentioned in document A, I sent a runner with a communication to the Prefect of Abiquiu, marked B, also enclosed.

On the day appointed, the 28th of December last, I was in Abiquiu, and received the information that the Utah Chiefs were encamped a few miles therefrom, north west, in their own country, but would be in during the afternoon of that day, or very early the evening morning - The influence of traders, and perhaps the three Navajo Chiefs, before alluded to, prevented their coming in on the 29th of December. During the night of that day, after I had retired, a Chief came in, and begged me to be patient, and that on the 31st of December every Utah official should come to me, that they had removed from their encampment near Abiquiu, and were not at that time, within twenty miles of that place.

To my inquiry, this same Indian replied, there were between twenty-five and thirty Chiefs in camp, and the Principal Chief of the tribe would lead them over, and that said Chiefs had full power to represent them. Not crediting the statement as to the distance the Chiefs were from Abiquiu, and discovering, as I supposed, the obstacle to be removed, notice was given to a trader that he was suspected, and at the same time, I caused the Utah Chief, then present, to be informed that I would wait until the ensuing midday, and not a moment longer, for the Chiefs to come in. By 10 o'clock, on the next morning, they were present, and the enclosed treaty was fully and thoroughly explained to them -

Let it be understood, they reluctantly agreed to the 7th article - expressed their utter aversion to labor - and enquired what they would do, to sustain life, if so restricted and confined.

I replied to them, the government of the United States had ever been just and humane - and if they behaved well, would take care of them - On the conclusion, I stated to them, I had no sword to threaten them into terms - that I brought no presents to seduce them - and that if they thought they ought not to agree to the terms of the treaty, that it would, at the peril of my life, secure them a transit to their own Country unmolested and unharmed - In a few moments - their countenances seemed to brighten up, and they declared, they believed the President of the United States would take care of them, and tell them what to do, because he did not authorize his Agents to attempt either force or bribery.

It is hardly necessary to add, I gave them nothing - I promised them nothing, but humane treatment, if they complied with the terms of the treaty.

What Governor Munroe may authorize, in executing this treaty, is not yet settled - I shall advise the temporary appointment of an Agent to reside at Abiquiu, until superior orders are received from Washington City.

I am with great respect, your obt, Servt.

James S. Calhoun
Md. agt.

To

Orlando Brown Esq.

Court of Ind, Affs.

Washington City D.C.

Doc "Santa Fe.
1850
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C.406.

Doc A

Indian Agency. Santa Fe. New Mexico.

December 3rd 1849.

Dr C. W. Bonner visits the Utahs by my permission, charged
to say, if they are honestly disposed to submit, fully, and
unconditionally, to the constituted authorities of the
United States, and the Chiefs will assemble at Abiquiu,
on or before the 20th day of the present month, a firm
and lasting treaty of peace and intercourse may be
entered into, by and with the consent of the supreme
Authority of New Mexico.

The Chiefs must come clothed with plenary
powers, to the end, that every vexed question may be settled.

(Signed)

James S. Calhoun,

Indian Agent.

Doc. B C. 406
"Santa Fe - 1860"

Doc B

Santa Fe. New Mexico

Dec 20. 1849.

Sir,

It is my intention to be in Abiquiu on the 28th day of this month, for the purpose of meeting such chiefs of the Utah tribe, as may be in attendance at that time. I hope the Chiefs will exert themselves to secure the presence of every chief that can possibly reach there, for when a treaty is formed, it must be a lasting one, having the full sanction of the tribe.

(Signed)

With great respect,

Your obt Servt.

J.S. Calhoun.

Ind. Agent.

To the,

Prefecto,

Abiquiu

New Mexico.

Santa Fe. C 06-5-0.
Indian Agency.
Santa Fe,
N.M. Mexico
No 29.
Aug. 3^d 1850

accompanied by letter from C. Chirico
regarding treaty with Apache, N.

No 29.

Indian Agency,

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

January 3rd 1853.

Sir,

In consequence of a communication addressed to Governor Munroe, by Col. May, which was placed before me, at the request of the Governor, I drew up the terms of a treaty, and Col. May and Genl. Cyrus Choice were authorized, as Commissioners, to hear what the Apaches had to say, and to make with them a treaty, if the said Commissioners should come to the conclusion, the Apache Chiefs, who might present themselves, were duly authorized to represent the tribe.

The accompanying copy of a letter from General Choice, marked No 1, will give you all the information which has come to this point - ~~that I have seen~~

Within the last fifteen days, a number of murders have been committed between this and El Paso - and in the interior South, and South-East. It matters not what others may say, a stronger arm than has yet been here, ought to be in this territory - All is not well - Murders and depredations are occurring daily, and they are of such frequent occurrence, we seem to await patiently our fate.

While absent at Abiquiu, the Governor of

Gen. Oldenovo called to complain that Mexicans, and others, were thrusting themselves into their Pueblo - selling spirituous liquors, and creating great mischief and trouble with his people, and desiring advice as to what he should do - I have not yet seen the said Governor; but - I beg you for advice in the premises -

Pardon me for saying we are as ignorant of the actings and doings in the United States, as we were two months ago - We have neither letters or papers -

I am,
dear Sir,

Your off-Servt.
James S. Calhoun
Md. Agt.

No, Orlando Brown Esq.
Comr. of Md. affs.
Washington City,
D. S.

"Santa Fe. C. 106, 50.

No 1.

1850-1860 Santa Fe

Socorro, New Mexico, 24th Decr, 1849.

Dear Sir,

I arrived here on the 14th inst. The Indians did not come in according to their appointment, but came in to Spimatah on the 18th, and got into a drunken frolic, the Alcalde came down and informed the Col. and requested permission to take a party of Mexicans and meet them. The Col. refused and at three O'clk, the Col. despatched Capt. Chamber with twelve men as an escort for them. They arrived here at seven. I requested Capt. Chamber not to let any act of his create any suspicion with the Indians whatever, that would let them suppose for a moment, that they were to be held as prisoners. On their arrival here, Chamber sent for me, I had an interview with them. They appeared to be perfectly satisfied, we obtained comfortable quarters for them, and had a good corral for their animals, with a sufficient guard over them, had rations issued to the Indians, and they were apparently, perfectly satisfied with their situation. I then retired, half past ten O'clk. The Col sent for Capt. Chamber and ordered their animals to be moved, and their arms to be taken from them; which excited them, the Capt. permitting them to move their animals, thirteen of them sprang on them, and ran off, leaving ^{two of} their party, and eight animals, and all of their baggage. One of

those left, was the old woman that came in, and made the appointment to hold a treaty on the twelfth inst. Under the circumstances, we thought it best, to let those two return to their people, under the promise, that they would return, and bring in all of their chiefs and Captains, in twenty days, and make a treaty of peace. They all expressed a great desire to make a peace with the Americans. I am still inclined to the opinion that they will come in if they are not prevented, in consequence of some recent depredations, committed by ~~them~~, a small party of the tribe, about one hundred and forty miles below here; this happened about the time this party came in, and Lieutenant Tyler found the bodies of three discharged bearers, and buried them. They not were yet cold, when found, did not get hold of any of the Indians, though I am told that they obtained all of their mules & baggage.

I remain here, until ^{the} twenty days is out. This I write in a great hurry, as the express is waiting. I wrote to you with the intention of sending it by Capt. Brent, but he left before I could see him.

Nothing more, but yours, &c.

(Signed). Cyrus Choice.

Copy).

December 30. 1849.

(Utah)

(Santa Fe. C. 406. 1850.)

(Copy)

Treaty between the United States of America
and the
Utah Indians.

The following articles have been duly considered and solemnly adopted by the Undersigned that is to say James S. Calhoun, Indian Agent, residing at Santa Fe, acting as Commissioner on the part of the United States of America and Quiviacavigate, Manito, Mincoomachi, Abagains, Ramahi, Lubette, Rumpallachi, Sagnasozeg, Pagni-sachi, Kobakanor, Amuoh, Pugniachi, Panachi, Sichaga, Wicarineaps, Cuchuticay, Tacatops, Puigreato, Guand, Juas, Pacachi, Saguanchi, Acaguato mochi, Pueblo, Quivache, tuato, Sakiabe, Pichute hochichigas, hovo Principal and subordinate Chiefs, representing the Utah tribe of Indians,

1

The Utah tribe of Indians do hereby acknowledge and declare, they are lawfully, and exclusively under the jurisdiction of the government of said states: and to its power and authority, they do now unconditionally submit.

2

From and after the signing of this Treaty, hostilities between the contracting parties shall cease, and perpetual peace and amity shall exist, the said tribe hereby binding themselves most solemnly, never to associate with, or give countenance or aid to any tribe or band of Indians, or other persons or powers, who may be at any time, at enmity with the people or government of said states: and that

they

they will in all future time, treat honestly and humanely, every citizen of the United States, and all persons and powers at peace with the said States, and all cases of aggression against said Utahs, shall be referred to the aforesaid Government for adjustment and settlement.

3.

All American and Mexican captives, and others taken from persons or powers at peace with the said States, shall be restored and delivered, by said Utahs, to an authorized officer or agent of said States, at Abiquiu, on or before the first day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty. And in like manner, all stolen property, of every description, shall be restored by or before the aforesaid first day of March 1851.

In the event such stolen property shall have been consumed or destroyed, the said Utah Indians do agree, and are hereby bound to make such restitution and under such circumstances as the government of the United States may order & prescribe. But this article is not to be construed, or understood, as to create a claim against said States, for any losses or depredations committed by said Utahs.

4

The contracting parties agree that the laws now in force, and such others as may be passed, regulating the trade and intercourse, and for the preservation of peace with the various tribes of Indians, under the protection and guardianship of the government of the United States, shall be as binding and obligatory upon the said Utahs as if said laws had been enacted for their sole benefit and protection.

And

And that said laws may be duly executed and for all other useful purposes, the territory occupied by the Utahs is hereby annexed to New Mexico as now organized or as it may be organized, or until the government of the United States shall otherwise order.

5.

The people of the United States, and all others in amity with the United States shall have free passage through the territory of said Utahs under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by authority of said States.

6.

In order to preserve tranquility, and to afford protection to all the people and interests of the contracting parties, the government of the United States will establish such military posts and agencies, and authorize such trading houses at such time and in such places as the said government may designate.

7

Relying confidently, upon the justice and liberality of the United States and anxious to remove every possible cause that might disturb their peace and quiet, it is agreed by the Utahs that the aforesaid government, shall, at its earliest convenience, designate, settle, and adjust their territorial boundaries, and pass and execute such laws in their territory as the government of said States may deem conducive to the happiness and prosperity of said Indians. And the said Utahs further bind themselves not to depart from their accustomed homes or localities

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unless specially permitted by an agent of the aforesaid government and so soon as their boundaries are distinctly defined, the said Indians are further bound to confine themselves to said limits under such rules as the said Government may prescribe, and to build up Pueblos, or to settle in such other manner as will enable them most successfully to cultivate the soil, and pursue such other industrial pursuits as will best promote their happiness and prosperity; and they now deliberately and considerably, pledge their existence as a distinct tribe, to abstain for all time to come, from all depredations, to cease the roving and rambling habits which have hitherto marked them as a people, to confine themselves strictly to the limits which may be assigned them, and to support themselves by their own industry, aided and directed as it may be by the wisdom, justice and humanity of the American People.

8

For and in consideration of the faithful performance of all the stipulations contained in this treaty, by the said Indians, the government of the United States will grant to said Indians such donations, presents and implements and adopt such other liberal and humane measures as said government may deem meet and proper.

9

This treaty shall be binding upon the contracting parties from and after the signing of the same, subject in the first place, to the approval of the Civil and Military Governor of New Mexico and to such other modifications, amendments and orders as may be adopted by the Government of the United States.

In faith whereof the undersigned have signed this Treaty and affixed thereto their seals at Abiquiu in New Mexico, this the thirtieth day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty nine

Approved

John Monroe

Bt Col W. S. Army

Civil Military Governor

James S Calhoun *Seal*

Indian Agent

Quin-a-chig-a-te ^{his} _{mark} *Seal*

Principal Chief

Manito

his Seal

Mincocumachi

his Seal

Ibaganiaw

his Seal

Ramaki

his Seal

Subb etia

his Seal

Vincento ^{his} _{mark} Vilandoz
Interpreter

Tampalla chi

his Seal

Sagnasoneg

his Seal

Antoine Brown *Interpreter*

Paguisachi

his Seal

James Leontin *Interpreter*

Cotanauer

his Seal

J H Whittlesey

Anuchi

his Seal

N W V Drayours

Punguachi

his Seal

Edw d McKern

Panachi

his Seal

Geo W Martin

Sichugw

his Seal

W H Mitchell

Uricanuchi

his Seal

Catuchuting

his Seal

Machitop

his Seal

Pueguate

his Seal

Gmano jual

his Seal

Packchi

his Seal

Puguanchi

his Seal

Acagnato Mochi ^{his}
Pulingmacto ^{his}
Guinached trato ^{his}
San cato ^{his}
Pichante ^{his}
Nocchicigum ^{his}
Merri ^{his}

Note signed in duplicate

J.S.C

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Utah Treaty

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James P. Calhoun

Approved

(Signed)

Ind Agent

John Monroe

Br Col. N. J. Wray

and M. D. Governor

✓ Quiseia chigiate his Principal
mark Chief

✓ Nanito his

✓ Ninewunashi, mark his

Witnesses

Anto ~~Pedro~~ Salasac
Fran & Tomas Baras
Vicente ^{his} ~~mark~~ Vilarde Interpreter
Antoine Lericose Interpreter
James Conklin Interpreter
J. H. Whittlesey
Genl. 1st Dragoons
Edw M. Stern
Geo W. Martin
Wm H. Mitchell

Abaganisne	his
Ramahi	mark
Subbeta	his
Rusfallachi	his
Saguna losayo	his
Pugniachki	mark
Cobasasnor	his
Amuchi	mark
Pugniachki	mark
Panachi	his
Tihuga	his
Ulicosinape	mark
Guchuticay	mark
Nachitope	his
Puegnate	mark
Guanoquas.	his
Pa Pacachi	his
Saguanchki	mark
Acasuate	his
Nochi	mark
Pibuguiacte	his
Quiseachentuate	his
Saxiabe	mark
Pichintle	his
Nochichique	mark
Uvive	his
	mark

Subscribed and
Sworn to this day of