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**RATIFIED TREATY NO. 252**

**DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE TREATY  
OF AUGUST 6, 1848, WITH THE GRAND PAWNEE, LOUPS PAWNEE,  
REPUBLICAN PAWNEE, AND TAPPAGE PAWNEE INDIANS**



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Head Qrs Batt. Mo. Mtd. Polys  
Fort Chiles. August 10<sup>th</sup> 1848  
S. E. Powell St. Col  
Comd. Bat. Mo. Mtd. Polys.

"Transmitting Treaty with Confederated Bands  
of Pawnee Indians"

Respectfully submitted  
to the Secretary of War  
by order of  
Sept 2. 1848 R. Jones

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See letter to Secy of War transmitting  
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R. Jones  
Sept. 2. 1848

Refers thro. War Dep<sup>t</sup> letter  
of St. Col. S. E. Powell in-  
closing treaty made with  
Pawnee Indians

Recd. Sep. 7. 1848

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PB see over



Head Qrs Batt. Mo Mtd Vols  
Fort Chiles. Platte River. Augt 16 1848.

General:

I have the honor herewith to transmit  
to the War Department, a Treaty concluded by myself with  
the four Confederated Bands of Pawnee Indians on the  
Sixth Day of August 1848.

I have the honor to be

Your Most Obed: Servt

Sudnell E. Perrell Lt. Col.

Comdg. Bat. Mo. Mtd. Vols.

Brig Gen R. Jones  
Adjut Genl. U.S. Army  
Washington  
D.C.



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JAMES K. POLK,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*To all to and singular whom these presents shall come, Greeting :*

Whereas a treaty was made and concluded on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1848, at Fort Childs, near the head of Grand Island, on the south side of the Nebraska or Great Platte river, between Lieutenant Colonel Ludwell E. Powell, commanding battalion Missouri mounted volunteers, *en route* for Oregon, in behalf of the United States, and the chiefs and headmen of the four confederated bands of Pawnees, viz : Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans, and Pawnee Tappage, at present residing on the south side of Platte river ; which treaty is word for word as follows, to wit :

*Pawnee treaty, concluded August 6, 1848.*

**ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT** and convention made this sixth day of August, A. D. 1848, at Fort Childs, near the head of Grand Island, on the south side of the Nebraska or Great Platte river, between Lieutenant Colonel Ludwell E. Powell, commanding battalion Missouri Mounted volunteers, *en route* to Oregon, in behalf of the United States, and the chiefs and headmen of the four confederated bands of Pawnees, viz : Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans, and Pawnee Tappage, at present residing on the south side of the Platte river :

**ARTICLE I.** The confederated bands of the Pawnees hereby cede and relinquish to the United States all their right, title, and interest in and to all that tract of land described as follows, viz : commencing on the south side of the Platte river five miles west of this post, (Fort Childs ;) thence due north to the crest of the bluffs north of said Platte river ; thence east and along the crest of said bluffs to the termination of Grand Island, supposed to be about sixty miles distant ; thence south to the southern shore of said Platte river ; and thence west and along the southern shore of the said Platte river to the place of beginning.

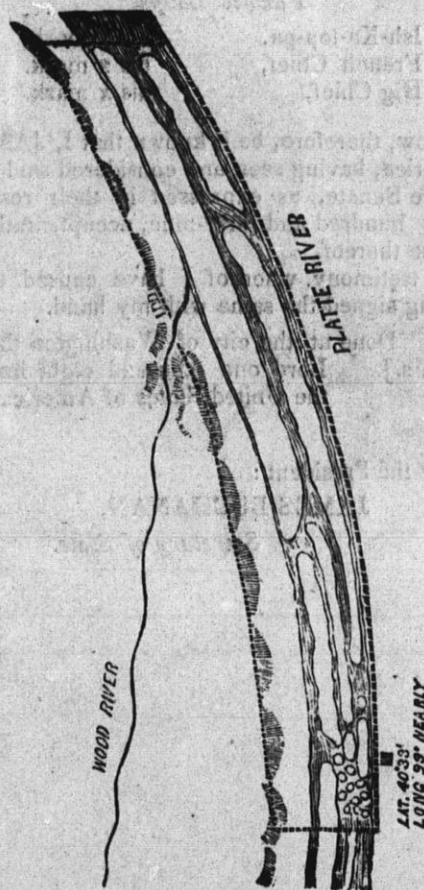
The land hereby conveyed is designated within the red lines of the following plat :

[NOTE.—The red lines in the original plat are designated by dotted lines in this copy.]

[For plat, see next column.]

**ARTICLE II.** In consideration of the land hereby ceded and relinquished, the United States has this day paid, through Capt. Stewart Van Vliet, assistant quartermaster United States Army, under an order from Lieut. Col. Ludwell E. Powell, commanding battalion Missouri mounted volunteers, to the said four bands collectively, on the execution of this treaty, the amount of two thousand dollars in goods and merchandise, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

**ARTICLE III.** The United States shall have the privilege of using any hard timber that may at any time be needed, situate upon



Wood river, immediately north of the land hereby conveyed.

**ARTICLE IV.** The Pawnee nation renew their assurance of friendship for the white men, their fidelity to the United States, and their desire for peace with all the neighboring tribes of Indians.

The Pawnee nation, therefore, faithfully promise not to molest or injure the property or person of any white citizen of the United States, wherever found, nor to make war upon any tribe with whom said Pawnee tribes now are, or may hereafter be, at peace ; but, should any difficulty arise, they agree to refer



the matter in dispute to such arbitration as the President of the United States may direct.

ARTICLE V. These articles of agreement and convention shall be binding and obligatory from this sixth day of August, A. D. 1848.

In testimony whereof, the said Lieutenant Colonel Ludwell E. Powell, commanding battalion Missouri Mounted volunteers, and the chiefs and headmen of the four confederated bands of Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans, and Pawnee Tappage, have hereunto signed their names, and affixed their seals, on the day and year aforesaid.

LUDWELL E. POWELL,  
Lt. Col. Com'g Bat. Mo. Mounted Volunteers.  
CHEF MALAIGNE,  
Principal Chief of the four confederated bands,  
his x mark.

Chiefs of—

*Grand Pawnees.*

Sha-re-ta-riche, his x mark.  
Ah-tah-ra-scha, his x mark.

*Pawnee Loups.*

Ish-Ka-top-pa, his x mark.  
French Chief, his x mark.  
Big Chief, his x mark.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States of America, having seen and considered said treaty, do, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed in their resolution of the eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, accept, ratify, and confirm the same, and every article and clause thereof.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed, having signed the same with my hand.

Done at the city of Washington this eighteenth day of January, in the year of our [L. s.] Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the seventy-third.

*Pawnee Republicans.*

La-lo-che-la-sha-ro, his x mark.  
A-sha-la-la-cot-sha-lo, his x mark.  
American Chief, his x mark.

*Pawnee Tappage.*

La-pa-ko-lo-lo-ho-la-sha, his x mark.  
La-sha-pit-ko, his x mark.  
Ta-ra-re-tappage, his x mark.

Executed and delivered in the presence of—

THO. J. TODD, Adj. Bat. Mo. Mt. Vlt., Sec'y.  
A. W. SUBLETTE, Capt. Co. A.  
J. WALKER, A. S. U. S. Army.  
W. R. RODGERS, Capt. Co. L.  
DAVID McCausland, Capt. Co. B.  
STEWART VAN VLIET, Capt. and A. Q. M. U.  
S. A.  
D. P. WOODBURY, Lieutenant Engineers.  
J. W. KELLY, 2d Lieut. commanding Co. C.  
SAML. J. LINGENFELTER.  
ANT. LE FAIVRE.  
PETER A. CARNES, Forage master.  
J. B. SMALL, A. S. U. S. A.  
F. JEFFREY DEROINE, Interpreter.

JAMES K. POLK,

By the President :

JAMES BUCHANAN,  
Secretary of State.