

Treaty of 1836

March 28, 1836.

Proclamation, March 27, 1836.

Cession of land to the U.S.

Made and concluded at the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, between Henry R. Schoolcraft commissioner on the part of the United States, and the Ottawa and Chippewa nation of Indians, by their chiefs and delegates.

ARTICLE FIRST: The Ottawa and Chippewa nations of Indians cede to the United States all the tract of country within the following boundaries: Beginning at the mouth of Grand River of Lake Michigan on the north bank thereof, and following up the same to the line called for, in the first article of the treaty of Chicago of the 29th of August 1821, thence, in a direct line to the head of Thunder Bay River, thence with the line established by the treaty of Saginaw of the 24th of September 1819, to the mouth of said river, thence northeast to the boundary line in Lake Huron between the United States and the British province of Upper Canada, thence northwestwardly, following the said line, as established by the commissioners acting under the treaty of Ghent, through the straits, and river St. Mary's to a point in Lake Superior north of the mouth of Gitchy Seebing, or Chocolate River, thence south to the mouth of said river and up its channel to the source thereof, thence, in a direct line to the head of the Skonawba River of Green Bay, thence down the south bank of said river to its mouth, thence, in a direct line through the ship channel into Green Bay, to the outer part thereof, thence south to a point in Lake Michigan west of the north cape, or entrance of Grand River, and thence east to the place of beginning, at the cape aforesaid, comprehending all the lands and islands, within these limits not hereinafter reserved.

Reservations in common.

ARTICLE SECOND: From the cession aforesaid the tribes reserve for their own use, to be held in common the following tracts, namely: One tract of fifty thousand acres to be located on Little Traverse Bay: one tract of twenty thousand acres to be located on the north shore of Grand Traverse Bay, one tract of seventy thousand acres to be located on, or, north of the Piere Marquette River, one tract of one thousand acres to be located by Chingassanoo, -- or the Big Sail, on the Cheboigan. One tract of one thousand acres, to be located by Mujeekeewis, on Thunder Bay River.

Reservations for Chippewas.

ARTICLE THIRD: There shall also be reserved for the use of the Chippewas living north of the Straits of the Michilimackinac, the following tracts, that is to say: Two tracts of three miles square each, on the north shores of the said straits, between Point-au-Barbe and Mille Coquin River, including the fishing grounds in front of such reservations, to be located by a council of chiefs. The Beaver Islands of Lake Michigan for the use of the Beaver Island Indians. Round Island, opposite Michilimackinac, as a place of encampment for the Indians, to be under the charge of the Indian department. The islands of the

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Chenos, with a part of the adjacent north coast of Lake Huron, corresponding in length, and one mile in depth. Sugar Island, with its islets, in the river of St. Mary's. Six hundred and forty acres, at the mission of the Little Rapids. A tract commencing at the mouth of the Pississowing River, south of Point Iroquois, thence running up said stream to its forks, thence westward, in a direct line to the Red water lakes, thence across the portage to the Tacquimenon River, and down the same to its mouth, including the small islands and fishing grounds in front of this reservation. Six hundred and forty acres on Grand Island, and two thousand acres, on the main extremity of Green Bay, to be located by a council of the chiefs. All the locations, left indefinite by this, and the preceding articles, shall be made by the proper chiefs, under the direction of the President. It is understood that the reservation of a place of fishing and encampment, made under the treaty of St. Mary's of the 16th of June 1820, remains unaffected by this treaty.

Payments to be made to the Indians.

ARTICLE FOURTH. In consideration of the foregoing cessions, the United States engage to pay to the Ottawa and Chippewa nations, the following sums, namely, 1st. An annuity of thirty thousand dollars per annum, in specie, for twenty years; eighteen thousand dollars, to be paid to the Indians between Grand River and the Cheboigan; three thousand six hundred dollars, to the Indians on the Huron shore, between the Cheboigan and Thunder-bay river; and seven thousand four hundred dollars, to the Chippewas north of the straits, as far as the cession extends; the remaining one thousand dollars, to be invested in stock by the Treasury Department and to remain incapable of being sold, without the consent of the President and Senate, which may, however, be given after the expiration of twenty-one years. 2nd. Five thousand dollars per annum, for the purposes of education, teachers, schoolhouses, and books in their own language, to be continued twenty years, and as long thereafter as Congress may appropriate for the object. 3rd. Three thousand dollars for missions, subject to the conditions mentioned in the second clause of this article. 4th. Ten thousand dollars for agricultural implements, cattle, mechanics' tools, and such other objects as the President may deem proper. 5th. Three hundred dollars per annum for vaccine matter, medicines, and the services of physicians to be continued while the Indians remain on their reservations. 6th. Provisions to the amount of two thousand dollars; six thousand five hundred pounds of tobacco; one hundred barrels of salt, and five hundred fish barrels, annually, for twenty years. 7th. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in goods and provisions, on the ratification of this treaty, to be delivered at Michilimackinac.

Payment of claims against the Indians.

ARTICLE FIFTH. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars shall be set apart for the payment of just debts against the said Indians. All claims for such debts shall be examined by a commissioner to be appointed by the President and Senate, who shall act under such instructions as may be given to him, by the order of the President, for the purpose of preventing the allowance of unjust claims. The

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investigation shall be made at Michilimackinac, and no claims shall be allowed, except such as were contracted by Indians living within the district of country hereby ceded, and to citizens or residents of the United States. No claim shall be paid out of this fund unless the claimant will receive the sum allowed to him, as full payment of all debts, due to him by the said Indians. If the fund fall short of the full amount of just debts, then a ratable division shall be made. If it exceed such amount, the balance shall be paid over to the Indians, in the same manner, that annuities are required by law to be paid.

Provision for half-breeds, &c.

ARTICLE SIXTH. The said Indians being desirous of making provision for their half-breed relatives, and the President having determined, that individual reservations shall not be granted, it is agreed, that in lieu thereof, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be set apart as a fund for said half-breeds. No person shall be entitled to any part of said fund, unless he is of Indian descent and actually resident within the boundaries described in the first article of this treaty, nor shall any thing be allowed to any such person, who may have received any allowance at any previous Indian treaty. The following principles, shall regulate the distribution. A census shall be taken to all the men, women, and children, coming within this article. As the Indians hold in higher consideration, some of their half-breeds than others, and as there is much difference in their capacity to use and take care of poverty, and consequently, in their power to aid their Indian connexions, which furnishes a strong ground for this claim, it is therefore, agreed, that at the council to be held upon this subject, the commissioner shall call upon the Indian chiefs to designate, if they require it, three classes of these claimants, the first of which, shall receive one-half more than the second, and the second, double the third. Each man woman and child shall be enumerated, and an equal share, in the respective classes, shall be allowed to each. If the father is living with the family, he shall receive the shares of himself, his wife and children. If the father is dead, or separated from the family, and the mother is living with the family, she shall have her own share, and that of the children. If the father and mother are neither living with the family, or if the children are orphans, their share shall be retained till they are twenty-one years of age; provided, that such portions of it as may be necessary may, under the direction of the President, be from time to time applied for their support. All other persons at the age of twenty-one years, shall receive their shares agreeably to the proper class. Out of the said fund of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the sum of five thousand dollars shall be reserved to be applied, under the direction of the President to the support of such of the poor half-breeds, as may require assistance, to be expended in annual installments for the term of ten years, commencing with the second year. Such of the half-breeds, as may be judged incapable of making a proper use of the money, allowed them by the commissioner, shall receive the same in installments, as the President may direct.

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Two additional
blacksmiths, &c

ARTICLE SEVENTH. In consideration of the cessions above made, and as a further earnest of the disposition felt to do full justice to the Indians, and to further their well being, the United States engage to keep two additional blacksmith-shops, one of which, shall be located on the reservation north of Grand River, and the other at Sault Ste. Marie. A permanent interpreter will be provided at each of these locations. It is stipulated to renew the present dilapidated shop at Michilimackinac, and to maintain a gunsmith, in addition to the present smith's establishment, and to build a dormitory for the Indians visiting the post, and appoint a person to keep it, and supply it with fire-wood. It is also agreed to support two farmers and assistants, and two mechanics, as the President may designate to teach and aid the Indians, in agriculture, and the mechanic arts. The farmers and mechanics, and the dormitory, will be continued for ten years, and as long thereafter, as the President may deem this the other stipulations of this article, shall be continued beyond the expiration of the annuities, and it is understood that the whole of this article shall stand in force, and after the expiration of the twenty years as Congress may appropriate for the objects.

Location to be sought
for; payment for
improvements, &c.

ARTICLE EIGHTS: It is agreed, that as soon as the said Indians desire it, a deputation shall be sent to the west of the Mississippi, and to the country between Lake Superior and the Mississippi and a suitable location shall be provided for them, among the Chippewas, if they desire it, and it can be purchased upon reasonable terms, and if not, then in some portion of the country west of the Mississippi, which is at the disposal of the United States. Such improvements as add value to the land, hereby ceded, shall be appraised, and the amount paid to the proper Indian. But such payment shall, in no case, be assigned to, or paid to a white man. If the church on the Cheboigan, should fall within this cession the value shall be paid to the band owning it. The mission establishments upon the Grand river shall be appraised and the value paid to the proper boards. When the Indians wish it, the United States will remove them, at their expence, provide them a year's subsistence in the country to which they go, and furnish the same articles and equipments to each person as are stipulated to be given to the Pottowatomies in the final treaty of cession concluded at Chicago.

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Payment to half-breeds
in lieu of reservations.

ARTICLE NINTH. Whereas the Ottawas and Chippewas, feeling a strong consideration for aid rendered by certain of their half-breeds on Grand river, and other parts of the country ceded, and wishing to testify their gratitude on the present occasion, have assigned such individuals certain locations of land, and united in a strong appeal for the allowance of the same in this treaty; and whereas no such reservations can be permitted in carrying out the special directions of the President on this subject, it is agreed, that, in addition to the general fund set apart for half-breed claims, in the sixth article, the sum of forty-eight thousand one hundred and forth-eight dollars shall be paid for the extinguishment of this class of claims, to be divided in the following manner: To Rix

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Robinson, in lieu of a section of land, granted to his Indian family, on the Grand river rapids, (estimated by good judges to be worth half a million), at the rate of thirty-six dollars an acre: To Leonard Slater, in trust for Chimnonoquat, for a section of land above said rapids, at the rate of ten dollars an acre: To John A. Drew, for a tract of one section and three quarters, to his Indian family, at Cheboigan rapids, at the rate of four dollars; To Edward Biddle, for one section to his Indian family at the fishing grounds, at the rate of three dollars; To John Holiday, for five sections of land to five persons of his Indian family, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents; to Eliza Cook, Sophia Biddle, and Mary Holiday, one section of land each, at two dollars and fifty cents: To Augustin Hamelin junr. Being of Indian descent, two sections at one dollar and twenty-five cents; to William Lasley, Joseph Daily, Joseph Trotier, Henry A. Levake, for two sections each, for their Indian families, at one dollar and twenty-five cents; To Luther Rice, Joseph Lafrombois, Charles Butterfield, being of Indian descent, and to George Moran, Louis Moran, G.D. Williams, for half-breed children under their care, and to Daniel Marsac, for his Indian child, one section each, at one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Payment to chiefs.

ARTICLE TENTH. The sum of thirty thousand dollars shall be paid to the chiefs, on the ratification of this treaty, to be divided agreeably to a schedule hereunto annexed.

Annuities to two aged chiefs.

ARTICLE ELEVENTH. The Ottawas having consideration for one of their aged chiefs, who is reduced to poverty, and it being known that he was a firm friend of the American Government, in that quarter, during the late war, and suffered much in consequence of his sentiments, it is agreed, that an annuity of one hundred dollars per annum shall be paid to Ningweegon or the Wing, during his natural life, in money or goods, as he may choose. Another of the chiefs of said nation, who attended the of Greenville in 1793, and is now, at a very advanced age, reduced to extreme want, together with his wife, and the Government being apprized that he has pleaded a promise of Gen. Wayne, in his behalf, it is agreed that Chusco of Michilimackinac shall receive an annuity of fifty dollars per annum during his natural life.

Expenses of this treaty to be paid by U.S.

ARTICLE TWELTH. All expenses attending the journies of the Indians from, and to their homes, and their visit at the seat of Government, together with the expenses of the treaty, including a proper quantity of clothing to be given them, will be paid by the United States.

Right of hunting on lands ceded.

ARTICLE THIRTEENTH. The Indians stipulate for the right of hunting on the lands ceded, with the other usual privileges of occupancy, until the land is required for settlement.

In testimony whereof, the said Henry R. Schoolcraft, commissioner on the part of the United States, and the chiefs and delegates of the Ottawa

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and Chippewa nations of Indians have hereunto set their hands at Washington, the seat of Government, this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

HENRY SCHOOLCRAFT

Oroun Aishkum, of Maskigo,		Kawagayosh, of Sault Ste. Marie, by Maidosagee,	
Wassangazo, of	do.	Apawkozigun, of L'Arbre Croche,	
Osawya, of	do.	Keminitchagun, or	do.
Wabi Windego, of Grand river,		Tawagane, or	do.
Megis Ininee, of	do.	Kinoshamaig, of	do.
Nabun Ageezhig, of	do.	Naganigobowa, of	do.
Winnimissagee, of.	do.	Oniasino, of	do.
Mukutaysee, of	do.	Mukuday Benais, of	do.
Wasaw Bequm, of	do.	Chingassamo, of	do.
Ainse, of Michilimackinac,		Aishquagonabee, of Grand Traverse,	
Chabowaywa, of	do.	Oshawun Epenaysee, of	do.
Jawba Wadick, of Sault Ste. Marie,		Akosa, of	do.
Waub Ogeeg, of	do.		

John Hulbert, Secretary. Lucius Lyon. R.P. Parrott, Capt. U.S. Army. W.P. Zantizinger, Purser U.S. Navy. Josiah F. Polk. John Holiday. John A. Drew. Rix Robinson. Leonard Slater. Louis Moran. Augustin Hamelin, jr. Henry A. Levake. William Lasley. George W. Woodward. C.O. Ermatinger.

Mongons of Carp and Chocolate rivers; Gitchy Penaisson of Grosse Tete, and Waubissaig of Bay de Nocquet: Kainwaybekis and Pazhikwaywitum of Beaver islands: Neezhick Epenais of the Anee: Ahdanima of Manistic: Mukwyon, Wahzahkoon, Oshawun, Oneshannocquot of the north shore of Lake Michigan: Naguniby and Keway Gooshkum of the Chenos.

Henry R. Schoolcraft,
Commissioner.

SUPPLEMENTAL ARTICLE.

How certain provisions in preceding articles are to be construed. To guard against misconstruction in some of the foregoing provisions, and to secure, by further limitations, the just rights of the Indians, it is hereby agreed: that no claims under the fifth article shall be allowed for any debts contracted previous to the late war with Great Britain, or for goods supplied by foreigners to said Indians, or by citizens who did not withdraw from the country, during its temporary occupancy by foreign troops, for any trade carried on by such persons during the said period. And it is also agreed: that no person receiving any commutation for a reservation, or any portion of the fund provided by the sixth article of this treaty, shall be entitled to

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the benefit of any part of the annuities herein stipulated. Nor shall any of the half-breeds, or blood relatives of the said tribes commuted with, under the provisions of the ninth article, have any further claim on the general commutation fund, set apart to satisfy reservation claims, in the said sixth article. It is also understood, that the personal annuities, stipulated in the eleventh article, shall be paid in specie, in the same manner that other annuities are paid. Any excess of the funds set apart in the fifth and sixth articles, shall in lieu of being paid to the Indians, be retained and vested by the Government in stock under the conditions mentioned in the fourth article of this treaty.

In testimony whereof, the parties above reited, have hereunto set their hands, at Washington the seat of Government, this thirty-first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

Henry R. Schoolcraft
John Hulbert, Secretary.

Owun Aaishkum, of Maskigo, his x mark,	Apawkozigun, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark
Wassangazo, of Maskigo, his x mark,	Keminitchagun, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark
Osawya, of Maskigo, his x mark,	Tawagnee, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark
Wabi Widego, of Grand river, his x mark	Kinoshemaig, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark,
Megiss Ininee of Grand river, his x mark	Naganigabawi, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark
Nabun Ageezhig, of Grand river, his x mark	Oniasino, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark
Ainse, of Michilimackinac, his x mark	Mukaday Benais, of L'Arbre Croche, his x mark
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Chabowaywa, of Michilimackinac, his x mark	Chingassamoo, of Cheboigan, his x mark,
Jauba Wadic, of Sault Ste. Marie, his x mark,	Aishquagonabee, of Grand Traverse his x mark
Waub Ogeeg, of Sault Ste. Marie, his x mark,	Kawgayosh, of Sault Ste. Marie, by
	Maidosagee, his x mark
Akosa, of Grand Traverse, his x mark	

Robert Stewart,
Augustin Hamelin, jr.

Wm. Mitchell,
Rix Robinson,

John A. Drew,
C.O. Ermatinger.