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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 207

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF MAY 9, 1836, WITH THE SWAN CREEK AND
BLACK RIVER BANDS OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN MICHIGAN

A

Copy of Treaty of
May 9th 1826.

U.S. & S. & S. & S.

Bands

Copy.

Articles of a Treat. made at Washington, in the District of
Columbia, on the 9th day Aug. in the Year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred and thirty six, between
Henry R. Schoolcraft Commissioner on the part of the
United States and Chiefs of the Swan Creek and Black River
Bands of the Cheppewoy Nation, residing within the limits
of Michigan.

Whereas. Certain Reservations of Land were made to the said Bands of Indians, in the Treaty Concluded at Detroit on the 17th of November, 1807. and these Reservations, after having been duly located, under the Authority of the Government, have remained in their possession and occupancy to the present time: And whereas, the said Indians, actuated by Considerations affecting their permanent improvement and happiness, are desirous of fixing their residence at some point more favorable to these objects, and have expressed their wishes to dispose of the same, and authorized their Chief to proceed to Washington, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements: It is, therefore, after mature deliberation on their part agreed as follows:

Article 1st The Swan Creek and Black River Bands of Cheppewoy Ceded to the United States the following Tracts, namely: One tract of three miles square, or five thousand seven hundred and sixty Aers, on Swan Creek of Lake St. Clair: One tract of one section and three quarters, near Salt Creek of said Lake: One tract of six fourths of a section at the mouth

of the River Au Vassian, contiguous to the preceding Cession;
And tract of two sections near the Mouth of the Black River of
the River St. Clair, estimated to contain in the aggregate eight
thousand three hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less.

Article 2nd In consideration of the foregoing Cession, the
United States agree to pay to the said Indians the net
proceeds of the sale thereof, after deducting the cost of survey
and sale, and the contingent expenses attending the treaty.
The lands shall be surveyed and offered for sale in the
usual manner, at the land Office in Detroit, as soon
as practicable, after the ratification of this treaty. A
special account shall be kept at the Treasury, of the amt.
of the sales of the said lands, and after deducting therefrom
the sums hereafter stipulated, to be advanced by the
United States, ten thousand dollars shall be retained
by the Treasury, and shall be paid to the said Indians
in Annuities of one thousand dollars a Year for ten
Years; and the residue of the fund shall be invested
by the Secy. of the Treasury in the purchase of some State
Stock, the interest of which shall be annually paid to
the said Indians like other Annuities. Provided that if
at any time hereafter, the said Indians shall desire to have
the said Stock sold, and the proceeds paid over to
them, the same may be done, if the President and
Senate consent thereto.

Article 3rd The United States will
advance to said Indians on the ratification of this Treaty,

to be deducted from the avails of these lands, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, and also goods to the value of four thousand dollars, to be purchased in New York, and delivered in bulk, at their expenses, to the proper Chief at Detroit, or at such point on Lake St. Clair, as the Chiefs may request, together with the expenses of the Treaty, the Journeys of the Indians to and from Washington, and their subsistence and other expenses at the seat of Government.

Article 4th The United States will furnish the said Indians, eight thousand three hundred and twenty acres of thirteen sections of Land, West of the Mississippi, or northwest of St. Anthony's Falls, to be located by an Agent or Officer of the Government, and the evidence of such location shall be delivered to the Chiefs.

In testimony whereof, the said Henry R. Schoolcraft, Commissioner as aforesaid, and the undersigned Chiefs of the said Bands of Chippeways, have hereunto set hands, at Washington, the Seat of Government, the day and Year above expressed.

In Presence of -

Wm. Adams Porter Secy.

Stevens J. Mason, Gov. of Mich.

Louis Syon

John Holliday, Interpreter.

Joseph F. Marsac

Geo. Moran.

Henry R. Schoolcraft.

Esh-ton-o-quet, or Clear Cloud, his mark

Way-gishick, or driving Cloud, his mark

May-zin, or Checkered, his mark

Kee-way-gee-zhick, or returning Sky, his mark