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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 312

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE  
TREATY OF OCTOBER 1, 1859, WITH THE SAUK AND FOX INDIANS



1859  
Jas. Q. Fox  
Journal of the pro-  
ceedings of a Council  
held with the said Jas. Q. Fox  
July 16-1859  
1859 -



Journal  
of the proceedings of a council held  
with the Sac and Fox Indians, at  
the Agency, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. July, 1859.

1859  
Sac and Fox  
Journal of the proceedings  
of a council held with the  
Sac and Fox Indians -  
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P. Fuller Agent

Mr Crawford has been making a treaty  
with the Chippewas & is now ready to  
hear any communication from you &  
take them on to Washington —

There are but a few Chippewas here but  
if you wish any thing name it.

Crawford. So far as your interests are concerned  
if you wish to make a treaty, name  
your wishes & I will take them to  
Washington to the President & he will  
inform you if he wishes to make a  
treaty with you.

When your great Father hears your wishes  
he will determine on the matter & lay  
the ~~it~~ before Congress & inform you of  
the result through your agent.

It has been the policy of late years to  
to divide out the land among the  
Indians so that they can become  
an agricultural people and sell a  
portion for their benefit — I will lay  
your desires before your great father  
the President for his consideration.

Shapocacaw.



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Sac chief  
Shaw-paw-caw-

It is true that the Government wishes them  
to change their way of life & become  
tillers of the soil - you know <sup>too</sup> them just  
but not all - The agents have been for  
informed them of these things & that  
is the reason why they wish to go to  
Washington & make a treaty -

Last year they made a request to go  
to Washington & this spring made another  
request to go & sell part of their land  
and when they get there they wish to  
talk about various things concerning  
themselves & their interests

Heretofore the agents have advised them  
about these things, to be like whites  
but talking to their agents has no  
effect. But if they could go to Washington  
& sell half their land they might effect  
something. talking to their agents does  
no good & is no effect

All those here see you with their own  
eyes they know you come from Washington  
they have not few chiefs present but  
if they were all here would say the  
same things



Show your care - When this writing gets <sup>to</sup> Washington he wants his great <sup>father</sup> to look at it and consider it and see that they have at last concluded to ~~be~~ their best to become civilized

This paper he hopes will reach our great father - our agent has written papers like this before, but he thinks they must get lost on the way as he never hears anything from them, and he wants you to be careful & not lose this -

After we get permission to go on after we get there we have many things to talk about and have desired to go for a long time.

The settlers around the river treat us shamefully & we wish our Great father to know it - they cut our timber and treat us badly -

The Department know the value of land and timber, but the whites around us think we are Indians & don't know the value of it -

After this paper gets there, he wants his great father to read it well and see that his Red children wish to become civilized -

The Reason why they want to make a treaty is they wish to take the name of their Great father and become civilized and therefore they wish to make a treaty

They have come to the conclusion that the whites are going to settle the whole continent and then only change <sup>for happiness</sup> to become like whites and become farmers



no less  
Fox chief

I am going to repeat what Shun  
paw lean has said - that is our  
request and I am going to repeat it

The rest of the chiefs if they were here  
would say the same - They want to  
go on to Washington to talk with the  
Commissioner, that they may have  
attention paid to what they say.

Heretofore they have made the same  
request to their agent, <sup>no attending here, you heard of it</sup> but, the chiefs  
of all the villages have <sup>now</sup> united in their  
determination to make the same request.

They have stated in a writing before  
that they did not want to go to Washington  
on a visit, but on business, to make a  
treaty & sell half of their land.

They want to go there and talk face to  
face about their business - that meetings  
do not answer the purpose

And after they get there & make the treaty  
they have various other matters besides  
selling their land and talk face to face  
with their great father

In case any body on the way says there  
is no truth in this, you must tell their  
great father that you heard it yourself  
from them -

After they go there, their great father  
may advise them of the manner in  
which <sup>they</sup> should raise our children  
and show us where we have been wrong  
heretofore and we will take his advice  
Some persons may think we are too much  
inclined to try to become civilized but  
it is not so - we do desire it.



no-les I hope nothing will happen by  
these papers, but that they will go safe

Memo to wah -

Brave. You have heard these chiefs that  
are present what they say, they  
yesterday repeat what the others wish  
directly after our agent made our  
payment we made a request to go on  
to Washington to transact business  
We made wish to go on there to make  
a treaty to sell our country.  
I nearly repeat what the others say  
but I hope our father will talk to  
you about it

Memo to wah-wah-can

Fox chief

My chiefs the Foxes have but one  
one month - they have not two months  
directly after payment our chiefs  
made a request of our agent to go on  
to Washington to see our Great father  
and talk to him in person

The wish of the chiefs & braves is to  
talk with our father and make plans  
for our future welfare

In the request of the Foxes is to have  
a mill that they may have meal  
and live on milk & milk

When we go to Washington we want our  
Great father to see our young head chief  
and talk with him -



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Long Horn

To the agent I can't talk long  
it is nearly night - I wish you to  
tell him Mr Crawford all  
I desire

To Mr Crawford The request has gone on already  
what these chiefs have talked about  
you are direct from the Indian office  
and I hope when you return you  
will send us an answer immediately  
This is the fourth time we have  
made the request and I hope that  
this time we will get an answer  
It is my much pleased with what  
his grand father said about the mill  
they want horses, fields & stock  
also -

All the agents give them the  
same advice and they want to  
bring the matter to a conclusion  
and commence living like the whites  
It is my true we will have a great  
many things to talk about, the thieving  
going on, & many other things.

I have been wishing for a good while  
for the chiefs to come to one conclusion  
and be united on one purpose &  
I hope they will act together when  
they get to Washington - they have  
heretofore been at variance and  
did not agree together

If their great father permits them  
to go, they will want their payment  
early to enable them to go -



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Before I state your talk with the agent  
to your Great father - I will tell you  
that I have no authority to make a  
treaty now - he did not send me for  
that purpose -

If your Great father should conclude  
to make a treaty with the Sac Foxes,  
he may desire to economize & send  
a commissioner here to make a treaty  
to have it prepared at Washington and  
send it here for your consideration -

Would your chiefs not consent to  
have a commissioner sent to make  
a treaty with you, so that your land  
may be divided out and you become  
civilized

Now all that is necessary is for one of  
the chiefs to say whether they would  
be willing to have a commissioner  
sent out to make a treaty and save  
the expenses of a delegation to Washington

Your Great father will advise you  
when the proper time for you to go  
to Washington comes - he will be  
displeas'd if you go without his  
permission -

Shaw pow leaw.

I will give you an answer for those  
that are here - It is true the chiefs  
will spend some money, but they  
will pay their own money, but  
they wish to go and see him face  
to face - Treaties with Comings  
doubtless the purpose



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Cranford

I will take these papers to Washington  
and your Great Father will inform  
you of his opinion through your  
agent



0470  
Kev Much Sac Chief Says.

The reason we wish to go to Washington, is to change our situation and benefit our children - and adopt the customs and habits of the whites. we think by so doing the whites would not molest nor interfere with our rights as Indians. If we were differently situated - we wish to make a Treaty for the purpose of benefiting our situation. We have made sundry requests through our Agents for a Treaty but have received no answer from our Great Father. We are surrounded by bad white men who sell our people liquor killing a great many of them. We wish to improve our condition to have Houses Horses Hogs and Stock of all kinds and live like our white brothers - we also wish to have Schools for the purpose of educating our children - we would like an answer immediately.



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New York 1859  
N. Campbell, Secy. Com<sup>y</sup>  
Wash. Sept. 1. 59

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Annals Supplemental  
Report, accompanied by  
proceedings of Council  
held with the Sact & Gro  
Indians - Census of the  
Mission & Christian In-  
dians and of the Swan  
Creek & Black River  
parts, together with the re-  
quest of the latter Indians  
in behalf of their language &  
James M. Carson

Rec<sup>d</sup> Sept 1. 59  
Ref<sup>d</sup> to Secy. Indian day

Com<sup>y</sup>



Office Indian Affairs  
Washington September 1. 1859

Sir:

Whilst I was engaged in the discharge of the duties pertaining to my mission among the Swan Creek and Black River Chippewas and the Munsee or Christian Indians of Kansas Territory, I availed myself of the opportunity afforded me of taking a census of the individual members of said bands, embracing their names, sex and ages, and I herewith enclose the same for your information under the impression that these census lists may be serviceable in connection with the subsequent action of the Department respecting the apportionment of lands to the Indians in severally as provided by the articles of convention recently concluded with them.

(Esh-ton-quit, or Francis McBoonse, the head chief of the band of Chippewas, is very anxious to have the sum of \$2000. in money paid to his people out of the proceeds of the sales of the trust lands, when said lands shall have been disposed of, as contemplated by the treaty, and the Chippewas and Christian Indians desire that an annual salary of \$200 may be paid to Esh-ton-quit for



for the term of his natural life, out of their joint fund. I informed them that I possessed no authority to change the terms of the treaty, but at their request I would present the subject for the consideration of the Department, in view of the discretionary power conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior in the disbursements of the sums specified in the treaty, and I would respectfully submit their request in writing for such action as you may deem advisable in the premises.

During my sojourn at the Sac and Fox agency, a council was held by agent Fuller with the Chiefs and Head men of the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians in which they expressed a strong desire to make a treaty with the government, with a view to have a portion of their present reservation assigned to the individual members of the tribe in severally, in order that they may engage in the cultivation of the soil for a permanent subsistence, and they are anxious that the residue of the reserve may be sold; the proceeds of sale to be expended for such beneficial objects as may contribute to their



their advancement in the arts and customs of civilized life. At their request I have the honor to present for your consideration a journal of the proceedings of the council, and as I understand that you contemplate visiting the Indian tribes in Kansas at an early day, I do not deem it necessary to make any suggestions in connection with this subject, knowing that you can by personal observation have a better opportunity of judging in regard to the necessity of negotiating a treaty with them.)

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant

David Crawford

Hon. A. B. Greenwood. Special Commissioner  
Com. Indian Affairs  
Washington  
D. C.



V. 085 Sact  
Supplemental  
Report of Special  
Agent Crawford  
accompanied by  
a talk in the Sact  
Hop Indian  
Council, which

is respectfully referred  
to the Secretary of  
Interior for his  
information

A. B. Hummel  
Office & Court  
Indian Affairs

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

to Commr



1857  
Request of Indians



Sac & Fox Agency  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Esh-ton-quit, or Francis McBoonse, requests in behalf of the Swan Creek and Black River Chippewas, that the Secretary of the Interior will cause to be paid to his people the sum of two thousand dollars in money from the proceeds of the sales of the trust lands referred to in the treaty concluded on the 16<sup>th</sup> instant for the purpose of purchasing such articles as may be deemed necessary for their benefit.

The Chippewas and Christian Indians request that the sum of two hundred dollars may be appropriated from the moneys specified in the recent treaty, as an annual salary for their faithful chief Esh-ton-quit, or Francis McBoonse.