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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 345

**DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF OCTOBER 19, 1865, WITH THE BLACKFEET
BAND OF SIOUX INDIANS**

Blackfoot -

~~Oct 19, 1865~~
[Oct 19, 1865]

Copy of treaty with
the Blackfeet, made at
Fort Sully, Oct 19th 1865

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Article of a treaty made and concluded
at Fort Sully in the Territory of Dakota
by and between. Newton Edmonds, Governor
and ex officio Superintendent of Indian Affairs
of Dakota Territory. Edward, B. Taylor, Superintendent
of Indian Affairs for the Northern Superintending
Major General, S. R. Curtis, Brigadier Gen. H. H.
Sibley, Henry M. Reed, and Amin Shemsey
Commissioners on the part of the United States
duly appointed by the President, and the
undersigned Chief, and Head Men
of the Blackfoot Band of Dakota or
Sioux Indians.

Article First
The Blackfoot Band of Dakota or
Sioux Indians, represented in Council
hereby acknowledge themselves to be subject
to the exclusive jurisdiction and authority
of the United States, and hereby obligate
and bind themselves individually and
collectively, not only to cease all hostilities
against the persons and property of its
citizens, but to use their influence, and if
necessary physical force, to prevent
other bands of the Dakota or Sioux, or
other adjacent tribes from making hostile
demonstrations against the Government of
the United States or its people.

Article Second
In as much as the Government of the
United States is desirous to abress

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the effusion of blood. between the
Indian Tribes within its jurisdiction
hitherto at war, with each other. The
Blackfoot Band of Dakota, or Sioux
represented in Council, anxious to respect
the wishes of the Government, hereby agree
and bind themselves to discontinue for
the future all attacks upon the persons
or property of other tribes, unless first
assailed by them, and to use their
influence to promote peace everywhere
in the region occupied or frequented by them.

Article Third

All controversies or differences arising between
the Blackfoot band of Dakota, or Sioux, represented
in Council, and other tribes of Indians, involving
the question of peace or war, shall be
submitted for the arbitrament of the
President, or such person, or persons,
as may be designated by him, and
the decision or award faithfully observed
by the said Band, represented in Council

Article Fourth

The said Band represented in Council
shall withdraw from the routes overland
already established or hereafter to be es-
tablished, through their country, and in
consideration thereof, and of their non
interference with the persons and property
of citizens of the United States travelling
thereon, the government of the United States

agree to pay to the said band the sum of seven thousand dollars annually for twenty years, in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct Provided, that said Band so represented in Council shall faithfully conform to the requirements of this treaty

Article Fifth

Any amendment, or modification of this Treaty by the said Band represented in Council as a part of this treaty in the same manner as if it had been subsequently presented, and agreed to by the Chiefs, and Head men, of said Nation

In Testimony Whereof the Commissioners on the part of the United States, and the Chiefs, and Head men of the said Blackfoot Band of the Dakota or Sioux, have hereunto set their hands, this nineteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty five, after the contents had previously been read, interpreted & explained to the said Chiefs and Head men

Norton Edmonds,
Edward B. Taylor
S. R. Curtis

Bras Gul
H. H. Sibley
Brig^d Genl
Henry W. Reed
Orin. Guernsey

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Chief

Mah. kah. Chum i ah-pue. The one that is used as a shield ^{his} mark

Mah. munn-dee wak Kon o

The war Eagle in the air. } ^{his} mark

Oya kin di a man nee

The track that rings as it walks } ^{his} mark

Show kah how shah, The long dog ^{his} mark Chief

Principal Braves or Soldiers

Mah to ko ke pah. He that fears the Bear ^{his} mark

A. hach ah. Sap pah The black Stag ^{his} mark

A. hach ah m. chah tah. The Stag Man ^{his} mark

Mah to wash tay The Good Bear ^{his} mark

Tah tow Kah ho wash tay. The buffalo with a fine voice ^{his} mark

Show Kah Wah munn-dee The Dog War Eagle ^{his} mark

Mah munn-dee yow kah. He that has the war Eagle ^{his} mark

Muzzah to yah. The Blue Snow ^{his} mark

Signed by the Commissioners on the part of the United States, and by the Chief and Head men after the Treaty had been fully read, interpreted & explained in our presence

A. W. Hubbard

M. C. 6th Dist Court

E. J. Ruth, Secy to Commission

C. J. Barrett Special Agent Ind affs

J. S. Curtis Maj. 2nd Colorado Cavalry

R. R. Witt Reporter of the Commission

Zephun ^{his} mark + Rencontre } Interpreter
Charles ^{his} mark Degres }

TREATY

BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND THE

BLACKFEET BAND OF DAKOTA OR SIOUX INDIANS.

CONCLUDED OCTOBER 19, 1865.

RATIFICATION ADVISED, WITH AMENDMENT, MARCH 5, 1866.

PROCLAIMED MARCH 17, 1866.

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ANDREW JOHNSON, .

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 Fort Sully, in the Territory of Dakota, on the nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, by and between Newton Edmunds, Edward B. Taylor, Major General S. R. Curtis, Brigadier General H. H. Sibley, Henry W. Reed, and Orrin Guernsey, commissioners, on the part of the United States, and Wah-hah-chunk-i-ah-pee, (The One that is used as a Shield,) Wah-mun-dee-wak-ko-no, (The War Eagle in the Air,) and other Chiefs and Headmen of the Blackfeet band of Dakota or Sioux Indians, on the part of said band of Indians, and duly authorized thereto by them, which treaty is in the words and figures following, to wit:

Articles of a treaty made and concluded at Fort Sully, in the Territory of Dakota, by and between Newton Edmunds, governor and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs of Dakota Territory, Edward B. Taylor, superintendent of Indian affairs for the northern superintendency, Major General S. R. Curtis, Brigadier General H. H. Sibley, Henry W. Reed, and Orrin Guernsey, commissioners on the part of the United States, duly appointed by the President, and the undersigned chiefs and headmen of the Blackfeet band of Dakota or Sioux Indians.

ARTICLE FIRST.

The Blackfeet band of Dakota or Sioux Indians, represented in council, hereby acknowledge themselves to be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and authority of the United States, and hereby obligate and bind themselves, individually and collectively, not only to cease all hostilities against the persons and property of its citizens, but to use their influence, and, if necessary, physical force to prevent other bands of the Dakota or Sioux, or other adjacent tribes from making hostile demonstrations against the government of the United States, or its people.

ARTICLE SECOND.

Inasmuch as the government of the United States is desirous to arrest the effusion of blood between the Indian tribes within its jurisdiction hitherto a[t] war with each other, the Blackfeet band of Dakota or Sioux, represented in council, anxious to respect the wishes of the government, hereby agree and bind themselves to discontinue for the future all attacks upon the persons or property of other tribes, unless first assailed by them, and to use their influence to promote peace everywhere in the region occupied or frequented by them.

ARTICLE THIRD.

All controversies or differences arising between the Blackfeet band of Dakota or Sioux, represented in council, and other tribes of Indians, involving the question of peace or war, shall be submitted for the arbitrament of the President, or such person or persons as may be designated by him, and the decision or award faithfully observed by the said band represented in council.

ARTICLE FOURTH.

The said band, represented in council, shall withdraw from the routes overland, already established or hereafter to be established, through their country, and in consideration thereof, and of their non-interference with the persons and property of citizens of the United States travelling thereon, the government of the United States agree to pay to the said band the sum of seven thousand dollars annually, for twenty years, in such articles as the Secretary of the Interior may direct: *Provided*, That said band, so represented in council, shall faithfully conform to the requirements of this treaty.

ARTICLE FIFTH.

Any amendment or modification of this treaty, by the [Senate of the United States shall be considered final and binding upon the] said band represented in council, as a part of this treaty, in the same manner as if it had been subsequently presented and agreed to by the chiefs and headmen of said nation.

In testimony whereof the commissioners on the part of the United States, and the chiefs and headmen of the said Blackfeet band of the Dakota or Sioux, have hereunto set their hands, this nineteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, after the contents had previously been read, interpreted, and explained to the said chiefs and headmen.

NEWTON EDMUNDS,
EDWARD B. TAYLOR,
S. R. CURTIS, Maj. Gen'l,
H. H. SIBLEY, Brig. General,
HENRY W. REED,
ORRIN GUERNSEY.

Chiefs.

WAH-HAH-CHUNK-I-AH-PEE,
The One that is used as a Shield, his x mark.
WAH-MUN-DEE-WAK-KON-O,
The War Eagle in the Air, his x mark.
OYA-HIN-DI-A-MAN-NEE,
The Track that Rings as it Walks, his x mark.
SHON-KAH-HON-SKAH,
The Long Dog, his x mark.

Principal Braves or Soldiers.

MAH-TO-KO-KE-PAH,
He that Fears the Bear, his x mark.
A-HACK-AH-SAP-PAH,
The Black Stag, his x mark.

A-HACK-AH-WE-CHASH-TAH,
The Stag Man, his x mark.

MAH-TO-WASH-TAY,
The Good Bear, his x mark.

TAH-TON-KAH-HO-WASH-TAY,
The Buffalo with a Fine Voice, his x mark.

SHON-KAH-WAH-MUN-DEE,
The Dog War Eagle, his x mark.

WAH-MUN-DEE-YOU-HAH,
He that has the War Eagle, his x mark.

MUZ-ZAH-TO-YAH,
The Blue Iron, his x mark.

Chief CHAN-TA-PA-TA,
Fire Heart, his x mark.

Chief CHAN-TA-NON-PAS,
Two Hearts, his x mark.

Signed by the commissioners on the part of the United States, and by the chiefs and headmen after the treaty had been fully read, interpreted, and explained, in our presence:

A. W. HUBBARD,
M. C. 6th dist. Iowa.

E. F. RUTH,
Sec'y to Commission.

O. D. BARNES,
Spec. Agent Ind. Affs.

S. S. CURTIS,
Maj. 2nd Regt. Cavalry.

R. R. HITT,
Reporter of the Commission.

ZEPHIER RENCONTRE, his x mark,

CHARLES DEGRES, his x mark,
Interpreter[s.]

Soldiers.

CE-HA-PA-CHI-KE-LA,
Little Blackfoot, his x mark.

CHAN-TA-PE-A,
Strong Heart, his x mark.

NON-PA-GE-GU-MUGAMA,
Round Hand, his x mark.

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 fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, advise and consent to the ratification of the same, with an amendment, by a resolution in the words and figures following, to wit:

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

March 5, 1866.

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring,) That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty made and concluded at

A-HACK-AH-WE-CHASH-TAH,
The Stag Man, his x mark.
MAH-TO-WASH-TAY,
The Good Bear, his x mark.
TAH-TON-KAH-HO-WASH-TAY,
The Buffalo with a Fine Voice, his x mark.
SHON-KAH-WAH-MUN-DEE,
The Dog War Eagle, his x mark.
WAH-MUN-DEE-YOU-HAH,
He that has the War Eagle, his x mark.
MUZ-ZAH-TO-YAH,
The Blue Iron, his x mark.
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March 5, 1866.

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Fort Sully, in the Territory of Dakota, by and between the commissioners on the part of the United States and the chiefs and headmen of the Blackfeet band of *Dacotah* [Dakota] or Sioux Indians, with the following

AMENDMENT:

Article 4, lines 4, 5, and 6, strike out the following words, viz: "and of their no[n]-interference with the persons and property of citizens of the United States travelling thereon."

Attest:

J. W. FORNEY.
Secretary.

And whereas it was intended and understood by article fifth of said treaty that any amendment or modification of it by the Senate of the United States should be considered final and binding upon the said band of Indians, represented in council, as a part of the treaty, in the same manner as if it had been subsequently presented and agreed to by the chiefs and headmen of said band:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed in its resolution of the fifth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, accept, ratify, and confirm the said treaty with the amendment as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have signed the same with my hand, and have caused the seal of the United States to be hereto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this seventeenth day of March, in the [SEAL.] year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.

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WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State.