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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 169  
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE  
TREATY OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1832, WITH THE WINNEBAGO INDIANS

~~Rock Island~~

~~Sept 16. 1832~~

~~From~~

~~Genl W Scott to  
Gov Reynolds.~~

~~Fair and treaty with the  
Comanches —~~

Sir:

Rock Island, Sept. 16, 1832.

By a Steamboat that has unexpectedly arrived on her way to St. Louis which will remain only ten minutes, we hastily enclose a Treaty which we yesterday concluded with the Winnebago nation of Indians. We trust it will be satisfactory to the Government.

The Cholera having entirely disappeared from this Island & the immediate vicinity, we expect to enter upon important conferences & negotiations with the Sac & Foxes tomorrow.

In great haste,

We have the honour to be,

Yours,

Ymost W<sup>r</sup> Servants  
Winfield Scott.

The Hon. Lewis C. C.  
Sec. of War

John Reynolds

P.S. By a Letter to the

commanding general here, from you, dated  
at Detroit, the 4th instant, it is presumed  
that you will be at Washington as soon  
as this letter which is, for that reason, sent  
direct to Washington.

W. S.

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Sep. 22.

The U.S. Commissioners  
Genl. Scott &  
Gov. Reynolds  
to  
General Clark  
Supt. of Indian Affairs.

*affidavit*  
Rock Island Sep 22. 1852  
From  
Genl W Scott &  
Gov Reynolds

Request Genl Clark to  
forward medals for the  
Indians +

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Rock Island, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1832

As commissioners on the part of the United States, who have negotiated treaties with the Winnebago nation and the confederated tribes of Sac and Foxes, we have promised medals to certain Indians as follows: - To half Winnebagos, half Sioux, belonging to the Winnebagos under general Streets Agency (the Indian who took Black Hawk, or the Prophet) a medal of the second size; to the Slating chief, a Sac, and to Wapella, a Fox a medal, each, of the first or largest size.

We will beg you to send the three medals promised as above, to the Agent of those nations, respectively, to be presented in the name, and in behalf of the United States.

The medals left by you, with one of the commissioners, have been disposed of as follows: - One of the largest size to the principal chief, Camoumace, a Winnebago of Grand Streets' Agency; one of the third size to the son of the Cow, or Blind, a Winnebago, of the Rock-river Agency, who served gallantly with General Dodge in the late campaign; one of the largest size to Kee-kuck, a Sac, whom we made a Chief, in the name of the President of the United States, and with the approbation of the

Confederated tribes; one of the second size to Ma-tow-e-gua,  
a Fox chief, and one each, of the smallest size to Pe-a-cher-  
noa, and Wah-ku-mu, two young Sac chiefs, and Ma-gua-  
pa-che-to, a young Fox chief.

The box of Indian goods, containing red and blue cloth,  
blankets, shirts, handkerchiefs, knives, and paints, and the  
bag of tobacco left by you with the same commissioner,  
have been distributed, with many other presents purchased  
here, among the tribes with which we have held meetings.

We have the honor to be,

With great respect  
Yours most.

Sig? Whipple Scott  
John Reynolds.

General W. Clark

Secretary of Indian Affairs.

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B. Bache Capt'd.  
Ley to the command.

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Rock Island, Sep. 22, 1832.

We had the honour of sending off in haste, on the 16th instant, by a safe hand, as far as Saint Louis, & to go thence by mail to you at Washington, an original of a Treaty (made in duplicate) concluded by us, commissioners on the part of the United States, with the Winnebagos nation of Indians, & at the same time, in a note, expressed the hope that the Treaty would meet the approbation of the Executive of the U. States.

We suppose that the U. States, according to the best calculations we have been enabled to make, will gain by the exchange of territory with the Winnebagos, about 2,500,000 acres of land, & the whole country so acquired, about 4,600,000 acres, is known to be well watered, generally of a good soil, well adapted to farming & grazing purposes. Many persons, well acquainted with it, suppose it will average to the U. States more than the minimum price of public lands soon after it shall be brought into market; but estimating the equal quantities exchanged by the Treaty, to be of equal value in money, the difference in quantity gained by the U. States, as low as 17½ cents per acre, the difference will prove more than re-imburse the Treasury, in 27 years, all the payment to be disbursed to stipulated to be made by the U. States in the same period.

The political advantages which will result to the Union, & more particularly to the State of Illinois & the Territory of Michigan, from the removal of the Winnebagos to the north of the Wisconsin & west of the Mississippi, are too obvious to be more than alluded to. They constituted a leading inducement with the commissioners in agreeing to the ~~favorable~~ stipulations for the removal of the Winnebagos, & are, in fact, sufficiently interested in your general welfare to be more than alluded to. The whole arrangement was, in truth, under the circumstances, very much in the hands of the commissioners, & if they have agreed to just & equitable provisions in favour of the Winnebagos, it was because conscience required that they should be treated with justice & liberality. We trust that a great nation, & the Executive of a great nation, will approve

from conduct in this particular.

The Treaty with the Winnebagos was signed the 15th instant. In presence to  
the junctions of the commandant of the army here, the chiefs of the Sac & Foxes  
arrived on the morning of the 18th. We opened a conference with them, in full  
council, the 19th. The next day we received their reply; slightly modified  
original propositions; accepted others made to us, & yesterday signed  
a Treaty, an original of which will be found herewith enclosed. We  
hope that his instrument, also, will receive the approbation of the Executive of  
the U. States, & again we repeat, that the power to dictate was very much  
in our own hands; but we did not believe that more disadvantageous  
terms for the Sac & Fox confederacy, would have conported with the true  
glory of the U. States.

By this Treaty, on the blunted ground of conquest & contract, the  
U. States acquire the right of soil in more than 6,000,000 of acres of  
land, which will be worth more, according to all reports of its quality, in  
thirty years, than seven millions of dollars, & for which, deducting the expenses  
of the war, the U. S. will only have to pay, in the same term of years, about  
\$660,000.

It is believed that no country, between the same parallels of latitude,  
presents greater natural advantages for farming & grazing than that  
acquired by this Treaty. The soil of it, is known to be generally excellent,  
& it is also known to be well watered & sufficiently covered with wood. It  
abounds in lead ore, & if the present proposals are to be credited, in other  
more valuable ores.

The individuals who are now prisoners at Jefferson Barracks &  
elsewhere, according to the terms of the Treaty, are to be held as hostages  
during the pleasure of the President of the U. States, are all men of  
consequence in the confederated tribes. We ask leave to recommend  
that they be retained as hostages for at least ten, if not for a  
much longer term of years.

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With this Treaty, captain Bache of the army, secretary to the commission, whom we consent to your favourable notice, will have the honour of handing you Minutes of our Conference or Talks, both with the Winnebagos & the confederated Sac & Foxes. All those tribes were fully represented in the Councils which we held with them respectively, & we are happy to state that all the deputations left us professedly evidently satisfied with what they had done & with the treatment they had personally received.

The Minutes will show the temper & progress of the two negotiations, & it is due to the commissioner who took the lead herein, to state, that this was by the express desire of his associate.

It will be perceived that imputations were cast, by the Rock River band of Winnebagos, on their Agent, W. Gratiot. The latter was prevented from being at the making of the Treaty, by indisposition. He came to Rock Island a day or two after, & if we had needed any explanation on his part, it would have been easy for him to have exculpated himself; but, in truth, we had not, for a moment, believed his accuser. W. Gratiot appears to have been, in every respect, highly worthy of the trust conferred upon him by the government. With the other two Winnebagos Agents, Messrs. Street & Kenzie, we had every reason to be pleased satisfied, & also with Mr. Pilcher, the acting Sac & Fox Agent. All three gave us, with zeal, all the assistance which we had a right to ask at their hands. Mr. Pilcher was not present at the making & signing of the Treaty with the Sac & Foxes, having gone down to St. Louis, by our desire, to obtain the sumitties due to his Indians, by the difficulties in the navigation of the Mississippi, at the season of the year, has not yet returned. The sumitties, however, have been advanced by a trader at this place.

We have the honor to be, Sir, with high respect,

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Yours O. S.

Winfield Scott

John Reynolds

Hon. L. C. Jr.

Sec. of War.

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P.S. We have omitted to state, above, that it was the request of  
the chiefs & warriors of the Sac & Fox tribes, made to us, in full coun-  
cil, that objected to by any of their people, that the Annuities payable here-  
after to their confederated tribes, should only be paid to the chiefs  
& warriors only.

W. W. & I.R.

For recheck

Chas. H. Clark -  
in P. M.  
C. A. M.  
Rec'd. 10/28/1932

Received by me  
both of whom I recd  
and signed.

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Sage & Fox  
Wash. Oct 13. 1832  
From Capt.  
Rich' Bache.

Towards Sac & Fox tribe  
Lc.

No enclosures

Aug 29-1911

no money

no b. m.

no m. t.

m. a. m.

Enclosures, it appears,  
were sent to Senate with  
treas. - Sept 1832

Washington Oct. 13<sup>rd</sup> 1832.

Sir.

I had the honor to send you on the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. by the direction of the Commissioners General Scott, and Governor Reynolds, their letter, from Rock Island, of the 22<sup>d</sup> ultimo, with a Treaty they concluded with the Sac and Foxes, the preceding day.

I now present Minutes of the conferences held with the Winnebagos, and Sac and Foxes, the former numbered from 1 to 8G, and the latter numbered from 1 to 3; & also, a copy of a letter from the commissioners to General Clark, and the acknowledgement presented to the Commissioners, in council, by the Sac and Fox deputations, of the debt of the nation to their traders Yonkam and Davenport.

I have the hon. to be Sir.

Yrs mostt.

A. Parker Capt'd  
Secy. to the Commissioners.

The Hon

Lewis Cass

Secy of War.

Washington

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