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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 96
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF AUGUST 24, 1818, WITH THE QUAPAW INDIANS

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Washington 6 July 1878.

Gov. William Clarke,

In relation to making
a Treaty with the Quapaw
for a Cession of Lands.

Quapaw - 1878

May 1878. *W*

Washington City Feb 6th 1818

Sir

In the event of its being thought necessary to extinguish the Quapaw claim to the lands South of the Arkansas River, I must be leave to suggest the necessity of the Commissioners having specific instructions on the following points -

- 1st A conference to be held with a deputation of that Tribe for the purchase of all, or such part of their claim, as it may be thought necessary to extinguish at this time, the western line at least to include the white settlements.
- 2^d Or whether it would be better to extinguish all their claims, with a view to exchange that part lying N.W. and West of the settlements with the Cherokee for Land East of the Mississippi - Reserving to the Quapaw, for their own use a sufficient quantity including their Villages &c.
- 3^d The terms on which the purchase should be made, either by an amount in goods and an annuity,

or by a fixed sum paid in hand, or by instal-
ments -

4th The Terms on which the quantity Reserved by them
shall be held - whether as Tenants in Common,
or shall they have power to divide it amongst
themselves, and the right to dispose thereof
afterwards separately.

5th They have expressed an unwillingness to sell
the noted Hot Spring, and a valuable Salt
Lick now worked to advantage - shall they
be allowed to Reserve them? If so, on what
terms? or what shall be proposed to induce
them to give them up? -

6th If it is thought best to Confer with them at
St. Louis (which is believed to be the Cheapest way)
then I would suggest the propriety of Colonel
August Chouteau being associated.

I have the Honor to be

Your Mo. Ob. Servant

Wm Clark

The Ambl.

John C. Calhoun
July 21st 1820

S. Louis 6th Sept 1818.

Gen. Wm. Clarke &
Col. Aug. Chateau

Transmitting a treaty made
with the Sioux, Aug 24th 1818

J. C. Calhoun

Secretary of War

Washington City

Favoured by
Mr. Tho. Kempstead

Quapaw 1818

Treaty

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St. Louis Sep. the 6th 1818.

Sir

We have the honor herewith to transmit the Treaty concluded with the Shawpaws on the 24th Ult. - By which it will be seen that a large tract of valuable country (which at all times heretofore has been considered their property, as well by the former Governments as by the Ojages their neighbours) has been ceded to the United States, embracing all the white settlements in that quarter and extending far to the west of them. - The current of emigration is setting with considerable force to the red river and Washata; and unless early measures are taken to limit and circumscribe those settlements by assigning to the Cherokis and other Indians the lands intended for them (which seems to have been intended by the Government) the whole country purchased will probably be soon occupied by the white settlers

Mr. Thomas H. Benton
Chargé des Affaires

which he will deliver to you

thickly scattered in every direction.

Within the purchase are several very valuable salines, one of which has been worked by individuals for some time past; and several medicinal Springs which are much resorted to from the the lower country. These are objects of great public interest, and are thought to be well worth the attention of Government.

Whatever disposition it is proposed to make of that country in general it would perhaps be of good policy and very essential to reserve the warm Springs, with a small portion of the adjoining lands which are poor and bad.

The reserve by the Shawpaws is quite sufficient for their purposes (and in truth is perhaps more than they actually need). It fronts on the Arkansas river more than a hundred miles, including all their villages and extending to the Washata — being a tract of level, low rich land interspersed with swamps & of which a great portion is subject to annual inundation. This Tribe is anxious to have an Agent, and we are inclined to think the Government would do well to

indulge them. Mr. Charles De Villenont, a
native of Louisiana - the old Spanish Com-
mandant of the Post at Arkansaw, who now
resides near their villages, was mentioned
by them as the person whom they would
wish appointed.

We would ~~by~~ leave also to suggest
the propriety of having the boundary lines of
the reserve run and marked out as soon as
it may be found convenient in compliance
with the stipulations of the Treaty.

Our Acc. of expenses incurred in
settling the purchase of the Shawpaw is
herewith forwarded herewith.

We have the honor to be
very respectfully Sir
Your Obedt. Servant

J. M. Clark

Aug. Thouteau

The Honble
J. C. Calhoun
Secy of War