

## Treaty of New York, Secret Articles

GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: WHEREAS the treaty of peace and friendship, between the United States of America and the Creek nation of Indians made and concluded on the seventh day of the present month of August, Contains certain secret articles, which are in the form and words following.

SECRET ARTICLES of the TREATY of peace and friendship made and concluded on behalf of the United States of America on the one part, and the Creek nation of Indians on the other part in the City of New York, on this seventh day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

ARTICLE 1ST. The commerce necessary for the Creek nation shall be carried on through the ports, and by the citizens of the United States, if substantial and effectual arrangements shall be made for that purpose by the United States, on or before the first day of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. In the mean time, the said commerce may be carried on through its present channels and according to its present regulations.

And whereas the trade of the said Creek nation is now carried on wholly or principally through the territories of Spain and obstructions thereto may happen by war or prohibitions of the Spanish government.

It is therefore agreed between the said parties that in the event of any such obstructions happening it shall be lawful for such persons as the President of the United States shall designate to introduce into and transport through the territories of the United States to the country of the said Creek nation, any quantity of goods wares and merchandize not exceeding in value in any one year Sixty thousand dollars, and that free from any duties or impositions whatsoever, but subject to such regulations for guarding against abuse, as the United States shall judge necessary; which privilege shall continue as long as such obstructions shall continue.

ARTICLE 2ND. The United States also agree to allow to each of the great medal chiefs herein after named, a commission, a great medal with proper ornaments, and each one hundred dollars annually for themselves and the other beloved men of their towns respectively—to wit—

Of the Upper Creeks—	{	The Chiefs the Oakfuskees, Tuckabatchees, and the present Talissee King of the half-way house:
Of the lower Creeks—	{	The Chiefs of the Cusitahs and Cowetas—
	{	And—
Of the Semanolees—	{	The Chief of Micasukee.

ARTICLE 3RD. In order to effect a consolidation of the interests of the United States and the Creek nation, it is hereby stipulated that Alexander McGillivray the beloved Chief of the said nation shall also be constituted the Agent of the United States in the said nation with the rank of Brigadier General and the pay of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, on his taking the usual oaths required by law.

ARTICLE 4TH. And the said Alexander McGillivray hereby stipulates to use his highest exertions to endeavor to cultivate the firmest friendship between the United States and the said Creek nation.

ARTICLE 5TH. The United States agree to educate and clothe such of the Creek youth as shall be agreed upon, not exceeding four in number at any one time.

ARTICLE 6TH. These secret articles shall take effect and be obligatory on the contracting parties as soon as the same shall have been ratified by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States.

IN WITNESS of all and every thing herein determined between the United States of America and Alexander McGillivray in behalf of himself and the Creek nation, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, at the place and on the day and year above written.

in behalf of the United States.

H. KNOX secy. of [Seal]  
War and sole commissioner  
for treaty with the Creek nation.

DONE in the presence of

RID. MORRIS Chief Justice of the State New York  
RICHD. VARICK Mayor of the City of New York  
MARINUS WILLETT  
JOSEPH ALLEN SMITH  
HENRY IZARD

NOW KNOW YE, THAT I having seen and considered the said secret articles of the said treaty, do by and with the advice and consent of the United States accept, ratify, and confirm the same, and every article and clause thereof; In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with my hand.

Seal] Given at the city of New York the Thirteenth day of August, in the year of our lord, One Thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fifteenth year of the sovereignty and independence of the United States.

By Command of the  
President of the United  
States of America.

H. KNOX  
Secretary for the  
department of War

In behalf of himself and the Creek  
Nation.

ALEX. MCGILLIVRAY [Seal]

GO. WASHINGTON  
By the President  
TH. JEFFERSON<sup>1</sup>