

Treaty of Fort Harmar with the Six Nations

ARTICLES of a TREATY made at FORT HARMER the ninth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine between Arthur St. Clair Esquire Governor of the Territory of the united States of America north west of the River Ohio, and Commissioner plenipotentiary of the said united States for removing all Causes of Controversy, regulating Trade and settling Boundaries between the Indian Nations in the northern Department and the said united States of the One Part, and the Sachems and Warriors of the six Nations of the other Part. viz.

ARTICLE FIRST.

Where as the united States in Congress assembled did by their Commissioners Oliver Woolcut, Richard Butler and Arthur Lee Esquires duly appointed for he purpose, at a Treaty held with the said six Nations viz. with the Mohawks Oneidas, Onondagas Tuscororas Cuyugas and Senecas, at Fort Stanwix on the twenty second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, give Peace to the said Nations, and receive them into their Friendship and

Protection. And whereas the said Nations have now agreed to and with the said Arthur St. Clair to renew and confirm all the Engagements and Stipulations [blotted out] entered into at the before mentioned Treaty at Fort Stanwix: And whereas it was then and there agreed between the united States of America and the said six Nations that a Boundary Line should be fixed between the Lands of the said six Nations and the Territory of the said United States, which Boundary Line is as follows viz. "Beginning at the mouth of a Creek about four Miles east of Niagara called Ononwayea or Johnsons landing place upon the Lake named by the Indians Oswego, and by Us Ontario, from thence southerly in a direction always four Miles east of the carrying place between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario to the mouth of Tehoseroton or Buffaloe Creek upon Lake Erie; thence south to the northern Boundary of the State of Pennsylvania; thence west to the end of the said north Boundary; thence south along the west Boundary of the said State to the River Ohio. The said Line from the mouth of Ononwayea to the Ohio shall be the western Boundary of the Lands of the six Nations, so that the six Nations shall and do yield to the united States all Claim to the Country west of the said Boundary, and then they shall be secured in the possession of the Lands they inhabit east north and south of the same, reserving only six Miles square round the Fort of Oswego for the support of the same." The said six Nations except the Mohawks none of whom have attended at this time for and in consideration of the Peace then granted to them, the Presents they then received, as well as in consideration of a Quantity of Goods, to the value of three thousand Dollars now delivered to them by the said Arthur St. Clair the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, do hereby renew and confirm the said Boundary Line in the words before mentioned to the end that it may be and remain as a [blotted out] Division Line between the [blotted out] Lands of the said six Nations and the Territory of the united States forever. And the under signed Indians as well in their own Names as in the Name of their respective Tribes and Nations their Heirs and Descendants, for the Considerations before mentioned do release, quit Claim, relinquish and Cede to the United States of America all the Lands west of the said Boundary or division Line between the said Line and the Strait from the mouth of Ononawayea and Buffaloe Creek, for them the said united States of America to have and to hold the same in true and absolute Propriety for ever.

ARTICLE SECOND.

The United States of America confirm to the six Nations all the Lands which they inhabit lying East and North of the before mentioned Boundary Line, and relinquish and quit Claim to the same and every part thereof excepting only six Miles square round the Fort of Oswego, which six Miles square round said Fort is again reserved to the United States by these Presents.

ARTICLE THIRD.

The Oneida and Tuscorora Nations are also again secured and confirmed in the possession of their respective Lands.

ARTICLE FOURTH.

The united States of America renew and confirm the Peace and Friendship entered into with the six Nations, (except the Mohawks) at the Treaty before

mentioned held at Fort Stanwix declaring the same to be perpetual. And if the Mohawks shall within six Months declare their assent to the same they shall be considered as included.

Done at Fort Harmar on the Muskingham the day and Year first above written. In witness whereof the Parties have hereunto inter changeably set their Hands and Seals.

AR. ST. CLAIR	[Seal]			
CAGEAGA		GYANTWAIA	[his]	
or	[Seal]	or	X	[Seal]
dogs round the fire		Cornplanter	[mark]	
SAWEDOWA		GYASOTA	[his]	
or	[Seal]	or	X	[Seal]
The Blast		Big Cross	[mark]	
KIONDUSHOWA		KANASSEE		
or	[Seal]	or		[Seal]
Swimming Fish		New arrow		
ONCAHYE		ACHIOUT		
or	[Seal]	or		[Seal]
Dancing Feather		Half Town		
SOHAEAS		ANACHOUT	[his]	
or	[Seal]	or	X	[Seal]
Falling mountain		The Wasp	[mark]	
OTACHSAKA	[his]	CHISHEKOA	[his]	
or	X	or	X	[Seal]
Broken Tomahawk	[mark]	Wood Bug	[mark]	
TEKAHIAS	[his]	SESSEWA		
or	X	or		[Seal]
Long Tree	[mark]	Big bale of a Kettle		
ONECHSETEE	[his]	SCIAHOWA		
or	X	or		[Seal]
Loaded man	[mark]	Council Keeper		
KIAHTULAHO		TEWANIAS		
or	[Seal]	or		[Seal]
Snake		Broken Twig		
AQUEIA		SONACHSHOWA		
or	[Seal]	or		[Seal]
Bandy Legs		Full moon		
KIANDOGewa	[his]	CACHUNWASSE		
or	X	or		[Seal]
Big Tree	[mark]	Twenty canoes		
OWENewa	[his]	HICHONQUASH		
or	X	or		[Seal]
Thrown in the water	[mark]	Tearing asunder		

IN PRESENCE OF

JOS. HARMAR
 Lt. Colo. Comt. 1st. U.S. Regt.
 Brigr. General by Brevets
RICHARD BUTLER
JNO. GIBSON
 WILL. McCURDY Capt.
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