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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 190  
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE  
TREATY OF OCTOBER 9, 1833, WITH THE PAWNEE INDIANS



Mississippi  
Fort Sedgewick

Oct 9 1833

From H. L. Ellsworth

Encloses Talk with the  
Pawnees

Talk

Oct 9 33

Answer

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Commissioner of the  
Treaty Commission

Sir

Enclosed herewith is the  
Treaty with the Pawnee nation, which  
precedes the Treaty of cession heretofore  
transmitted

Yours respectfully

Henry A. Ellsworth

U. S. Commis-

Hon. E. Herring

Secy Com.

Washington



Council with the Pawnee Nation,

(of the Platte River)

October 9<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1833.

My Friends and Brothers of the Pawnee nation, - The Great Spirit has kindly permitted us to meet this day. I have come a great distance to see you. I am happy to behold your four bands all meet together like Brothers. I thought it best to ask you to assemble here, tho' I intend visiting each of your villages before I return home. Your Great Father has sent me to talk to you. Listen to what I have to say. Your Great Father lives a long distance from you, yet he loves you as well as the Aages and Delawares who live nearer, and he is equally desirous for your happiness as theirs. Your Great Father wants all his red men, to live in Peace and make war no more. He does not believe that you prefer war to Peace, but will be disposed to make a settlement of all difficulties and shake hands with your enemies. Yourself and the Delawares have long been at war. You have claimed that the Delawares trespassed upon your lands. When your Great Father gave the Delawares their land he did not know that you claimed any part of it. He is very anxious to remove the difficulty, and is willing to aid you in agriculture and give you goods if you will cede to him the land lying south of the Platte river. You have land enough that is good without this. Your Father will permit you during his



pleasure, with other friendly indians to hunt on the land  
you cede, while it remains unassigned to any tribe  
Your Great Father knows the game is every year becoming  
scarcer and will soon be gone. When the game is gone, what  
will you do? You must cultivate the ground, or starve. The  
Ojib and Amahaws with whom I have talked, have agreed  
to give up the chase, work on their land, build themselves  
log houses, raise cattle, corn, beans, potatoes, squashes  
and other things. You are nearer the buffalo than they  
are; but the buffalo will soon be a great distance from  
you. You will I am sure be happier at home than at the  
chase, if you can have enough to eat. Now if you are  
willing to work on the land, your Great Father will give  
you Farmers, to assist you. He will give you cattle and  
hogs and with a few breeding hogs, you will be supplied  
with abundance of pork if you do not kill the pigs  
too soon. He will give you axes, hoes, and ploughs.  
He will give you mills, in which  
you can grind with horses all your corn. He will give  
schools, where your children, may learn to read and write  
like white mens children. Other Red Men, are learning  
their children, and I wish the Pawnee children, to  
know as much as the rest. He will give you Blacksmiths  
to reside in your own villages. All these things will  
make you happy. But you cannot enjoy these ad-  
vantages, unless you remain in your village and  
protect your blacksmiths, and teachers. When Peace



is made with the Delawares and Adages, there will not  
be much danger. I hope a peace will soon be made, with  
the Sioux. Your Great Father will do it as soon, as he  
can, if you are willing. I am your friend. I came to  
do you good. I will not deceive you. You have a  
good friend here, Mr. Dougherty your agent. I love  
you and will not ~~deceive~~<sup>tell</sup> you, to do any thing  
wrong. Ask his advice if you doubt what to do  
Your Great Father thinks Mr. Dougherty a good man  
so do I. You have also your old friend Mr. Papius  
ask his advice ~~also~~. Brothers - I am sorry to know,  
that the Delawares have destroyed this village - You  
have however rebuilt it. I am sorry too that your  
enemies have killed any of your nation, I hope  
Peace will soon be made, and you will have war  
no more; and that your women and children can  
remain safely in your villages, when the warriors  
are absent at the chase.

Tell me all that is in your hearts - I have done

Head Chief of the nation (of the Grand Osage band) My Father;  
I accede to what you ask. I am glad to accept the  
proposition. I am glad that our Great Father knows  
where we live; and pities us, and is going to help  
us. For my part, I am not only willing, but glad to  
accept the proposition. My Father, I am in hopes,  
things will now be changed; that the Whites will  
not do as they have done. They go around us, to  
get to the mountains and Mexico, because they fear us;



but slow, I hope, they will come to us, as to a home.  
All the Pawnee Chiefs have heard what you say.  
I now speak for all those young men, (you see crowding  
the door) they desire Peace, and will eat out of the  
same bowl with all nations. My father we have  
been as it were like men travelling, sick, weary, & dying,  
but your arrival, <sup>and the words spoken to us</sup> have resuscitated ~~us~~ all. We are  
all glad, at what you say, and hope you will  
make it good. What I have said to you is true.  
I thank you my Father for what you do for us,  
and hope you will send the proffered aid  
as soon as possible. We view your promises as  
certain truth, as much so as if we had the substance  
of them now in our hands. At present we look  
like persons, who have passed through a burning  
prairie. We are black, our robes are dirty, but I  
hope we shall soon dress like other people.  
We are poor, and in great need of what you offer.  
All the Chiefs, and Braves, on this side I have  
conversed with, and I believe they think as I do and  
will be under great obligation to you, let us know  
my father what you will do for us. All are anxious  
to see the treaty. You have come a great ways  
and have come to do us good. We would be glad  
could you commence giving some of those good things  
next spring. Look at these dirty and greasy people  
my father, they, surely, need your help  
Blacksmiths; my father we should like new



at hand. It is a great distance to go to Missouri  
for little things. I am glad of course to have a  
shop any where, but would like it nearer  
I thank you my father, All the Squaws and  
Children, thank you, it is a great day of rejoicing  
among them. I speak for my village,  
All its inhabitants are glad, and though we  
never saw you before, we love you at first  
sight. You desire of us, exactly what we wish  
ourselves. You cannot want Peace more than  
we do. My Father, I find nothing more to say.  
I am so glad, that I have forgotten a half  
what I had laid up to tell you.  
Little Chief Tappage Band & My father what <sup>my</sup>  
has said, are the exact sentiments of my own  
breast I am willing to abandon the chase, and  
the land, for what you offer. My village is  
not here, but on my return, I will tell my  
People all that you have said  
Hole in the Face Chief, Repub: village & My Father I have  
nothing further to say. my relations, have  
spoken, and I perfectly agree with them  
Spit Fire Chief Lawrence Loups &  
My Father; The Chiefs, who preceded me, have all  
spoken the truth, and I only remain, If you wish  
that laid my father, it is yours, take it. I am  
anxious to become acquainted with you. You,  
my Father (Mr Dougherty) believe that the Master



of Life, put you on this path to help us Red  
Skins. I am glad you have come to help us  
and I hope you my Father (Mr E.) will com-  
-mence in the Spring, that we may have plenty  
to eat. We get into difficulties oftentimes by  
going to the south, ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> White People. I hope  
we shall now see them coming to our village  
of Ceretfore, the Whites, used to steal around on  
passing us; but now, it will not be so. I am  
glad my Father, and will repeat, all you  
have said to my young men. I feel happy  
my Father, and those young men, you see  
feel like laughing. I hope from this time,  
they will laugh, and cry no more. We would  
like to know, when we may expect the things  
you promise us. We are all now going to  
the hunt again, and in an opposite direction  
from you, still we shall think of you, and  
I hope, that some of those good things will  
be forthcoming on our return from the hunt  
in the Spring.

Mr E. in conclusion, I have a few more words to say  
Brothers; It makes my heart glad, to find, you  
take the advice of your Great Father so readily.  
I have not only heard, all you have said, but,  
have had it committed to paper. You have asked  
me, when you shall receive your annuities? I  
have made a treaty with the Ojoes, and shall



now, make one with you; and it will be sent on  
to your Great Father. If he thinks it right as  
he probably will, he will send on the annuities.  
I wish to say a few words, respecting the farmers  
&c &c Your Great Father will give farmers, and  
blacksmiths, in your villages, immediately, if you  
will stay and protect them from hostile bands.  
If all the villages will not stay and protect  
the persons, and property, offered them, that  
village ~~which~~ does so, shall receive its portions,  
of the annuities, and advantages. If the ~~Province~~  
will leave a party to protect the farmers, &c  
Your Great Father, will give, 25 guns. to each  
village, to help protect them, from hostile  
bands. Your Great Father, wishes you, to select,  
a few, from each village, to accompany me  
down, when I return to St. Leonard's,  
and make Peace. You may consider this subject  
A treaty, will be ready for you to sign in the  
morning. In the mean time, let me say, this is  
a happy day and an ox will be killed to give  
you a feast. Tomorrow, also, some good will  
be delivered to this village; and then, I proceed  
to the other villages, and carry them, their portions.

I certify the above to be a true copy  
from Record (Edward) A. Ellsworth  
Secy: pro: tem:



*Pawnee*

*1834*

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**TREATY**

BETWEEN

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND THE

**FOUR CONFEDERATED BANDS OF PAWNEES.**

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CONCLUDED OCTOBER 9, 1833—RATIFIED APRIL 12, 1834.

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## ANDREW JACKSON,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*To all and singular to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:*

WHEREAS, articles of agreement and convention, between the United States of America and the four confederated bands of Pawnees, viz; Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans and Pawnee Tappaye, were made, at the Grand Pawnee village on the Platte river, on the ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by HENRY L. ELLSWORTH, Commissioner, on the part of the United States, and the Chiefs and Headmen of the said four confederated bands of Pawnees, on the part of said bands, viz; Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans, and Pawnee Tappaye, residing on the Platte and the Loup Fork; which articles of agreement and convention are in the words following, to wit:

*Articles of agreement and convention made this ninth day of October A. D. 1833 at the Grand Pawnee village on the Platte river between Henry L. Ellsworth commissioner in behalf of the United States and the chiefs and head-men of the four confederated bands of Pawnees, viz—Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans and Pawnee Tappaye, residing on the Platte and the Loup fork.*

### ART. I.

The confederated bands of Pawnees aforesaid hereby cede and relinquish to the United States, all their right interest and title in and to all the land lying south of the Platte river.

### ART. II.

The land ceded and relinquished hereby, so far as the same is not, and shall not be assigned to any tribe or tribes, shall remain a common hunting ground during the pleasure of the President, for the Pawnees and other friendly Indians, who shall be permitted by the President to hunt on the same.

### ART. III.

The United States, in consideration of said cession and for the purpose of advancing the welfare of the said Pawnees, agree to pay said bands annually, for the term of twelve years the sum of forty-six hundred dollars in goods at not exceeding St. Louis prices, as follows to the Grand Pawnees and Republican villages, each, thirteen hundred dollars and to the Pawnee Loups and Tappaye Pawnee villages each one thousand dollars, and said annuity to said Grand Pawnees is in full remuneration for removal from the south to the north side of the Platte, and building again.

*\$4,600  
annuity*

### ART. IV.

The United States agree to pay to each of said four bands, for five years, the sum of five hundred dollars in agricultural implements; and to be continued longer if the President thinks proper.

*\$3500*

### ART. V.

The United States agree to allow one thousand dollars a year for ten years, for schools to be established for the benefit of

*\$1000*



said four bands at the discretion of the President.

## ART. VI.

The United States agree to furnish two blacksmiths and two strikers, with shop, tools and iron, for ten years, for said four bands, at an expense not exceeding two thousand dollars in the whole annually.

## ART. VII.

The United States agree to furnish each of said four tribes with a farmer for five years, and deliver to said farmers for the benefit of said nation, one thousand dollars value in oxen and other stock—But said stock is not to be delivered into the hands of the said Pawnees, until the President thinks the same can be done with propriety and safety.

## ART. VIII.

The United States agree to erect for each of said four bands a horse-mill for grinding corn.

## ART. IX.

The Pawnee nation renew their assurance of friendship for the white men, their fidelity to the United States and their desire for peace with all neighboring tribe of red men, The Pawnee nation therefore agree not to molest or injure the person or property of any white citizen of the United States wherever found nor to make war upon any tribe, with whom said Pawnee nation now are, or may be at peace, but should any difficulty arise between said nation, and any other tribe, they agree to refer the matter in dispute to such arbiter as the President shall appoint to settle the same.

## ART. X.

It is agreed and understood that the United States shall not be bound to fulfil the stipulations contained in the fifth, seventh, and eighth, articles until said tribes shall locate themselves in convenient agricultural districts, and remain in these districts the whole year, so as to give protection to the teachers, the farmers, stock, and mill.

## ART. XI.

The United States desire to show the Pawnees the advantages of agriculture,

engage in case the Pawnees cannot agree to remain to protect their domestic interest, to break up for each village, a piece of land suitable for corn and potatoes for one season, and should either village at any time agree to give the protection required, said village shall be entitled to the benefits conferred in said fifth, seventh, and eighth articles.

## ART. XII.

In case the Pawnee nation will remain at home during the year, and give the protection specified, the United States agree to place twenty-five guns with suitable ammunition in the hands of the farmers of each village to be used in case of an attack from hostile bands.

## ART. XIII.

The United States agree to deliver to said four bands collectively, on the execution of this treaty, the amount of sixteen hundred dollars in goods and merchandize, and the receipt of the same is hereby acknowledged by said bands.

## ART. XIV.

These articles of agreement and convention shall be obligatory and binding when ratified by the President and Senate of the United States.

In testimony whereof the said Henry L. Ellsworth commissioner and the chiefs and head-men of the four confederated bands of the Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans and Tappaye Pawnees have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals on the day and year above written.

HENRY L. ELLSWORTH.

*(Grand Pawnees.)*

Shah-re-tah-riche,	his x mark.
Shon-gah-kah-he-gah	his x mark.
Pe-tah-lay-shah-rho	his x mark.
Ah-sha-kah-tah-kho	his x mark.

*(Pawnee Republicans.)*

Blue Coat,	his x mark.
Lay-shah-rho-lah-re-ho-rho	his x mark.
Ah-shah-lay-kah-sah-hah	his x mark.
Lay-shah-ke-re-pahs-kay	his x mark.

*(Tappaye Pawnees.)*

Little Chief	his x mark.
Lah-ho-pah-go-lah-lay-shah-rho	his x mark.



Ah-ke-tah-we-he-kah-he-gay his x mark.  
 Skah-lah-lay-shah-rho his x mark.

(*Pawnee Loups.*)

Big Axe his x mark.  
 Middle Chief his x mark.  
 Spotted Horse his x mark.  
 Big Soldier his x mark.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

EDWARD A. ELLSWORTH, *Sec pro tem.*  
 JNO DOUGHERTY, *Indn Agt*  
 A. L. PAPIN.  
 WARE S. MAY, *M. D.*  
 JOHN DUNLOP.  
 JOHN T. IRVING, Jr.  
 LEWIS LA CHAPELLE, *Interpreter.*

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, THAT, I, ANDREW JACKSON, President of the United States of America, having seen and considered said articles of agreement and convention, do, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed by their resolution of the eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, 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 twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-eighth.

ANDREW JACKSON.



By the President:  
 LOUIS McLANE,  
*Secretary of State.*