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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 280
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF DECEMBER 9, 1854, WITH THE CONFEDERATED
OTO AND MISSOURI INDIANS

Council Bluffs C1045

Alfred Cumming
St. Louis Nov 3. '54

Enc. letter of Agent Hep-
ner, stating objections of
the Ottos & Missourias to
the reservation provided
in their late treaty for their
future residence and sug-
gesting an exchange of the
same

Rec'd Nov 9. '54

See letter to Asst. Secy
Nov 10 '54

Asst. Secy Nov 10 '54

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Sir

Office Superior Indian Affairs
Louisville May 3^d 1854

I have the honor to submit for your consideration,
a letter of the 23rd ulto. just recd. from Agent Stephens, stating
the objections of the Ottawa & Mississauga, to the reservation provided
in their late treaty for their future residence, and suggesting
that permission be given to extend said reservation say five
miles further west for the purpose of giving them a supply
of timber.

Very respectfully I am Sir
Yours

A. Cunningham
Supt In Charge

Mrs. Gov't Messenger
Comd. Ind. Affs

Council Bluffs Agency Oct. 13, 1854

Sir

I have just returned from an expedition to the Big Blue River for the purpose of examining the Reservation for the future home of the Oto & Missourie tribe of Indians, and find on examination, to make a starting point, in the middle of the main Channel of the River, as provided for in the treaty, will deprive them of timber, owing to the fact that it runs a South west Course, or nearly so, hence a north line from the starting point would cross the River in a short distance leaving their Reservation on the North west side, this they object to, first on account of having no timber, and because they will be more exposed to the attacks of their enemies than they would be on the opposite side, the River forming a barrier, these difficulties should be removed by permitting their Reservation to ~~start~~ extend five miles further east, then they would have timber, a good sight, & their farms on the east side of the River,

where they would be less liable to the intrusions
of their enemies, this matter should be attended
to in haste, for I doubt, besides the injustice
of it, whether they could be removed to their new
home as provided for in the treaty, without
using force, besides they say in making the
treaty it was never told them that their home
would be on the other side of the river, where
their enemies could soon kill them,

your most obedient
servant

George Hepner
Indian Agent

Col. A. Cummins
Supr. Ind. Affs.
St. Louis
Mo

Council Bluffs @ 1113
A. Cunningham Clarke
St. Louis Dec. 23. '54

Transmits letter from
Agent Steiner re. a
Supplemental treaty
made by him with the
Missouri Indians

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Recd Dec. 30. '54
Ackd Jan. 4. '55
enclosed (treaty) sent
to Secy. Int. Jan. 3. '55.

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Sr.

Office Superintendent Indian Affairs
Louis Leed 23. 1834

I have the honor hereunto to transmit a letter from
Capt. Stepan of the 11th Infantry, enclosing a supplemental
treaty made by him, as he states, by your orders, with the
Ottawa Missouana Indians.

Very respectfully
Yours or Servant
John Kearney
Act. Sup. Indian Affairs

Wm. Geo. W. Mansfield
Comd. Ind. Affs

Council Bluffs Agency Dec. 11th 1854

Sir

I herewith forward a Supplemental Treaty with the Missouri Tribe of Indians, which I was authorized to make by order of the Commissioner of Ind. Affs. bearing date the 16th November 1854.

The tribe being out on hunting excursions it was difficult to get them together, & after waiting for Mr. Bee the 1st day, three days he did not arrive, this accounts for his name not being to the Treaty.

Respectfully your
Very obed^t Serv^t
George W. Johnson
Indian Agent

Col. A. Cunningham
Super Ind. Affs
St. Louis
Mo