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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 254

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF NOVEMBER 24, 1848, WITH THE STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS

1848

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Whereas by an Act of Congress, entitled An Act for the relief of the Stockbridge Tribe of Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin, approved on the 3rd day of March 1843, it was provided, that a township of land on the east side of Winnebago Lake secured to the said Tribe and the Munsees by Treaty with the Menomonees of the 8th of February 1831, and not theretofore ceded to the United States, should be divided and allotted between the individual members of said Tribe, and

Whereas a portion of said Tribe refused to be governed by the provisions of said Act, and a subsequent Act was passed on the 6th day of August 1846 repealing the aforementioned Act, but without making provision for bona fide purchasers of lots subdivided in conformity to the said first named Act, and

Whereas it was found impracticable to carry into effect the provisions of the last mentioned Act, and to remedy all difficulties, a Treaty was entered into on the 24th of November 1848 wherein among other provisions that portion of the Tribe called the Indian Party obligated itself to remove to the Country West of the Mississippi set apart for them by the amendment to said Treaty -

And whereas a majority of that part of the Tribe who were parties to the Treaty of 1848,

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refused to remove when they were offered a location in Minnesota, and have applied for a cession to them of the township of Stockbridge which has been refused by the United States, and

Whereas difficulties and disagreements among the parties composing the Tribe, have been existing until the present time, and it is doubtful whether harmony and kind feeling can ever be restored between the members of the different parties of Stockbridges, and

Whereas the said Muncie Indians, a part of whom are now residing at Cattaraugus in the State of New York and an other part at Stockbridge Wisconsin, and that part of the Stockbridge Tribe of Indians, commonly called the Citizen Party and other members of the said Tribe, have repeatedly solicited the United States Government to be furnished with a new location where they can live in peace and harmony, and follow agricultural pursuits, and

Whereas the Citizen Party, and the Muncies who execute for themselves and by authority for all residing in the State of New York as well as on this Reservation are desirous to relieve themselves from further difficulty and to transfer to the United States the power and necessity of arranging for themselves with the white settlers all questions growing

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out of their various contracts and purchases
of land - a Schedule of which purchases and
contracts and the several considerations how
and when paid is hereto attached. Therefore

To enable them to remove and subsist for
one year, to buy seed and cattle and build houses
and fences &c the said sum to be paid to them
per capita -

This agreement is entered into:

Articles of Agreement made and concluded
this day of A.D. at
Stockbridge in the State of Wisconsin by
and between the undersigned Court on the
part of the United States of America and the
Munsee Indians who were included in the
Treaty of September 3. 1839 by their duly
authorized Delegates, and a part of the
Stockbridge Tribe of Indians commonly
called the Citizen Party.

Art 1. The Munsee Indians of New York claiming an
equal interest with the Stockbridges in ^{the} lands here-
tofore possessed by them at Stockbridge and State of
Wisconsin and the lands in Minnesota, set aside
for them by the Amendment to the Treaty of Nov. 24th 1848
and the \$20,000 stipulated to be paid to them by the said
Amendment and in the \$5000 already paid under
said Amendment hereby cede and relinquish

to the United States, all their rights and interests in the said lands and moneys and all claims for lands at White River in the State of Indiana and for certain other lands in the State of Wisconsin which it has been alleged they have been deprived of by Treaties entered into with the Menomonees and Winnebagoes, and all other claims set up by or for them are hereby abrogated.

Art II

The part of the Stockbridge Tribe commonly called the Citizen Party jointly and severally cede and relinquish to the United States all their remaining right & title in the lands at the Town of Stockbridge State of Wisconsin and their rights and interests in the lands in Minnesota set aside under the said Amendment to the Treaty of Nov. 24, 1848, and to the \$20,000 stipulated to be paid under the same Amendment and the \$5000 already paid as well as all claims, which they may have for annuities, of which they have been deprived since the year 1843.

Art III In consideration of such cession and relinquishment by said Menomonees and Stockbridges the United States agree to select as soon as practicable for the said Menomonee and Stockbridge Indians and to give them a tract of land in the State of Wisconsin near the Southern boundary of the Menomonee Reservation containing in the aggregate not less than 80 acres for every individual of age and 120 acres for every head of a family, such lands to be held as other Indian lands are held

They being consulted in the selection of said land

accept as hereinafter provided, and they agree to pay upon the ratification of this treaty the sum of \$ 28,050 to enable said Stockbridge and Muncies to remove to their new homes to buy seed, farming utensils and cattle and for their subsistence for one year - said sum to be paid per capita.

Art. IV. The United States agree to pay the further sum of \$ 16,000. one half of which shall be applied to the construction of houses, the building of roads leading to and through said lands - to the erection of a School House and such improvements of a public character as shall be deemed necessary by the Menomonee Indian Agent and the Counsel of the said Stockbridge and Muncies. The remainder of the said fund to be applied to the extinguishment of the National Debt of the said Stockbridge and Muncies, as their Counsel may direct and for the further purpose of enabling the Muncies to arrange their affairs in Cattaraugus and to remove with their families thence to this State. In case the United States desire to locate on said tract of land the Stockbridge and Muncies emigrated West of the Mississippi during the year 1839 of the Muncies and Stockbridge parties to this Treaty, agree to receive them as brethren. The time in which they may join them

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Being hereby limited to two years.

- Art. V. The said Munsees and Stockbridges hereby set aside ~~their share~~ of the for educational purposes exclusively their share of the annuity under the Treaties of Nov. 11. 1794 and Aug 11. 1827 and Sept 3rd 1839, which is to be apportioned to them in accordance with the practice in relation to the apportionment of annuities to detached parts of the same Tribe, such annuities may cease at the expiration of 10 years from date if the President should so direct.
- Art VI. The said Munsees and Stockbridges agree to suppress the use of ardent Spirits among their people and to resist by all prudent means its introduction in their Settlement.
- Art VII. It is agreed that all roads and highways laid out by authority of law, shall have right of way through the lands herein reserved, on the same terms as are provided by law when roads and highways are made through lands of citizens of the United States.
- Art VIII. The object of this instrument being to advance the welfare and improvement of said Indians, it is agreed, if it prove insufficient, from causes which can not now be foreseen, to effect these ends, that the President may, by and with the advice & consent of the Senate, adopt such policy in the management of their affairs, as in his judgment may be most beneficial to them or Congress may here after, make

Such provision by law, as experience shall
prove to be necessary.

Art IX. At any period after five years from
date those of the Indians parties to this treaty,
who may desire to become citizens of the
United States upon proper application to the
Secretary of the Interior exhibiting their
~~proper~~ qualifications to the satisfaction
of that officer.

#Can so become

Art X. The lots of such of the Citizen party con-
veyed to them by division under the Act
of March 3, 1843 and which have not
been sold shall be appraised at ^{their} fair
market value and the amount so
ascertained shall be paid to each
person entitled.

Art XI. Such individuals of the Citizen party
as desire to remain upon their lots shall
not be entitled to share in any of the annuities
or payments mentioned in this treaty, and at
any time after the expiration of two years
shall become citizens of the United States
and hold their lands as such, should the Pres-
ident so ~~direct~~ determine.

Art XII. The lots of land, the equitable title to which shall be
found not to have passed from the Stockbridge Indians
and in pursuance of the said treaty of Nov. 24, 1848
and this agreement existing in the United States

shall be sold at the average minimum price of \$16 per acre for lots fronting on Lake Winnebago and on both sides of the Military Road and at the average minimum price of \$6 per acre for the remainder of the lands in the said Township of Stockbridge. Purchasers of lots on which improvements were made shall pay to the United States in addition to the said minimum price, the appraised value of such improvements. To actual settlers on any of said lots possessing the qualifications requisite to acquire pre-emption rights who shall prove to the satisfaction of the Register of the Land District to which the Township of Stockbridge shall be attached that he or she has made improvements to the value of not less than \$100 on such lot, and that he or she is then an actual resident the time of paying the purchase price may be extended for a term not exceeding three years from the ratification hereof as shall be deemed advisable by the President of the United States; provided that no such actual settler shall be permitted to pre-empt in the manner aforesaid more than one or two contiguous lots in which he ~~she~~ has proved to have made improvements to the value of ~~not~~ \$100. The residue of said lots shall be brought into market.

For the benefit of the United States.

9. as other Governmental lands are offered for sale and shall not be sold at a less price than the said minimum price, and all said sales shall be made in accordance with the Survey made and the patents there ~~for shall be~~ provided for in these articles, shall be issued in conformity to an Act of March 3. 1843 unless in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior a new Survey shall be deemed necessary and proper.

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John Green Bay
E. 110.

A. S. Ellis,

Green Bay, Dec. 2. 1848.

Reporting his success in
negotiation with Stock
brogers with remarks &
also suggesting about va-
rious school funds &c

Let this be referred
to Mr. Pugh, who will ex-
amine the school
funds &c.

Wm
In witness whereof I have signed
this

Dec. 28 Dec. 1848.

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This letter is from A. G. Ellis, Sub-agent,
the second sheet, being private, is not
filed. W. W. W.

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Green Bay December 2. 1848.

Dear Sir,

Your valued favor, (unofficial)
of the 10th ultimo was received three
days ago, from which I am happy to learn
your safe arrival at the Federal City on the
30th, agreeably to your desire.

It gives me very
great pleasure to learn that His Excellency the
President & the Secretary of War approve so warmly
the Treaty with the Menomonee; - for though
claiming no credit in its making, I still
feel great interest in its success by the
Senate & the Country; of all which I have not
the slightest doubt.

I returned but few days
ago from Stockbridge, where Mr. Martin &
myself spent fifteen days, negotiating with
Mr. John N. Quincy & his Socken & Son
cousins, for a cession of their claims. I
thought we had difficulties, & obstacles
enough at Lake Pkwanbe-kame;
but they were even more formidable at

Stockbridge: Our kind friend Mr. David, appeared there, as Counsel for the Indians; and we endeavored to treat with him, from Wednesday morning to the following Monday evening; when not coming to any approximation toward an agreement, the Council was dissolved and (as I supposed) all hope of treating given up. Mr. David retired the next morning in due quest. Upon which, the Nation took hope, and remarked that he thought we might now do something. At his suggestion I sent again for Quincy & four other principal men, and had a familiar conference. It resulted in an arrangement, after much debate, and discussion on both sides. They stood out strongly for 100,000 Dollars; but the greatest difficulty was that they demanded payment in cash and refused to lend any part of the contribution for a long time. They have since yielded this point in part; We have agreed to pay them a great price, and I hardly dare tell you particulars till they are accompanied with a full report, which we shall send you in a few days. You found Mr. Whitney was also there, and gave us no little annoyance & trouble throughout.

Should our dealings with the Stockbridges receive the same
-treatment of the Department. The approval by the Senate, the
Indian title would all be extinguished in
-discussing, except that of the Shudays. The longer
they remain, the greater price will they set, in
-the reservation, & the more it will cost the gov-
-ernment to remove them. I wish our insti-
-tutions had been extended to that tribe, though
I wish the chance for buying them out is
-small enough.

Then are so many matters
that I wish to talk about, that I ^{am} afraid
I shall ~~not~~ abuse the liberty you ^{have} so
kindly given me, of informal communica-
-tions. If so, you must give me the hint
and I will forbear. But about the 15.
00 Indian appropriation for Educational pur-
-poses, to the Menomonees, Wumbagoes, Chip-
-ewauges & New York Indians - I included
it in my official estimate for the year to
-come; but if I could have been certain
that a sufficiency would have been fur-
-nished otherwise (from the 76000 D. voted)
for the Menomonee School, I should have
omitted this 15000\$ item. The Stock-
bridges have a sufficiency from the interest on
-60000\$ voted under the treaty of 1839, the

Brother towns have signified informally that they
care very little about their propertions, and
in fact they are a civilized people, and be-
ing citizens they will be amply provided
for, under our State school laws. There
is then only left the Indians. In regard
to them, there are (or alleged to be kept)
two schools. In one of them there are but
a very few children, I believe not more
than 12 or 14. In the other, reporting 30
scholars, there is no English Class. I
have been urging those in charge of it, for
three years, to establish an English school,
and no attention whatever is paid to my
recommendations. The policy seems to be
to keep out the English language. I would
therefore recommend the discontinuance
of this appropriation, provided the same
money will not thereby be cut off.

I would recommend the sale of the Indi-
an house, without delay.

(End of paper filed by Com. Sec.)

O. J. A. Green Bay.
C. H. A.

Stockbridge Corner.
Messrs. M. L. Martin
& A. G. Ellis.

Jan'y. 1849.

Report arrangements
made with the different
parties of Stockbridge's,
including maps, deeds,
&c.

Recd. Jan'y 26. 1849.

Original transmitted
with deeds to Secy. of War
on 29. Jan'y. 1849

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To the Hon William Medill
Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington City. D. C.

Sir:

Agreeably to instructions contained in your letter of the 19th October 1848, the undersigned repaired to Stockbridge on the 14th of November 1848.

The Indians having fully assembled on notice from the Sub Agent, at their School house, the business of the Commission was opened.

The two propositions of the Department submitted at Washington (on the 3^d of July, and 23^d of August 1848 respectively) to Mr John M Quinney were laid before the Council, as the bases on which your Commissioners were authorized to enter into an arrangement for a final settlement of all matters between the Tribe and the Government.

After a brief consultation on the part of the Indians, they informed the Commissioners, in distinct, unequivocal terms, that neither of the propositions could be accepted. A general statement of their claims was then renewed, and the sum of \$100,000 Dollars demanded for a ception of their rights.

The Commissioners told them the demand was unreasonable, and entirely beyond their powers to grant.

The next day a proposition was submitted to the Indians by the Commissioners, the substance of which is found in paper A.

The Indians counselled among themselves (and

with the advice of their Attorney (A. S. Baird Esquire) for a day and a night, and then declined the proposition.

The effort was continued by interchanges of various propositions until Monday the 20th; when after a tedious day's lengthy discussion, on both sides, the Council late at night was dissolved.

The Indians before the close, had considerably lessened their demands in the aggregate; but they persevered in one demand, which the Commissioners deemed inadmissible; - it was, that the whole amount of consideration should be paid into the hands of the Chiefs, on ratification of the Treaty; - Whereas the Commissioners were of opinion, and insisted on it, that a considerable portion of it should be funded as a resource for them for the future.

On Tuesday the Commissioners being unwilling to leave the ground without settling a difficulty of so aggravating a character, (and every day becoming more so) determined on one more effort. -

The Sub Agent again sent for the Principal Men; a familiar conference was had, explanations made on both sides, the negotiations renewed; which finally resulted on the 24th of November in the Treaty arrangement which is herewith submitted.

In coming to an estimate of consideration, the Commissioners placed a valuation on the lands; and on the improvements by actual inspection; and it is respectfully submitted, that the amount stipulated to be paid is a fair valuation for each, and no more.

These lands are without a waste foot; - are of the very first quality, and have a part of them valuable improvements, in cleared fields, good fences, houses, barns &c &c they lie on the east side of Lake Minnebago, and in the most eligible part of the State - The whole are immediately necessary for actual settlement, by our citizens, and as soon as brought into market will no doubt re-imburse the Treasury of all outlay on account of this agreement.

Appended to the instrument is a schedule (vide Art. 4) of tracts recommended to be patented to individuals; reference being had to the accompanying Plat; by which the difficult questions of private rights, which have arisen under the Act of Congress of March 3^d 1843, will be quieted. The constructing of this schedule, was an exceedingly laborious work; - has been done with great care, after a critical examination of the Records of Land titles in the County; - as well as every other evidence accessible to the Commissioners, and may be regarded as correct.

Another schedule (accompanies this Report, but not attached to the Treaty) of a few tracts of Land, alleged to have been taken from Members of the Indian party, in trust for security on liabilities, by a single Individual Daniel Whitney; - it being understood that the only object of this claimant was to obtain security for advances, it is recommended that an appropriation be made him for the amount (\$ 1628. 50) and no patents granted for these tracts.

Should this agreement be approved by the Department, and receive the

Sanction of the Senate, the "difficulties" so long existing between the Indian and the Citizen parties of the Stockbridges, will be completely adjusted; the Indian title to this reservation will be extinguished; and all claims of these Indians, as a Tribe, be merged in these provisions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant:
U. S. Martin

Albert G. Ellis.

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- 1st The Indian party of the Stockbridge Indians to sell and convey to the United States all the lands set apart to them under the Act of 1843 to be designated by metes and bounds, also all other claims to land in the State of Wisconsin.
- 2^d The United States to pay them the appraised value of said Lands in the following manner: viz: - The lots bounded by the main road and numbered from 54 to 159, to be estimated at five dollars per acre. The lots fronting on Lake Winnebago and numbered from 1 to 53, to be estimated at three dollars per acre. All other lands to be estimated at Two dollars and fifty cents per acre.
The improvements upon such lands to be appraised and such appraised value to be added to the consideration.
- 3^d The sum allowed for improvements to be paid to the owners of them respectively according to their valuations, and the balance to be invested as a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be paid to them annually in such manner as the President may direct.

A List of Lands, claimed to have been purchased of
the Indian party by Daniel Whitney -

No of Lot	Acres	Consideration		Date of Deed.	
Lot No 6	68.00	132	00	February 21.	1844
321	60.00	75	00	" "	"
265	60.00	75	00	" "	"
230	60.00	30	00	March 4	"
99	62.50	62	50	" "	"
218	60.00	75	00	December 26	"
19	79.10	80	00	October 18	"
206	62.50	75	00	December 12	"
348	60.00	75	00	" "	"
245	60.00	75	00	December 23	"
295	60.00	40	00	March 13	1845
269	60.00	30	00	" 5	"
198	60.00	30	00	" 13	"
42	50.17	95	00	" 12	"
272	60.00	30	00	" 13	"
196	60.00	47	00	April 4	"
351	60.00	47	00	" "	"
216	60.00	30	00	July 15	"
333	60.00	30	00	June 6	1845
163	60.00	50	00	July 16	"
167	60.00	30	00	August 19	"
193 } Same 201 } deed	60.00	80	00	August 19	"
201	60.00	80	00	" "	"
311	60.00	30	00	February 10	1846
199	60.00	30	00	June 5	1846

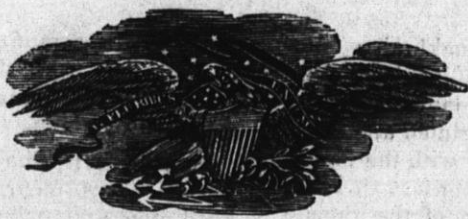
No of Lot.	acres	Consideration		Date of Deed	
310	60.00	30	00	November 9	1846
354	60.00	60	00	"	13
350	60.00				
248	60.00	30	00	February 19	1846
239	60.00	75	00	" 8	1845
		\$ 1628	50		

The within list of lands appear to have been conveyed to Daniel Whitney, by sundry individuals whose names are enrolled among the Stockbridge Indians. These lands are understood to have been conveyed as security for certain liabilities due from the individuals named as grantors, and we recommend that the amount of \$1628.50 stated as the consideration be appropriated to him in full payment for his claim.

M L Martin

Albert G Ellis.

Stockbridge Treaty
1848.



JAMES K. POLK,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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

Whereas a treaty was made and concluded at Stockbridge, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, between the United States of America, by their commissioners, Morgan L. Martin and Albert G. Ellis, on the one part, and the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, by the sachem, councillors, and head men of said tribe, on the other part ; which treaty is word for word as follows, to wit :

Whereas by an act of Congress, entitled " An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved on the 3d day of March, A. D. 1843, it was provided that the township of land on the east side of Winnebago lake, secured to said tribe by the treaty with the Menomonee Indians of February 8th, 1831, as amended by the Senate of the United States, and not heretofore ceded by said tribe to the United States, should be divided and allotted among the individual members of said tribe, by commissioners to be elected for that purpose, who were to make report of such division and allotment, and thereupon the persons composing said tribe were to become citizens of the United States :

And whereas a portion of said tribe refused to recognise the validity of said act of Congress, or the proceedings which were had under it, or to be governed by its provisions, and upon their petition a subsequent act was passed by the Congress of the United States, on the 6th day of August, 1846, repealing the said act of March 3d, 1843, and providing, among other things, that such of said tribe as should enrol themselves with the sub-agent of Indian affairs at Green Bay, should be and remain citizens of the United States, and the residue of said tribe were restored to their ancient form of government as an Indian tribe. It was also provided that the said township of land should be divided into two districts, one of which was to be known as the " Indian district," and the other as the " citizen district ;" the former to be held in common by the party who did not desire citizenship, and the latter to be divided and allotted among such as were citizens and desired to remain so :

And whereas it has been found impracticable to carry into full effect the provisions of the act of August 6th, 1846, by dividing the said township of land in the manner specified in said act, without infringing upon private rights acquired in good faith under the act of 1843 hereinbefore referred to, with a view of relieving both the Indian and citizen, parties of said Stockbridge tribe of Indians, from their present embarrassments, and to secure to each their just rights, articles of agreement and compromise have been entered into, as follows :

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT and treaty made and concluded at Stockbridge, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, by and between the undersigned, acting commissioners on the part of the United States of America, and the Stockbridge tribe of Indians.

ARTICLE I. The said Stockbridge tribe of Indians renounce all participation in any of the benefits or privileges granted or conferred by the act of Congress entitled " An act for the relief of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved March 3, 1843, and relinquish all rights secured by said act ; and they do hereby acknowledge and declare themselves to be under the protection and guardianship of the United States, as other Indian tribes.

ARTICLE II. That no misunderstanding may exist, now or hereafter, in determining who compose said tribe and are parties hereto, it is agreed that a roll or census shall be taken and appended to this agreement, and in like manner taken annually hereafter, and returned to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States, containing the names of all such as are parties hereto, and to be known and recognised as the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, who shall each be entitled to their due proportion of the benefits to be derived from the provisions made for their tribe by this and former agreements : and whenever any of them shall separate themselves from said tribe, or abandon the country which may be selected for their future home, the share or portion of such shall cease, and they shall forfeit all claims to be recognised as members of said tribe.

ARTICLE III.—The said Stockbridge tribe of Indians hereby sell and relinquish to the United States the township of land on the east side of Lake Winnebago, (granted and secured to said tribe by the treaty with the Menomonee tribe of Indians of February 8, 1831, as amended by the resolution of the Senate of the United States,) and situated in the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE IV. The said township of land shall be surveyed into lots, in conformity with the plan adopted by the commissioners elected under the act of March 3, 1843, and such of said lands as were allotted by said commissioners to members of said tribe who have become citizens of the United States, (a schedule of which is hereunto annexed,) are hereby confirmed to such individuals respectively, and patents therefor shall be issued by the United States. The residue of said lands belonging to the United States shall be brought into market, but shall not be sold at less than the appraised value, unless the Senate of the United States shall otherwise determine.

ARTICLE V. In consideration of the cession and relinquishment hereinbefore made by the said Stockbridge tribe of Indians, it is agreed that the United States shall pay to said tribe within six months after the ratification of this agreement the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars, to enable them to settle their affairs, obtain necessaries, and make provision for establishing themselves in a new home.

ARTICLE VI. The United States shall also pay to said tribe, within six months after the ratification of this agreement, the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred and four dollars and eighty-five cents, being the appraised value of their improvements upon the lands herein ceded and relinquished to the United States, and to be paid to the individuals claiming said improvements according to the schedule and assessment herewith transmitted.

ARTICLE VII. It is further stipulated and agreed that the said Stockbridge tribe may remain upon the lands they now occupy for one year after the ratification of this agreement, and that they will remove to the country set apart for them, or such other west of the Mississippi river as they may be able to secure, where all their treaty stipulations with the Government shall be carried into effect.

ARTICLE VIII. Whenever the said Stockbridge tribe shall signify their wish to emigrate, the United States will defray the expenses of their removal west of the Mississippi, and furnish them with subsistence for one year after their arrival at their new homes.

ARTICLE IX. It is further stipulated and agreed, that, for the purpose of making provision for the rising generation of said tribe, the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars shall be invested by the United States in stock, bearing an interest of not less than five per cent. per annum, the interest of which shall be paid annually to said tribe, as other annuities are paid by the United States.

ARTICLE X. It is agreed that nothing herein shall prevent a survey of said lands, at any

time after the ratification of this agreement, and that said tribe shall commit no waste or do unnecessary damage upon the premises occupied by them.

ARTICLE XI. The United States will pay the expenses incurred by the sachem and head men, amounting to three thousand dollars, in attending to the business of said tribe since the year 1843.

ARTICLE XII. This agreement to be binding and obligatory upon the contracting parties from and after its ratification by the Government of the United States.

In witness whereof, the said commissioners, and the sachem, councillors, and head men of said tribe, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Morgan L. Martin,	[L. S.]
Albert G. Ellis,	[L. S.]
Agustin E. Quinney, sachem,	[L. S.]
John Metoxen,	[L. S.]
John W. Quinney,	[L. S.]
Samuel Miller,	[L. S.]
Zeba T. Peters,	[L. S.]
Peter T. Littleman,	[L. S.]
Abram Pye, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Joseph M. Quinney,	[L. S.]
Samuel Stephens,	[L. S.]
Jeremiah Slingerland,	[L. S.]
Benjamin Pye 2d, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Simon S. Metoxen,	[L. S.]
Daniel Metoxen,	[L. S.]
Moses Charles, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Benjamin Pye 3d, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Jacob Jehoiakim, his x mark,	[L. S.]
David Palmer, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Ezekiel Robinson,	[L. S.]
James Joshua, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Garrett Thompson, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Laurens Yocron, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Thomas Schanandoah, his x mark,	[L. S.]
John W. Quinney, jr, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Nicolas Palmer, his x mark,	[L. S.]
John P. Quinney,	[L. S.]
Washington Quinney, his x mark,	[L. S.]
Aaron Turkey, his x mark,	[L. S.]

Councillors.

In presence of—

CHARLES A. GRIGNON, U. S. Interpreter.
 LEMUEL GOODELL,
 ELEAZER WILLIAMS,
 CHARLES POREUNINOZER.

Roll or census of the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, taken in conformity with the provisions of the second article of the within agreement.

Heads of Families.	Heads of Families.				Total.
	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	
Austin E. Quinney,	1	1	3	4	9
John Metoxen,	1	1	-	-	2
Benjamin Pye, sen.	1	1	-	1	3
Garret Thompson,	1	1	2	-	4
Elisha Konkapot	1	1	1	-	3
John W. Quinney	1	1	1	-	3
Joh P. Quinney	1	1	1	2	5
Peter D. Littleman	1	1	1	1	4
Jonas Thompson	1	-	-	-	1
James Joshua	1	1	2	1	5
Joseph M. Quinney	1	1	2	5	9
Simon L. Metoxen	1	1	1	3	6
Benjamin Pye, 2d	1	1	1	3	6

Roll or Census of Stockbridge Indians—Continued.

Heads of Families.	Male.	Femal.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Thomas Schenandoah	1	1	-	-	2
Aaron Turkey	1	1	2	-	6
Abram Pye	1	1	4	1	7
Benjamin Pye, 4th	1	1	-	1	3
Benjamin Doxtater	1	1	1	1	4
Moses Charles	1	1	1	1	4
Benjamin Pye, 3d	1	1	1	1	4
Eli Williams	1	-	-	-	1
David Palmer	1	1	1	-	3
Jacob Konkopot	1	1	-	-	2
Daniel Metoxen	1	1	-	-	2
Elizabeth Palmer (widow)	-	1	1	1	3
Elizabeth Aaron	-	1	1	2	4
Catharine Butterfield	-	1	-	1	2
Samuel Miller	1	1	4	2	8
Louisa Jamison	-	1	-	-	1
Jacob Jehoicum	1	-	-	-	1
Anna Turkey	-	1	-	-	1
Jeremiah Slingerland	1	-	3	-	4
John Yocum	1	1	-	2	4
Elizabeth Wilber	-	1	1	3	5
John W. Quinney, jr., and sister	1	1	-	-	2
Clarissa Miller and son	1	1	-	-	2
Elizabeth Pye	-	1	-	1	2
Phoebe S. Ricket	-	1	-	-	1
Josiah Abrams, wife, and sister	1	2	-	-	3
Jeremiah Bennet	1	2	-	2	5
Paul Pye	1	1	1	-	3
Peter Bennet	1	1	-	-	2
Ziba T. Peters	1	1	2	-	4
Ezekiel Robinson and brother	-	-	2	-	2
Lawrence Yocum	1	-	-	-	1
Moses Doxtater	1	-	-	1	2
Lucinda Quinney	-	1	2	1	4
Jemima Doxtater	-	1	-	-	1
Amelia Quinney	-	1	1	-	2
Peter Bennet, sen.	1	1	1	3	6
John Bennet	1	1	1	1	4
Levi Konkopot	1	-	-	-	1
Samuel Stevens	1	-	-	-	1
John Killsnake	1	-	-	-	1
Lewis Hendricks	1	-	-	-	1
Diana Davids	-	1	-	-	1

Schedule of lands to be patented to individuals under the 4th article of the above agreement.

Names.	No. of lot.	No. of acres.
Josiah Chicks	1	-
Nancy Chicks	2	-
John N. Chicks	4	-
Jacob Davids	5	-
Harvey Johnson	8	-
Hannah P. Chicks	10	-
Dindernia, Big Deer	1/2 east end 14	22.66
Puella Jourdain	16	-
Jacob Chicks	17	-
John N. Chicks	18	-
Josiah Chicks	20	-
Jacob Chicks	21	-
Jos. L. Chicks	22	-
Jacob Chicks	23	-
John N. Chicks	24	-
Moses E. Merrill	25, 26, 27	-
John N. Chicks	28, 29	-
Jane Dean	30	-
Marietta Abrams	31	-
Catharine Mills	N. 1/2 32	30.62
Joseph L. Chicks	33	-
John Dick	37	-
John More	38	-
Isaac Jacobs	40	-
Benjamin Welch	41	-
Lucy Jacobs	44	-
Daniel Davids	47	-
Daniel Davids	N. 1/2 48	-
John W. Abrams	S. 1/2 48	-
Louisa Davids	50	-
Harry E. Eastman	51	-
Eunice Abrams	52	-
Daniel Davids	53	-
John N. Chicks	54	-
Hoel S. Wright	S. part of 55	5
Oscar Wright	N. part of 55	5 1/2
John Littleman	S. 1/2 56	-
Daniel Davids	N. 1/2 56	-
Darius Davids	57	-
Margaret Davids	58	-
Daniel Davids	60	-
Erastus Welch, (a strip) E of road, 65	6 chains 25 lks wide off S. side of lot.	balance of lot.
Richard Fidler	E. of road, 65	W of road, 54 1/2
Henry Modlin	part 65	(3)
Henry Jacobs	(3)	W. of road, 50.50 acres.
Lucy Jacobs	fraction part of 66	50.50 acres.
John W. Abrams	E. 1/2 68	-
John Dick	70	-
Eunice Abrams	N. 1/2 76	-
Mary Hendrick	E. 1/2 78	-
Isaac Jacobs and George Bennet	79	-
John N. Chicks	81	-
John N. Chicks & Jacob Davids	82	-
Nancy Hunt	W. 1/2 83	31 1/2
Jas. Menagre and Betsy Menagre	part of 84 east end.	15 1/2
Betsy Wyatt	W. 1/2 85 & 86	62 1/2
William Gardner	87	-
Timothy Jourdain	90	-
Timothy Jourdain	S. 1/2 91	31.25
Charles Stevens	92 & 94	-
Nancy Homm	98	-
Joseph L. Chicks	102	-
John N. Chicks	103	-
John Moore	105	-
Josiah Chicks	106	-
John N. Chicks	110	-
Timothy Jourdain	111, 112	-
John Littleman	113	-
Nathan Goodell	115	-
Charles Stevens	S. part 119	50
Catharine Littleman	E. p't 128	54.60
John Moore	129	-
John W. Abrams	130	-
Jacob Davids	131	-
Adam Sheriff	W. 1/2 132	31.25
Jacob Davids	133	-
Joseph L. Chicks	134	-
Catharine Mills	W. half 136	-
Joseph Doxtater	144 and 145	-

M. I. MARTIN,
ALBERT G. ELLIS,
AUSTIN E. QUINNEY.

STOCKBRIDGE, Nov. 24, 1848.

- John Metoxen.
- John W. Quinney.
- Samuel Miller.
- Ziba T. Peters.
- Peter D. Littleman.
- Abram Pye, his x mark.
- Joseph M. Quinney.
- Samuel Stephens.
- Jeremiah Slingerland.
- Benjamin Pye 2d, his x mark.
- Simon S. Metoxen.
- Daniel Metoxen.
- Moses Charles, his x mark.
- Benjamin Pye, 3d, his x mark.
- Jacob Jehoiakim, his x mark.
- David Palmer, his x mark.
- Ezekiel Robinson.
- James Joshua, his x mark.
- Garet Thompson, his x mark.
- Laurens Yocum, his x mark.
- Thomas Schanandoah, his x mark.
- Joshua W. Quinney, jr. his x mark.
- Nicholas Palmer, his x mark.
- John P. Quinney.
- Washington Quinney, his x mark.
- Aaron Turkey, his x mark.

[Schedule]—Continued.

Names.	No. of lot.	No. of acres.	Names.	No. of lot.	No. of acres.
Isaac Jacobs	151		Jeremiah Johnson	385, 389	
Alexander Abrams	154		American Board of		
Jacob Davids	155		Commissioners for	386, 390	
Darius Davids	156		Foreign Missions.		
John Littleman	157		Jacob Chick	387, 391	
Isaac Jacobs	158		Timothy Jourdain	388	
Hannah W. Chicks	159		John N. Chicks	392, 396	
Catharine Mills	160		Wm. Gardner	393, 394, 397, 398	
Nathan Goodell	170		Lemuel Goodell	N. end 395	2 acres.
John N. Chicks	173				
James N. Lane	174				
Jacob Davids	175				
Job More	176				
Thomas J. Chicks	179				
Harvey Johnson	180				
Nancy Gardner	181				
Abigail Jourdain	182				
Abram Chicks	184				
Bartholomew Bowman	186				
Harriet Jourdain	187				
Andrew Chicks	188				
Sarah Davids	189				
Job More	191				
William Gardner S. part of 192 and 221		50			
Mordy Mann, N. part of 192 and 221		70			
Mary N. Chicks	194				
William Gardner	220				
Triphane E. Jourdain	222				
Caleb Moore	223				
Isaac Simmons	224				
Isabel Chicks	225				
Sophia M. Jourdain	226				
Jesse Bowman	227				
Catharine Franks	228				
Jonathan Chicks	229				
Jonas Davids	231				
Adam Davids	232				
Linke Jourdain	233				
Elizabeth Moore	234				
Joseph Duxtater	235				
George Bennet	237				
Isaac Simmons	240				
Abigail Moore	263				
Henry Moore	264				
William Scott	265				
William Scott	S. 266				
George Bennet	N. 266				
Reuben Johnson	267				
Silas Jourdain	268				
Jesse M. Jourdain	271				
Simon Gardner	274				
Hannah Moore	276				
Solomon Davids	277				
Edward Howell	279				
Harriet Johnson	280				
Lucinda Gardner	282				
Hope Moore	284				
Jemison C. Chicks	308				
Obadiah Gardner	309				
Rachel Davids	313				
Julius Davids	314				
Elizabeth Bowman	315				
Jeremiah Gardner	316				
Mary Jane Bowman	317				
Nancy Johnson	319				
Jason Simmons	320				
Betsy Menagre	321				
Darius Davids	323				
Humble M. Jourdain	325				
Stephen Gardner	326				
Francis T. Davids	327				
Mary McCallister	328				
Mary Hendrick	335				
Susannah Hendrick	349				
Jacob Moore	355				
David Gardner	357				
George Gardner	359				
Catharine Bowman	360				
Serepta Johnson	361				
Thankful Stevens	362				
William Gardner	364				
Joseph Chicks	365				
John Chicks	366				
Charles Stephens	367, 368				
Tim. Jourdain	369, 370, 371				
Jacob Chicks	372, 373				
Paul D. Hayward	375				
State of Wisconsin	383				
Timothy Jourdain	384				

School purposes.

M. L. MARTIN,
ALBERT G. ELLIS.

Valuation of improvements, (vide art. 6.)

	Acres.	Dollars.
Austin E. Quinney	163.38	2,760 63
	49.50	718 25
Joseph M. Quinney	30.90	617 15
Samuel Stevens	38.76	703 26
Moses Chicks	43.00	980 50
Elizabeth Palmer	29.06	512 41
Samuel Miller	55.62	880 87
Elisha Konkapot	5.00	142 50
Peter D. Littleman	3.25	168 88
John P. Quinney	15.50	267 50
Heirs of J. Yocum	5.78	78 03
Aaron Turkey	6.00	311 00
Benjamin Pye, 2d	40.00	640 00
John Metoxen	50.00	825 00
Mrs. B. Wright	5.00	67 50
Abraham Pye	30.00	495 00
Benjamin Pye, 4th	-	40 00
Benjamin Pye, sr.	-	40 00
Benjamin Pye, 3d	20.00	350 00
Garret Thompson	30.00	485 00
Ziba T. Peters	10.00	215 00
Betsy T. Aaron	3.00	85 00
Thomas Skenandoah	17.00	349 50
Simon S. Metoxen	30.00	535 00
Elizabeth Wilber	41 62	711 87
Ezekiel Robinson	4 00	60 00
J. W. Quinney	60.00	1,315 00
School House	-	150 00
		<u>\$14,504 85</u>

M. L. MARTIN,
ALBERT G. ELLIS.

And whereas the said treaty having been submitted to the Senate of the United States for its constitutional action thereon, the Senate did, on the 1st day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, resolve as follows:

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, March 1st, 1849.

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the articles of agreement and treaty made and concluded at Stockbridge, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 24th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1848, by and between Morgan L. Martin and Albert G. Ellis, commissioners on the part of the United States of America, and the Stockbridge tribe of Indians, with the following

AMENDMENT.

Add the following as supplemental articles:

Whereas the Stockbridge and Munsee Indians consider that they have a claim against the United States for indemnity for certain lands on White river in the State of Indiana, and for certain other lands in the State of Wisconsin, which they allege they have been deprived of by treaties entered into with the Miamies and Delawares, or to the lands claimed by them in Indiana, and with the Me-

nomonees and Winnebagoes, or to the lands in Wisconsin, without their consent; and whereas the said Stockbridge and Munsee Indians, by their chiefs and agents, have continued to prosecute their said claims during the last twenty years at their own expense, except the sum of three thousand dollars paid them in 1821; and whereas it is desirable that all ground of discontent on the part of said Indians shall be removed, the United States do further stipulate, in consideration of the relinquishment by them of said claims, and all others, except as provided in this treaty, to be held by the same tenure as other Indian lands, on the ratification of this article by them, with the assent of their people, the sum of

five thousand dollars, and the further sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid in ten annual instalments, to commence when the said Indians shall have selected and removed to their new homes, as contemplated by the seventh article of this treaty.

The President of the United States, within two years from the ratification of this treaty, shall procure for the use of said Stockbridge Indians a quantity of land west of the Mississippi river, upon which they shall reside, not less than seventy-two sections, said Indians to be consulted as to the location of said land, and to be held by the same tenure as other Indian lands.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States of America, do, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed in their resolution of the first day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, accept, ratify, and confirm the said treaty, with the amendment set forth in the said resolution.

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 the second day of March, in the year of our Lord
[L. s.] one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the seventy-third.

JAMES K. POLK.

By the President :

JAMES BUCHANAN,
Secretary of State.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas an act of the Congress of the United States of the tenth January, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges to the town of Whitehall in the State of New-York," the President of the United States, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to extend to the town of Whitehall the same privileges as are conferred on certain ports named in the seventh section of an act entitled "An act allowing drawback upon foreign merchandise exported in the original packages to Chihuahua and Santa Fe, in Mexico, and to the British North American provinces adjoining the United States," passed third March, eighteen hundred and forty-five, in the manner prescribed by the proviso contained in said section.

And whereas the Secretary of the Treasury has duly recommended to me the extension of the privileges of the law aforesaid to the port of Whitehall, in the collection district of Champlain, in the State of New York :

Now, therefore, I, JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and proclaim that the port of Whitehall, in the collection district of Champlain, in the State of New York, is and shall be entitled to all the privileges extended to the other ports enumerated in the seventh section of the act aforesaid, from and after the date of this proclamation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

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

JAMES K. POLK.

By the President :

JAMES BUCHANAN,
Secretary of State.

Hon W. L. Marcy
January 29 1849

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Treaty with Stockbridges.

W. D. O. I. A.

January 29. 1849.

Sir,

In my instructions to conclude a treaty with the Menomonee Indians ^{if not delayed too long} I was directed to repair to the Stockbridge reservation in the State of Wisconsin and ascertain whether a treaty could not be effected with those Indians for the sale of their interest in that reservation to the United States; "that being ^{only} the means, according to the information in possession of the Department, of terminating their difficulties." Should I find such a measure practicable I was authorized to enter upon a treaty with them upon the general basis of either of the two propositions recently made to them through John W. Quincy; the details being left to my discretion and judgment, but should I find ~~a treaty~~ ^{it} impracticable to make a treaty, ~~then~~ I was directed to obtain such further information into their condition and affairs as would enable the Department to report fully upon the subject at the ~~next~~ ^{present} session of Congress. Copies of the propositions referred to are herewith marked 1 & 2.

Being delayed at the treaty ground in the Menomonee country much longer than I had anticipated, and my duties here demanding my return I was unable to visit the Stockbridges

A. G. Ellis Esq. the State Dept of the U. S. for
but address a letter to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~sub-agent~~ ^{agent} of Green Bay in
which I desired him, at his earliest convenience "to endeavour to
make some arrangements by which feelings of harmony can
again be restored." A copy of that letter is herewith submitted,
marked 3.

As a result of the proceedings in the premises a treaty
has been negotiated which is now submitted with ~~copy~~ of the
reports of Messrs Martin & Ellis, who acted on the part of the
United States, for your consideration and ~~that of the Pres-~~
~~ident of the United States.~~ such further action as
you may think proper to take.

Very &c

Hon.

W. L. Murray.

Secy. of War.

~~Masses and others for~~
the ~~Stockbridge~~ and other tribes of ~~Indians~~

B of A. Green Bay Sunday

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W. H. Bruce

Green Bay, June 8. 1849,

Reports proceedings under instructions of May 11. 49, respecting the acceptance of Senate amendments to the stockbridge treaty, & encl^d. said acceptance duly signed, with other papers. Also, notes the arrival of J. Wistar p. n.

Relinquishment to the
agency.

Rec^d 21st June, 1849.
had 4th July
see letter to Secy of State
of July 14th 1849.

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Green Bay, Ind. Inf. Agency.
June 8, 1849

Hon. William Medill
Comm. of Ind. Affairs

Sir,

I have the honor to ^{acknowledge} the receipt of your letter dated May 11, 1849, directing me to submit to the Stockbridge Indians the amendments made to the late treaty by the Senate, and also the acceptance and ratification of the amendment.

I at once dispatched a letter to the Sachem and principal men appointing a day when I would meet them in Council, and at the same time I informed them that I would take that occasion to make the per Capita payment of last year's annuity.

On the 24th day of May Ind. I met them in Council at Stockbridge, and they then refused to sign the acceptance (acting under the advice of an attorney) unless, I would alter the language used in the form of acceptance. As I did not feel myself authorized to adopt this course, I left them with the intention the next day of submitting the whole proceedings of the Council and their objections to the Department.

I however made to them the payment of their last year's annuity, which will be forwarded with my quarterly

returns.

On my return to this Agency they despatched a Messenger to me, with a document, (which I forward marked N^o 1.) saying "they had come to the conclusion to sign the same."

When I was about to leave for that purpose, the Steamer arrived bringing Mr. John Winter here. The Agent to make the distribution of the Menominee Half Breed funds, which detained me and sickness in my family, which is hardly expected to prove fatal to my brother prevented my leaving in time to keep my appointments; I therefore put into the possession of Mr. Outhwaite, my Secretary, the ratification signed by me, who accompanied by Mr. Winter and Mr. Robert Haines repaired to meet them in Council -

On the 6th day of June last the said Receipts and ratification was signed by them in Council, as the enclosed Document witnesses - But the Signatures differ (in part) from those in the Treaty, there having been according to their customs a change in their Sachem, Council or. which offices are held by the Chief successively -

Their signatures are not attested by the Interpreter, Mr. Bryson having been despatched into the Indian Country, to gather the Menominee Chief together to meet Mr. Winter for the apportionment of the Half Breed funds.

Document marked N^o 2 is a Statement of

the objections they made when they, in the first
place refused to sign the acceptance and ratification
which they have requested me to include with the
amendment.

There are also other matters connected
with this Council, upon which I will address the
departments in another communication -

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm Brewster
Salem Ind Sept

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Letter from Sackens &c
of Stockbridge Station of
Indians of June 2 1869
their acceptance of amendments
to Treaty &c

Answered June 2 1869
Amendment proposed by U.S.A.

Mr. W. H. Damm
Green Bay
Wisconsin

Document No. 1

Stockbridge Wisconsin June 2nd 1849

Hon. W. H. Bruce
Sub Ind. Agent

Sir

We the undersigned
Sachem and principal Men of the Stockbridge
Tribe would respectfully inform you, that
after a more deliberate consideration upon
the matters appertaining to our Treaty, we
have come to the conclusion to sign the
same and thus bring to an ~~conclusion~~ end
all difficulties that might be occasioned
by a further delay. We therefore pray
your Honor that the business of the same
may be entered into as soon as possible
as we now hold ourselves in readiness
to give our signatures.

With respect we sign ourselves your
humble and Ob. Children

W. H. Quinny

L. S. Peters

Abram P. P. P.

Simon S. Metroyen

Peter D. Littenman

Austen & Quinny

Joseph M. Quinny

Samuel Miller

Moses Charles

Documents No 2

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Green Bay 49

Stockbridge Wisconsin June 6th 1849

To the Hon. the Com. of Indian Affairs.

The Sachem and Counsellors of the Stockbridge Tribe of Indians, in the State of Wisconsin, having been called together by W. H. Bruce Esqr. U. S. Sub Indian Agent for the purpose of submitting to said Stockbridges the amended or supplemental articles to the Treaty of 24 Nov. 1848, between the U. S. and said Stockbridges, for their approval and ratification - and the said Stockbridges having on this day, in council, signed the articles of ratification presented to them by the sub Agent - have signed the same, under the belief and understanding, that, although the said article of ratification, contains a clause by which the said Stockbridges are required to "release and relinquish to the said United States all claims and demands of whatsoever nature or kind," yet the said Stockbridges believe they do not thereby release the government of the United States from the payment, in future, of any annuities secured to the said Stockbridges by or under, former and subsisting treaties between them and the said United States.

Done and signed in Council the day
and Year above written.

In Presence of }
Thos Wistar Jr }
Robt W Haynes }
Edward Anthony }
John W. Quinney, Sachem
Leiba J. Peter }
John Quinney }
Peter D. Littleman } Counsellors
Abram ^{his} Pye }
Simon ^{mark} Metoyer }