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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 277

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE
TREATY OF NOVEMBER 15, 1854, WITH THE ROGUE RIVER INDIANS

Oregon Apr 23 54

Gen Palmer

Washn C. T. Dec 25. '54

Transmits Agreements
with Rogue River Indians,
ceding to the United States
the right to locate other tribes
and bands of Indians on
the Siskiyou Reserve

Rec'd Feb 19. '55

Sept to Secutary of the
Interior Feb 14. '55.

And Feb 13. '55.

12. Cr

Office Superintendent of Indian Affairs
Dayton, O. J. Decr 30, 1854.

Sir,
Herewith transmit an agreement with the Rogue River Indians made on the 18th ultimo, securing to the United States the right to locate other Tribes and Bands of Indians on the Table Rock Reserve; the Indians so located to possess equal rights and privileges on the Reserve with said Rogue River Tribe.

The importance of locating on the same Reserve as many Indians as possible, in order to secure, with the least expense to the Government, those provisions deemed essential to the health, comfort, and mental and moral improvement of the greatest number; the difficulty of selecting another suitable Reserve for the Indians in that portion of Oregon, without encroaching on the settlements, and incurring an unwarranted expense; and the fact that the agricultural and fishing resources of the Table Rock Reserve are ample, to sustain a much larger population than that of the Rogue River Tribe, together with the fact that the remaining Tribes and Bands could not be induced to sell their lands without having some known place of location definitely secured to them, are the principal reasons, which have led me to effect this arrangement with the Rogue River, without whose consent no other Indians

could be placed on the Reserve, the exclusive occupancy of which was secured to them by the treaty of the 10th September 1853.

This Tribe was at first quite averse to permit other Indians a location among them. They alleged that the dissensions already existing among themselves, would be increased by the residence of strange Indians on the Reserve. But the consideration that the existing treaty made no provision for schools, smith shops, a hospital &c., so essential to their comfort and well-being; and that their annuities were too limited to afford means for such purposes, induced them at length to agree to the provisions of the accompanying agreement.

In effecting this arrangement, care has been taken, that in the event that no other Indians should be located on the Reserve, no additional expense would be incurred, as the cost of the few articles advanced, of which, in general, they were much in need, would then be deducted from their subsequent annual payments.

It was also considered that should the other tribes and bands of that region, be located on the Reserve, a large part of the expense required for their settlement elsewhere would thus be saved; an amount much greater than the outlay connected with the obtaining of the consent of the Rogue River.

Provision for two Smith Shops was deemed

necessity, as the principal agricultural tracts are situated at the extremes of the Reserve over fifteen miles apart, and separated by a mountain range.

The prevalence of sickness among the members of this tribe for the last few years, induced them to regard with much favor, the provision for a hospital and medical attendance, in their present state demanded as an act of humanity.

The provision in the last clause of the first article, was omitted in the original treaty, has been inserted, as a contingency might hereafter arise, rendering it important.

The horses, oxen, yokes chains and wagen, were delivered on the signing of the agreement, and the clothing, being the amount lacking in their annuity for the supply of their adult males, has been purchased, and is now on the way to the Reserve.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Joel Palmer
Superintendent

Wm Geo W. Mampert
Commissioner and Agent
Washington City D.C.