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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 218

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF NOVEMBER 30, 1836, WITH THE WAHPEKUTE,
SISSETON, AND MDEWAKANTON SIOUX INDIANS

C. J. A. - St Peters ✓ W. 112.
Gov of Wisconsin
Belmont. Dec 20. 1836.

Forwards letter from
Maj Talciferro of the 30th
Nov. to Com. Ind Aff, accom-
panied by a Schedule of a
treaty proposed to be made
with the Sioux for a cession
of all their land east of the
Missis: amt^o to about 2,800,000
acres - with a request that
the same may be submitted
to the Pres. - also a letter
from Maj T to himself on
same subject - same date.

Forwards also a letter from
Maj T reporting the tran-
quil state of his agency.

Enclosed paper with Com.
Ans 14 Dec 1837 &
copies furnished Hon G W
Lover same day

Superintendency of Indian Affairs
Wisconsin Territory -

Belmont, December 20th 1826

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Major Taliaferro's letter addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs relative to a cession, by the Meddawakanton tribe of Sioux, to the United States, of all their lands east of the Mississippi River, with the Schedule of a Treaty therefor, to be submitted to the President; also, a Copy of Major Taliaferro's letter addressed to me upon the same Subject.

You will likewise receive, enclosed herewith, the Monthly Report of the Condition of the Agency at St. Peters, by the U. S. Indian Agent, resident there.

With great respect, I am, Sir,

Yours &c.

A. Dodge Super Int. Affs

J. C. A. Harris Esq
Commissioner of Ind. Affairs
Washington City.

St. Peter's Sept. 2. 1836

Relation to extinction
of Claim of Medawaukanton
tribe of Sioux to all their lands
east of Mississippi River -

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Governor

Office of Indian Agency, St. Peter
Upper Mississippi September 2^d 1836

I deem it proper that you should be apprised of the fact of my having addressed the Department on the 15th day of May last on the Subject of the extinction of the Claims of the Upper, and Lower Mecedawantow Sioux to all their lands on the East of the Mississippi and extending from a point opposite the Upper Iowa to the first River above South River, and Seventy miles above this Post, all for a Sum less than One hundred, and Sixty Thousand dollars. Should the Department be enabled to give this Subject its speedy attention, & as the Minds of the Indians were fluctuating, and liable to be influenced by designing persons.

An answer has been received, stating that the Subject of a treaty with those Tribes of Indians would have to be deferred for the present for the want of an appropriation.

It is to be regretted that this Treaty comprising an important portion could not have been obtained prior to the promulgation of Mr. Scholcraft's extraordinary compact with a portion of the Ottawas, and Chippewas at Washington City on the 28th of March last. You have only but to mark the appropriations under that Treaty to be convinced of the utter impracticability of treating with the Tribes yet within Michigan & the Territory upon any reasonable basis of a fair compensation for their lands in future, unless we surrender up the Surplus Revenue to the many Indians at all times and on all occasions of treaty making. ~~as~~ in the wake

of the tribes whenever it has been in contemplation to
relieve the States from the presence of the Indians.

This letter has been written in haste for the mail, and
have not a moment to revise, or to copy.

Very respectfully Yrs

Your most Obedt Servt

Law Taliaferro

Indian Agent

At St Louis

His Excellency

Governor Henry Dodge

Dept of Indian Affairs

At Mineral Point

Wisconsin Terr

Ull 112
Law. Taliaferro

Nov. 30. 1836.

Gov. C. A. Harris.
Comm. Ind. Affairs

Office of Indian Agency at Peters
Upper Mississippi Nov. 30. 1836

Sir

I have enclosed herewith the Schedules of a Treaty which you will be pleased to Submit to the President. - In voluntarily presenting such a paper for consideration I have but attended to the Views of the Indians as expressed at various times and finally urged by them in a manner which seems to require the action of the Department. - This Agency must necessarily become the great rallying point to give direction, and security to all future intercourse with the North Western, and other neighbouring Tribes, Hence it becomes my duty to say that we cannot too soon give the Sioux an interest in the Government by entering into a Treaty the Synopsis of which you have before you. -

The Country to be ceded is extensive, and from the quantity of Lumber which it contains for building, and other purposes - would become an important Acquisition to Wisconsin, and finally promote the Sales of the public lands, and finally put an end to the Ven-
turous consequences on the frequent removals of our Citizens from the Pines. -

With high respect,
Your most Obedt Servt

David Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at Peters

^{Major}
Major Taliaferro Nov. 30. 1836
On the Subject of the
Cession by the Muddawakanton
tribes of Sioux, of all their lands
east of Mississippi River
enclosing a Synopsis of
the Treaty therefore
to be Submitted to the Presidency

Governor

Office of Indian Agency Station
Upper Mississippi Nov. 30. 1836

I have the honor to submit to you for the information of the President - a proposition in duplicate to the Department by the Medawakanton Tribe of Sioux - to dispose of all their lands East of the Mississippi - containing more than Two Millions Eight hundred Thousand Acres. Should their proposition be met, two separate treaties are considered by the Indians to be most satisfactory as the lower, or "Wabishas Bands" claim a small portion of the country to be added - beginning at a point opposite the Upper Iowa and following the line of bluffs to the mouth of Black River, and thence to a point below the Falls on the Cliffway - the Upper Medawakanton Sioux - then commenced their claim, and follow out their line as marked by Major Bean under the Treaty of 1825 - to the first stream above Sauk River, and near seventy miles above this Post. - The meanders of the Mississippi to be followed from this to the point of beginning - to include the great prairie. -

A glance at the Map is sufficient to convey all as to the future importance of this Post to the United States in an efficient government of the Northern and Western Tribes. An "entering wedge" is now absolutely requisite to secure a stronger intimacy with the neighboring Sioux, and a timely liberality would seem to us the most happy results. - I have some experience, and the Government may yet profit by its application. -

His Excellency

Governor Henry Doop

Supr of In Affairs

at Elk Grove

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With high respect, Sir
Your most obt Servt

Law Saliaferro
Indian Agent
at St Peter

Estimated Am't to carry into effect the Stipulations of any Treaty with the Upper, and Lower tribes of Medawakantow Sioux for all their Lands East of the Mississippi - from the Upper Iowa River to the Sauk River embracing more than Two Million Eight hundred thousand Acres.

		18 Year Annually
For Annuity in food or in Specie	14.000	252.000
For Education. Teachers &c	1.000	18.000
For Agriculture. Tools. Cattle, Horses, &c	2.000	36.000
For Six Farmers, and laborers	1.800	32.000
For One Mechanic - Carpenter	500	9.000
For Services of a Physician & Medicine	240	4.320
For Support of Two Black Smiths &c	2.000	36.000
For, 30. Barrels of Salt	150	2.700
For 3000 Pounds of Tobacco	400	7.200
For Provisions for Indians	1.000	18.000
For One Shanty Mill on Little Falls Creek	2.500	—
For One Miller - for same	420	7.560
For Dormitory for Indians - near St. Peter's + Stone & plain furniture for same	4.800	—
For a Keeper of Dormitory	365	6.570
For, 150, Boards of wood for Dormitory	375	6.750
For, 12, comfortable Houses for principal Chiefs	4.800	—
For payments for depredations of Indians on property of the Citizens of the United States	30.000	out of sales of Land
For Commutation in lieu of Reservations to certain Half Breeds	72.000	out of lands ceded
For food & provisions at signing Treaty	5.500	—
For incidental expenses, Transportation &c	2.000	—
	\$145.850	\$432.100

The whole expense of the Treaty, and Annuity for Eighteen years, will be that of \$553.150. The Lands which is good to be relinquished immediately - as valuable for Wheat & Rice Cultor, and extensive Ranges.

Respectfully Submitted for the particular information of the President.

Hon C. A. Harris
Com in Charge

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Man agent
at St. Peter's

O. J. W. - St Peters - M. 145.
Govr of Wisconsin
Belmont. July 18. 1837.

Encloses letter from
Maj Salaserra of the 16th
Regt, covering convention
with the Sioux, parties to
the treaty of P. du Chien, re-
s-linguishing their title to the
strip of land lying between
the State of Mo and M^o river.

enclosed

Recd 13 July 1837

Am^d 15 July 37

Superintendency of Indian Affairs
~~for the Territory of Wisconsin~~
Belmont, January 18th 1837

Sir

I have the honor to forward the within
letter from Major Taliaferro, Indian Agent for Sioux
of Upper Mississippi, dated 16th ult, and received this
day - enclosing Convention with various tribes of Sioux,
parties to the Treaties of 1825 + 1830, relinquishing their
title to strip of Country lying between State of Wisconsin
and Missouri River.

With considerations of the highest respect

I am Sir, your ans. &c. &c.

W. B. E. Dept
Ind. Affs

J. C. Harris Esq
Commis. of Ind. Affairs

Major Taliaferro
Dec. 16. 1836

[Treaty file]

Governor

Office of Indian Agency St. Peters
Upper Mississippi Dec 16th 1836

I have the honor to forward herewith
Conventions in duplicate entered into with the Upper
Meadowkanton, the South Supton, and Wahsaa Kotta
tribes of Sioux parties to the Treaty of August 19th 1825
and of July 15th 1830. held for the relinquishment of
their claims to the Strip of lands on the Missouri & under
your instructions of the 11th of August last past -
Owing to the desperate conclusions of the Tribes, the views
of the Department could not be fully met sooner than
the 30th day of November.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Dodge
Supt of In Affairs
at Elk Grove
Wisconsin Ter

With high respect, Sir,
Your most obt Servt

Law Taliaferro
Indian Agent
At St. Peters