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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 233
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF OCTOBER 19, 1838, WITH THE IOWA INDIANS

O. S. A. G. Steinhaw. D. 260,
Maj. Jno. Dougherty,
Sorby Village, 19 Oct. 1838.

Encloses a Treaty
concluded by him on that day
with the Sioux for their claim to
all the country between the N^o &
Miss. rivers, Explains the reasons
of his deviating from the instruc-
tions of this Office &c - And re-
marks in relation to the stipulations
of the Treaty &c - Hopes it will be
ratified -

Report to Comd. -

(Rec'd 23^d Nov. 1838,

Treaty to be record'd in
Miscellaneous Book
ack'd 26 Nov 1838.
W. W.

[TREATY FILE, IOWA OCT. 19, 1838]

Ioway Village
19th Oct 1838

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith a treaty this day concluded with the Ioway tribe of Indians for their claim to all the country between the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. To effect this very important treaty I have been obliged, as you will perceive, to deviate in some degree from your instructions to me on the subject, but I confidently hope that when you consider the importance of this treaty, both to the Indians, and to the Government, and more particularly to the people of the State of Missouri and Territory of Iowa, and when you also consider the almost insurmountable difficulties produced by adverse parties of White men which I have had to contend with, that my course in this matter will meet with your approbation —

There were two parties of White men of different interests but united in their efforts to prevent the ignorant and abused Indians from making this treaty, one of these parties consisted of a set of men who live with the Ioways married to squaws and have children with them, this party urged the Indians to move and locate on the Desmoines, believing that they would be able thus in making the treaty to secure to themselves and children large reservations of land in that country; The other party was composed of a set of designing men whose sole object was

money, this party urged the Indians to hold out for \$50,000 per annum believing that they would have it in their power to cheat the Indians out of their money for a mere song, I am happy to inform you however, ^{that} notwithstanding the efforts of these two well organized parties, I believe I have succeeded in laying bare to the view and full understanding of the Indians, and I think the Indians at this moment feel well assured that when they want justice they must look to the Government for it, and not to intermeddlers.

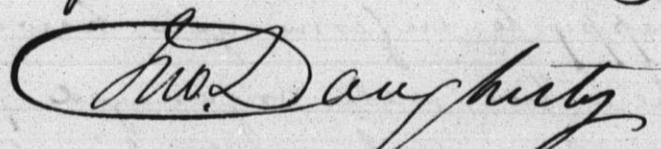
The Indians were unwilling to bind themselves to pay out perpetually any stipulated sum for Smiths, farmers, teachers, &c. Hoping as they said that in a few years they would be able to understand and perform all these things themselves, and then this money would be of more use to them for other purposes. The consideration stipulated I think quite liberal enough on the part of the Government, but not too much so, and I sincerely hope it will be Ratified, for should the Indians find out that the Country Ceded lays within the limits of Iowa Territory and the whites anxious to settle on it, the same parties who have prevented a treaty so long may have it in their power to prevent another much longer.

The one concluded once ratified there would be a stop put to the Indians running across the state of Missouri for the purpose of hunting on the Desmoines and killing the stock of the settlers.

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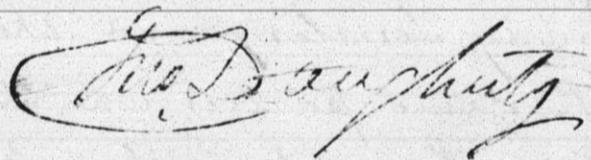
I am Sir very respectfully

Your mo obt Servt

Wm. Daugherty

Jud. off.

Hon C A Harris
Comm^k In^a affairs
Washington City

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