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DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE
NEGOTIATION OF AN UNRATIFIED TREATY OF
OCTOBER 14, 1863, WITH THE BANNOCK AND SHOSHONI INDIANS

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March 12, 1864

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Territory one, treaties
with various bands of
the Shoshone Indians,
ratified by the Senate
with amendments thereto

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Treaty as amended
sent to Gov'day
for assent March

May 19, 1864

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Department of the Interior.

Washington D. C. March 12 1864

Sir:

I herewith transmit to you:

1. A treaty with the Sioux Bands, Tannacks, and Shoshone, concluded on the 14th of Oct. 1863, together with a resolution of the Senate of the 7th instant, advising and consenting to the ratification of the same with an amendment.

2. A treaty with the Shoshone Nation of Indians, of the Eastern Bands concluded on the 2nd of July 1863 - with a resolution of the Senate of the 7th inst., advising and consenting to the ratification of the same with an amendment,

3. A treaty with the Northwestern Bands of Shoshone Indians, concluded the 30th of July 1863, together with a resolution of the Senate of the 7th inst. advising and consenting to the ratification thereof with an amendment.

4. A treaty with the Shoshone - Gros Ventre Bands of Indians, concluded on the 12th of October 1853, together with a resolution of the Senate, of the 7th instant, advising and consenting to the ratification of the same with an amendment;

To the end that these amendments proposed by the Senate, may be presented to the tribes of Indians named, for their acceptance.

Very respectfully,

Your obt: Servt,

J. G. Walker
Secretary.

Wm P. Dole Esq'
Comr. of Ind'n Affairs.

Oct. 14 - 1863
Bannocks & Shoshones
(unrat.)

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Treaty of Peace and Friendship, made at Soda Springs in Idaho Territory this fourteenth day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, by and between the United States of America, represented by Brigadier General P. Edward Connor, commanding the Military District of Umatilla, and James Duane Doty, Commissioner, and the undersigned chiefs of the mixed Bands of Bannacks and Shoshonees occupying the valley of Shoshonee River, as follows:

Article I. It is mutually agreed that friendly and amicable relations shall be reestablished between the said Bands and the United States; and that a firm and perpetual peace shall be henceforth maintained between the said bands and the United States.

Article II. The Treaty concluded at Fort Bridger on the 2nd day of July 1863 between the United States and the Shoshonee nation, and also the Treaty concluded at Boys Elder on the 30th day of July 1863 between the United States and the North western Bands of the Shoshonee Nation being read and fully interpreted and explained to the said chiefs, they do hereby give their full and free assent to all of the provisions of said Treaties, and the same are hereby adopted as a part of this Treaty, and the same shall be binding upon the parties hereto, the said Bands sharing in the annuities herein provided for the Shoshonee Nation.

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Article III. The said Bands, in addition, agree that the roads now used by white men between Soda Springs and the Beaver Head Mines and between Salt Lake and the Boise river mines, as also such other roads, as it may be necessary or convenient for the white men to make and use between said places, or between other points within their country, shall at all times be free and safe for travel; and no depredation shall be committed upon white men in any part of their country. And the said Bands hereby acknowledge to have received of the United States by its commissioner, at the signing of these articles, provisions and goods to the amount of three thousand dollars to relieve their immediate wants before their departure to their hunting grounds.

Article IV. The country claimed by the said Bands jointly with the Shoshonee nation, extends, as described by them from the lower part of Humboldt river, and the Salmon Falls on Shoshonee river, eastwardly to the Wind river Mountains—

Done at Soda Springs this fourteenth day of
October A. D. 1863.

In presence of the under-

signed witnesses -

David Black

Capt. 3rd Drift C. V.

Commandg. Camp Connor

Horace Wheat

Amos P. Wright

Willie H. Booth

(Special Interpreters)

James Duane Polk
Commissioner

P. Edw. Connor

Brig. Genl W. S. T.

Comdg. Dist. Utah

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Washetab " X "

Naw-yo-gun " X "

Mopeah " X "

Gooshagunel " X "

Boewut " X "

Tsookwanbenahh " X "

Tahgee " X "

Wayzeewunah " X "

Woragnnd " X "

Maltiqund " X "

Teenitz " X "

Tayber " X "

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In Executive Session Senate of the United States.

March 7, 1861 -

Resolved (two thirds of the Senators present concurring) That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, made at Soda Springs in Idaho Territory, the fourteenth day of October A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty three, by and between the United States of America, represented by Brigadier General P. Edward Connor commanding the Military district of Utah &c., and James Duane Doty, Commissioner, and the chiefs of the mixed Bands of Bannackers and Shoshonees, occupying the Valley of Shoshonee river, with the following Amendment: insert the following as a new Article:

Article 5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to admit any other or greater title or interest in the lands embraced within the Territories described in said Treaty in said Tribes or Bands of Indians than existed in them upon the acquisition of said Territories from Mexico by the laws thereof. -

Attest:

J. W. Forney
Secretary