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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 184

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE  
TREATY OF FEBRUARY 18, 1833, WITH THE OTTAWA INDIANS



Ratified March, 22, 1833,

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Department of State,

August 14, 1854

Encloses corrected copy, from  
the original, of the Ottawa  
Treaty of February, 1833.

(B.N. 145, p. )

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Received August 15, 1854.  
Filed.



Department of State,  
Washington, August 14, 1854.

Sir:

I made a thorough search, this morning, and found  
the original of the Treaty between the United States and  
the Ottawa Tribe of Indians, ratified March 22, 1833.  
I send you a corrected copy.

Very respectfully, yours,  
Josiah Melvin.

John Dowling, Esq.,  
Indian Officer.



Indian Office

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**TREATY**

BETWEEN

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND THE

**OTTAWA INDIANS.**

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CONCLUDED FEBRUARY 18, 1833—RATIFIED MARCH 22, 1833.

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## ANDREW JACKSON,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS a Treaty between the United States of America and the Band of Ottawa Indians residing on the Indian Reserves on the Miami of Lake Erie, was made and concluded at Maumee in the State of Ohio, on the eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by George B. Porter, Commissioner on the part of the United States, and certain Chiefs and Headmen of the Band of Ottawa Indians on the part of said Band, which Treaty is in the words following, to wit:

Articles of a Treaty made at Maumee in the State of Ohio, on the eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, between George B. Porter, Commissioner on the part of the United States, of the one part; and the undersigned Chiefs and Headmen of the Band of Ottawa Indians, residing on the Indian Reserves, on the Miami of Lake Erie, and in the vicinity thereof, representing the whole of said Band, of the other part:

Whereas, by the twentieth article of the treaty concluded at the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, on the twenty-ninth day of September A. D. 1817, it is provided as follows: "The United States also agree to grant, by patent, to the Chiefs of the Ottawa tribe of Indians for the use of the said tribe, a tract of land, to contain thirty-four square miles, to be laid out as nearly in a square form as practicable, not interfering with the lines of the tracts reserved by the treaty of Greenville, on the south side of the Miami River of Lake Erie, and to include Tush-que-gan, or McCarty's village; which tracts, thus granted, shall be held by the said tribe, upon the usual conditions of Indian reservations, as though no patent were issued." And whereas, by the sixth article of the treaty concluded at Detroit, on the seventeenth day of November A. D. 1807, it is provided, for the accommodation of the Indians named in the treaty, that certain tracts of land, within the cession then made, should be reserved to the said Indian nations, among which is a reservation described as follows:—"Four miles square on the Miami Bay, including the villages where Meskeman and Waugan now live," which reservation was expressly made for the Ottawa tribe. By virtue of which stipulations and reservations the said Band of Ottawas are now in the occupancy and enjoyment of the two tracts of land therein described;—and for the consideration hereinafter stated, have agreed to cede the same to the United States; and bind themselves to each and all of the articles, and conditions which follow:

1st. ARTICLE I. The said Ottawa Band cede to the United States all their land on each or either side of the Miami River of Lake Erie, or on the Miami Bay, being all the lands mentioned or intended to be included in the two reservations aforesaid, or to which they

have any claim. No claims to be made for improvements.

2nd. ARTICLE II. It is agreed that out of the lands hereby ceded, the following reservations shall be made: and that patents for each tract shall be granted by the United States to the individuals respectively and their heirs for the quantity hereby assigned to each, that is to say:—A tract of fifteen hundred and twenty acres shall be laid off at the mouth of the River, on the south side thereof, and to be so surveyed as to accommodate the following persons, for whose use respectively, each tract hereinafter described is reserved, viz: three hundred and twenty acres for Au-to-kee, a Chief, at the mouth of the river, to include Presque Isle:—eight hundred acres for Jacques Robert, Peter, Antoine, Francis and Alexis Navarre, to include their present improvements:—one hundred and sixty acres for Wa-say-on, the son of Tush-qua-guan, to include his father's old cabin:—the remaining two hundred and forty acres to be set off in the rear of these two sections:—eighty acres thereof for Pe-tau, and if practicable to include her cabin and field:—eighty acres more thereof for Che-no, a Chief, above, or higher up the little creek, and the other eighty acres thereof, for Joseph Le Cavalier Ranjard, in trust for himself, and the legal representatives of Albert Ranjard deceased. Also, the following tracts on the north side of said river:—one hundred and sixty acres for Wau-sa-on-o-quet, a Chief, to include the improvement where he now lives on Pike creek, and to front on the Bay:—eighty acres for Leon Guoin and his children, adjoining the last and on the south side thereof:—one hundred and sixty acres for Aush-cush and Ke-tuck-kee, Chiefs, to be laid off on the north side of Ottawa creek, fronting on the same, and above the place where the said Aush-cush now lives. One hundred and sixty acres for Robert A. Forsyth of Maumee, to be laid off on each side of the turnpike road where half-way creek crosses the same: and one hundred and sixty acres, fronting on the Maumee River, to include the place where Ke-ne-wau-ba formerly resided:—one hundred and sixty acres for John E. Hunt, fronting on the said river, immediately above and adjoining the last; and also one hundred and sixty acres, to adjoin the former tract, on the turnpike road. The said tracts to be surveyed and set off, under the direction of the President of the United States.



The said Au-to-kee, Wasay-on, Pe-tau-she-no, Wau-sa-on-o-quet, Aush-cush, and Ke-tuck-kee, being Indians, the lands hereby reserved for them, are not to be alienated without the approbation of the President of the United States.

The said Leon Guoin has resided, for a long time among these Indians, have subsisted them when they would otherwise have suffered, and they are greatly attached to him. They request that the grant be to him and his present wife, during their joint lives, and the life of the survivor, and to their children in fee.

The said Jacques, Robert, Peter, Antoine, Francis and Alexis Navarre have long resided among these Indians—intermarried with them, and been valuable friends.

The said Albert Ranjard deceased, had purchased land of them previous to the late war, upon which, before he died, he had paid them three hundred dollars, for which his family have never received any equivalent.

The reservations to the said Robert A. Forsyth and John E. Hunt, being at the especial request of the said band, in consideration of their long residence among them, and the many acts of kindness they have extended to them.

ARTICLE III. In consideration of which it is agreed that the United States shall pay to the said band of Indians the sum of twenty-nine thousand four hundred and forty dollars, to be, by direction of the said band applied in extinguishment of their debts, in manner following: that is to say, to John Hollister and Company, seven thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars, which includes other claims, directed by the said Indians to be by him paid, amounting to thirteen hundred and ninety-five dollars, as per schedule

A, herewith:—To John E. Hunt, nine thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars, which includes other claims, directed by the said Indians to be by him paid, amounting to two thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars, and sixty-three cents, as per schedule B, herewith:—To Robert A. Forsyth of Maumee, ten thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars, which includes other claims directed by the said Indians to be by him paid, amounting to four thousand four hundred and ten dollars, as per schedule C, herewith.—To Louis Beaufit seven hundred dollars. To Pierre Menard four hundred dollars.—To John King, one hundred dollars.—To Louis King fifty-six dollars.

Within six months after payment by the United States, of the said consideration money the said Indians agree to remove from all the lands herein ceded. And it is expressly understood that in the meantime no interruption shall be offered to the survey of the same by the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That I, Andrew Jackson, President of the United States of America, having seen and considered said Treaty, do, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed in their resolution of the second instant, accept, ratify and confirm the same, and every clause and article 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 twenty-second day of March, in the [L. S.] year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-seventh.

By the President:  
EDW: LIVINGSTON,  
Secretary of State.

And whereas the said Band have represented to the said Commissioner that under the treaty, as interpreted to them, entered into with John B. Gardiner, Commissioner on the part of the United States, on the 30th day of August 1831, for the cession of a part of their lands, there is due to them, jointly with that portion of the tribe that has emigrated eighteen thousand dollars, and for which they have made claim: whenever this deficiency shall be paid. It is agreed that out of said fund there shall be paid to Joseph Leronger in full satisfaction of all his claim, four hundred dollars; and to Pierre Menard in like satisfaction sixteen hundred dollars; to Gabriel Godfroy, junior, in like satisfaction two hundred dollars; to Waubee's daughter Nauquesh-kum-o-qua, fifty dollars; to Charles Leway or Nau-w y nes fifty dollars; to Dr. Horatio Conant, two hundred dollars in full satisfaction of all his claim; to Joseph F. Marsac, fifty dollars.

This treaty after the same shall have been ratified by the President and Senate of the United States, shall be binding on the contracting parties.

In testimony whereof the said George B. Porter, and the undersigned Chiefs and Headmen of the said Band have hereunto set their hands, at Maumee, the said day and year.

G. B. PORTER.

Wau-see-on-o-quet,	his x mark.
An-to-kee,	his x mark.
She-no,	his x mark.
Wau-be-gai-kek	his x mark.
Shaw-wa-no,	his x mark.
Kee-tuk-kee,	his x mark.
Aush-cush,	his x mark.
No-ten-o,	his x mark.
Way-say-on,	his x mark.
Sas-sain,	his x mark.
Nau-qua-gai-shik,	his x mark.
O-sage,	his x mark.
Me-sau-kee,	his x mark.
Kin-je-way-no,	his x mark.
An-ne-qua-to,	his x mark.
Meesh-quet,	his x mark.
Sa-see-go-wa,	his x mark.
P-ton-o-quet,	his x mark.
Saw-ga-nosh,	his x mark.
Enne-me-kee,	his x mark.
Aish-qua-bee,	his x mark.

In presence of

E. A. BRUSH, Secy.  
KINTZING PRITCHETTE  
HENRY CONNER  
LOUIS BEAUFIT  
JAMES JACKSON, Sub Agent.  
JOHN E. HUNT  
CHS. C. P. HUNT  
G. B. KNAGGS  
JOHN HOLLISTER  
JAMES H. FORSYTH  
J. D. BEAUGRAND.

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the Ottawa treaty

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In Senate of the U. S

March 2. 1833

Resolved (Two thirds of the  
Senators present concurring) That  
the Senate do advise and consent  
to the ratification of the Treaty  
between the United States of  
America and the Ottawa Indians,  
concluded at Maumee in the  
State of Ohio, the Eighteenth  
day of February, one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty three.

Attest

Walter Law

Sec. Small



Michigan  
maimed

Stoughton  
Feb. 18. 1833.

From

Gov. G. B. Porter

Enclosing Ottawa Treaty.

No enclosure



Maumee, Ohio.

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Sir,

I lose no time in enclosing to you the Treaty which I have this morning concluded with the Ottawas of the Maumee for the cession of their lands, on each side of the Miami river of Lake Erie and on the Miami Bay.

Not having received an answer to my Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, asking for some further Instructions, I have proceeded according to my own best judgment; and hope that what I have done will meet with the approbation of the Department, and be ratified by the President and Senate of the United States — I found it impossible to effect a Treaty without inserting the small reservations contained in this amounting in the whole to but 2500 Acres — On much reflection I am convinced it was right to allow them.

The tracts ceded contain 32,000 Acres, agreeably to the description given of them in the treaty by which they were originally set apart. Deducting therefrom the amount of these reservations, the balance would be 29,500 Acres for which I have agreed to pay one dollar per acre amounting to \$29,500. — As these Indians had anticipated this sale by getting goods in advance to the full amount of what the land was worth, they would listen to no proposition but that which yielded the most money to them — I endeavoured, but without any the least effect, to persuade them to accept the very advantageous proposals contained in your Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup>



October last, in case they would wisely determine to  
go West of the Mississippi.

My account of the expenses incurred  
shall be transmitted as soon after my return home  
as possible.

I have the honor to be  
with great respect

Your friend &  
Obedient

J. D. D. D.  
" " " "

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Oliver Herring  
Commissioner of  
Indian Affairs



Oblige me by letting me know  
the result - whether satisfied with the  
present session.

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