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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 311

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF JULY 16, 1859, WITH THE CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF
SWAN CREEK AND BLACK RIVER AND MUNSEE INDIANS

Mr J. W. C. C.

N. Crawford Sp. Com.

Wash August 24. 59

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Reports in relation to his
proceedings in the
negotiations for
the purchase of certain land
the Swan Creek and Black
River land of Chippewa
for a home for the
Christian Indians and
their removal there to
under the articles of agreement
and convention, and the
powers of the authorizing
the delegates whose names
are attached to the treaty to
execute the same

Recd August 24. 59

Report to Secretary of the
War Dept. August 29. 1859
J. W. C. C.

7-16-59

Office Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.
August 24th 1859.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that, in compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of the 20th of June last, I have executed the articles of agreement and convention between the United States and the Swan Creek and Black River band of Chippewas and the band of Munsee or Christian Indians, which were enclosed with your communication, and I herewith return the same for your consideration and such action as may be deemed advisable in connection therewith.

I have also effected the removal of the Munsee or Christian Indians from the reservation near Leavenworth City, to the Chippewa Reserve in Franklin County, Kansas, as contemplated by your instructions.

In the negotiation of the treaty and the subsequent removal of the Indians, I was compelled to encounter difficulties, which could not be anticipated at the date of my instructions. Parties unknown to me had evidently been tampering with the Indians with a view to prejudice their minds against the government and thereby prevent, if possible, their

removal from the Munsee reservation. However I am gratified to be able to state that my humble efforts to disabuse their minds of the erroneous impressions which had been made by unscrupulous white men, proved successful, and they being convinced that deception had been practiced upon them, agreed to remove to the Chippewa Reserve.

When I had made suitable arrangements with the Chippewas, to secure a sufficient number of cabins for the temporary occupancy of the Christian Indians, I proceeded to remove them to their new home, observing the strictest economy in the expenses incident thereto. After ascertaining that wagons and teamsters could not be procured at Leavenworth for a less sum than from four to five dollars per day for each team, I concluded it would be much cheaper to hire wagons from the Chippewas, which I did at the reduced expense of two dollars and fifty cents per day. In consequence of bad roads it required seven and a half days to make the trip, (a distance of about 140 miles, going and returning) which necessarily augmented the expenses of removal.

I found the Indians on the Munsee reserve, in a very destitute condition, without any visible means of support, and depending entirely upon the charity of their white neighbors for a scanty subsistence, and in view of their poverty, it became absolutely necessary to purchase provisions

for them on their way to the Shippewa Reservation, and also to provide food for them in their new homes.

The funds furnished me by the Department having been exhausted by the expenses of travel and the removal of the Indians, I made an arrangement with Agent Fuller to supply them with provisions until the government could make permanent provision for their support as contemplated by the stipulations of the treaty.

In order to economize the expenses of subsisting the Indians, I would respectfully suggest that Agent Fuller may be authorized to employ a competent Surveyor to run the subdivisional lines of the surveys required within the reservation, (the expenses of which will be comparatively light) as I am informed that the township lines have already been surveyed by the government, and if immediate action be taken in the premises, the Indians will be enabled to make their selections and break a sufficient quantity of land for a spring, if not a fall crop, which will curtail to some extent the expenses of their subsistence.

I would also recommend that a sufficient sum of money be transmitted to Agent Fuller, to enable him to erect houses, purchase oxen and plows and farming utensils for the Indians as required by the provisions of the treaty, and to furnish them with the means of subsistence until

they can be placed in such a position as to enable them, by industry, to earn a living for themselves by the cultivation of the soil.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

David Crawford

Special Commissioner

Hon A. B. Greenwood

Commissioner Ind. Affairs

Washington

D. C.

P. S. I herewith enclose powers of Attorney authorizing the delegates whose names are signed to the treaty to execute said instrument in behalf of the Swan Creek and Black river bands of Chippewas and the Munsee or Christian Indians

D. C.

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1859

Munsee Christian
Indians



Do the undersigned members of the
band of Mowsee or Christian Indians,
with a view to secure a permanent home
among the Chippewas residing in Frank
lin County Mendocino Territory, do hereby
constitute and appoint Ignatius, Collet,
Henry Donohoe, and, John Williams,

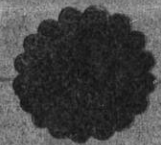
as our delegates to, act in concert with
the delegates to be appointed by the
Chippewas, for the purpose of executing
certain articles of agreement and con-
vention with David Crawford Commissioner
on the part of the United States, and
we authorize and empower said delegates
to enter into a conventional arrangement
with the government of the United States
as indicated by the aforesaid articles
of agreement and convention, which
have been read and interpreted in our
hearing, and we hereby consent to, and
ratify all acts which may be performed
by the aforesaid delegates, in the
premises.

In testimony whereof we have here-
unto affixed our hands and seals, at

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The Nemee Return, near Seabrook
Sixty, this fourteenth day of July A.D.
1859.

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Nemee ^x Milbuck
mark



Attest
R. P. Wilson
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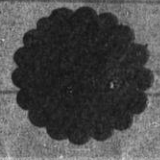
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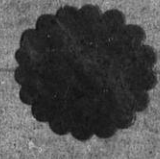
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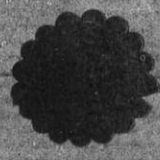
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Sabilla ^x Nathan
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Catherine ^x Snake
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Elizabeth Williams



Polly Donohoe



Moses A. Kilbuck.



Samuel J. J. J.



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We the undersigned members of the Swan
Creek and Black River Bands of Chippewas
with a view to settle all claims against
the United States under former treaties,
and also to form a union with the Menominee
or Christian Indians residing near Leavenworth
City Kansas Territory, do hereby constitute
and appoint Esh-ton quit, or Francis McCombe,
Edward McCombe, William Turner and
Antoine Pokey,
as our delegates to act in concert with the
delegates appointed by the Menominee or
Christian Indians, in the execution of certain
Articles of agreement and convention with
David Crawford, Commissioner on the part
of the United States, and we hereby approve
and ratify said articles of agreement and
convention which have been read and inter-
preted in our hearing, and we consent to,
and approve all acts which may be
performed in the premises, by the afore-
said delegates.

In testimony whereof we have

Agreements set on hand and seals, at the Sac
and Fox Agency, this sixteenth day of July A.D.
1859.

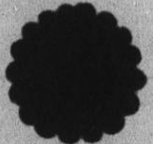
Attest.

Na-so-quam ^{his}
X
Mark



Hugh S. Walsh

Secretary of Lewis & Clark
Kansas Territory ^{his}
X
Mark



P Fuller Antu-guan ^{his}
X
U S Agent Mark



Qua-ke-shick ^{his}
X
Mark

