

Treaty with the Comanche, Ioni, Anadaco, Caddo, Lipan, Longwa, Keechi, Tawakoni, Tonkawa, Wichita, and Waco Indians [May 15, 1846]

Articles of a treaty made and concluded at Council Springs, in the country of Robertson Texas, near the Brazos River, this 15th day of May, A.D. 1846, between P. M. Butler and M. G. Lewis, commissioners on the part of the United States of the one part, and the undersigned chiefs, counsellors, and warriors of the Comanche, Ioni, Anadarko, Caddo, Lipan, Longwa, Keechi, Tah-wa-carro [Tawakoni], Wichita, and Waco tribes of Indians and their associate bands in behalf of their said tribes, on the other part.

ARTICLE I.

The undersigned chiefs, warriors, and counsellors, for themselves and their said tribes or nations, do hereby acknowledge themselves to be under the protection of the United States, and of no other power, state, or sovereignty whatever.

ARTICLE II.

It is stipulated and agreed by the said tribes or nations, and their associate bands, that the United States shall have the sole and exclusive right of regulating trade and intercourse with them and they do hereby respectively engage to afford protection to such persons, with their property, as shall be duly licensed to reside among them for the purpose of trade and intercourse, and to their agents and servants, but no person shall be permitted to reside among them as a trader who is not furnished with a license for that purpose, under the hand and seal of the superintendent to be appointed by the President of the United States or such other person as the President shall authorize to grant such licenses, to the end that said Indians may not be imposed on in their trade; and if any licensed trader shall abuse his privilege by unfair dealing, upon complaint by the chiefs to their agents and proof thereof, his license shall be taken from him, and he shall be further punished according to the laws of the United States; and if any person shall intrude himself as a trader without such license, upon complaint he shall be dealt with according to law.

ARTICLE III. [Stricken Out later]

[The United States reserves to itself the right of working such mines as may be found within the Indian Territory and the said Tribes pledge themselves to protect such persons as the President of the United States may send among them for that purpose In order to guard against the perpetration of frauds upon the Indians under pretext of hunting and working mines, no person shall be permitted to go among them for that purpose except by express license from the President of the United States.]

ARTICLE IV.

The said tribes and their associate bands agree to deliver, by the first day of November next, to the superintendent of Indian affairs to be appointed by the President, at such place as he may direct, due notice of which shall be given to the said tribes, all white persons and negroes

who are now prisoners among any of the said tribes or nations, for which the United States agree to make them a fair compensation; and the United States further agree *to make* [that] all the prisoners taken from said tribes by Texas or the United States, shall be delivered up to the said tribes, at the same time and place, without charge. And when any member of any of said tribes or nations, and their associate bands, having in his possession an American prisoner or prisoners, white or black, shall refuse to give them up, the President of the United States shall have the privilege of sending among said tribes or nations such force as he may think necessary to take them; and the chiefs of the nations or tribes, parties to this treaty, pledge themselves to give protection and assistance to such persons as may be sent among them for this purpose.

ARTICLE V. [Stricken Out later]

[The said tribes or nations shall have the right of sending delegates to the City of Washington whenever they may think their interest requires it.]

ARTICLE VI.

The said tribes and their associate bands pledge themselves to give notice to the agent of the United States residing near them of any designs which they may know or suspect to [be] formed in any neighboring tribe, or by any person whatever, against the peace and interests of the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

It is agreed that, if any Indians shall commit a murder or robbery on any citizen of the United States, the tribe or nation to which the offender belongs shall deliver up the person or persons so complained of, on complaint being made to their chief, to the nearest post of the United States, to the end that he or they may be tried, and, if found guilty, punished, according to the law of the State or Territory where such offence may have been committed. In like manner, if any subject or citizen of the United States shall commit murder or robbery on any Indian or Indians of the said tribes or nations, upon complaint thereof to the agent residing near them, he or they shall be arrested, tried, and punished according to the law of the State or Territory where such offence may have been committed.

ARTICLE VIII.

The practice of stealing horses has prevailed very much to the great disquiet of the citizens of the United States, and, if persisted in, cannot fail to involve both the United States and the Indians in endless strife. It is therefore agreed that it shall be put an entire stop to on both sides. Nevertheless, should bad men, in defiance of this agreement, continue to make depredations of that nature, the person convicted thereof shall be punished with the utmost severity, according to the laws of the State or Territory where the offence may have been committed: and all horses so stolen, either by the Indians from the citizens of the United States or by the citizens of the United States from any of the said tribes or nations, into whose possession

soever they may have passed, upon due proof of rightful ownership, shall be restored; and the chiefs of said tribes or nations shall give all necessary aid and protection to citizens of the United States in reclaiming and recovering such stolen horses; and the civil magistrates of the United States, respectively, shall give all necessary aid and protection to Indians in claiming and recovering such stolen horses.

ARTICLE IX.

For the protection of said Indians and for the purpose of carrying out the stipulations of this treaty more effectually, the President shall, at his discretion, locate upon their borders trading-houses, agencies, and posts. In consideration of the friendly disposition of said tribes, evidenced by the stipulations in the present treaty, the commissioners of the United States, in behalf of the said States, agree to give to the said tribes or nations goods, as presents, at this time, and agree to give presents in goods to them, to the amount of ten thousand dollars, at such time as the President of the United States may think proper, at the Council Springs, on the Brazos, where this council is now held, or at some other point to be designated, and of which due notice shall be given to said tribes.

ARTICLE X.

The said tribes or nations and their associate bands are now, and forever agree to remain, at peace with the United States. All animosities for past offences are hereby mutually forgiven and forgotten, and the parties to this treaty pledge themselves to carry it into full execution, in good faith and sincerity.

ARTICLE XI.

And the said tribes and their associate bands are now, and agree to remain, friendly with such tribes as are now at peace with the United States, residing upon the waters of the Arkansas, Missouri, and Red Rivers.

ARTICLE XII.

If any person or persons shall introduce ardent spirits or intoxicating liquors of any kind among said tribes or nations, such person or *person[s]* shall be punished according to the laws of the United States, and the said tribes or nations agree to give immediate notice to the agent of the United States residing near them, and to prevent by any means in their power the violation of this article of treaty.

ARTICLE XIII.

It is further agreed that blacksmiths shall be sent to reside among the said tribes or nations, to keep their guns and farming-utensils in order, as long and in such manner as the

President may think proper. It is further agreed that school-teachers, at the discretion of the President, shall be sent among the said tribes or nations for the purpose of instructing them; and the said tribes or nations agree that preachers of the gospel may travel or reside among them by permission of the President or his agents to be appointed, and that ample protection shall be afforded them in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE XIV.

The said tribes or nations, parties to this treaty, are anxious to be at peace with all other tribes or nations, and it is agreed that the President shall use his exertions, in such manner as he may think proper, to preserve friendly relations between the different tribes or nations parties to this treaty, and all other tribes of Indians under his jurisdiction.

Given under our hands and seals this day and date above.

P. M. Butler, }
M. G. Lewis, } U.S. Com's.

Comanche

Pah-ha-u-ca, or the Amorous Man,	[his x mark
Mo-pe-chu-co-pe, or Old Owl,	[his x mark
Cush-un-a-rah-ah, or Ravisher,	[his x mark
Ka-bah-ha-moo, or Won't Smoke,	[his x mark
O-ka-art-su, or Rope Cutter,	[his x mark
Moo-ra-que-top, or Nasty Mule,	[his x mark
Ta-bup-pua-ta, or the Winner,	[his x mark
Kai-tia-tah, or Little,	[his x mark
Kai-he-na-mou-rah, Blind Man,	[his x mark
Ho-chu-cah, Birdshouse,	[his x mark
Pah-moo-wah-tah, No Tobacco,	[his x mark
Mon-ne-con-nah-heh, Ring,	[his x mark
Po-che-na-qua-heip, Buffalo Hump,)	[his x mark
Santa Anna,	[his x mark
Sa-ba-heit, Small Wolf,	[his x mark
Quarah-ha-po-e, Antelope Road,	[his x mark
Ka-nah-u-mah-ka, Nearly Dead,	[his x mark
Ish-a-me-a-qui, Travelling Wolf,	[his x mark
Mo-he-ka, Polecat,	[his x mark
A-ka-chu-a-ta, No Horn,	[his x mark
Ka-he-na-bo-ne, Blind Man,	[his x mark
Ma-war-ra, (The Lost,)	[his x mark
Ke-wid-da-wip-pa, Tall Woman,	[his x mark
Pa-na-che, Misstletoe,	[his x mark

Waco

We-ar-ras, Big Dog, [his x mark]
Hed-e-cok-isk, Double-Barrelled, [his x mark]

Keechi

Sa-sed-da-qua, Dead Man, [his x mark]
A-ko-ha-rai-at, Pursuer, [his x mark]
Hens-ke-da-hick, Long Frock, [his x mark]
Uks-que-ra-qua-ar-da, House Keeper, [his x mark]
Ha-wi-da-sai-kish, Man Killer, [his x mark]
No-cur-ra-oh-to-a-wa, Loud Talker, [his x mark]
To-ka-rah, Black House, [his x mark]
Ken-di-ash-ush-sa, Narrow Escape, [his x mark]

Tonkawa

Ha-set-ta, Sitting by a River, (Campos.) [his x mark]
Ha-shu-ka-nah, Can't Kill Him, Placedon, [his x mark]
Cha-al-lah, Strong Man, (Jose,) [his x mark]
Ka-sa, A Worshipper, [his x mark]
Tron-ke-ia, (Thunder,) [his x mark]
Nic-co-na-nah, Killed an Indian on the Hill, [his x mark]
Hose-Marea, or Aish, [his x mark]
Be-cin-ta, [his x mark]
Shell Chief, or Tow-a-ash, [his x mark]
Bin-chah, [his x mark]
Chick-a-saw-che, [his x mark]

Wichita

To-sa-quas, White Tail, [his x mark]
Cho-wash-ta-ha-da, Runner, [his x mark]
Kow-wah, Shirt Tail, [his x mark]
Wich-qua-sa-is, Contrary, [his x mark]
His-si-da-wah, Stubborn, [his x mark]

Tawakoni

Ke-chi-ko-ra-ko, Stubborn, [his x mark]
Nes-ho-chil-lash, Traveller, [his x mark]
Na-co-ah, Dangerfield, [his x mark]
Ka-ra-ko-ris, Deceiver, [his x mark]
Ha-ke-di-ad-ah, Gallant Man, [his x mark]

Wha-cha-ash-da, Looker-on,
Wash-le-doi-ro-ka, Don't you do so,
Te-ah-kur-rah, Lightman,
Sar-rah-de-od-a-sa, Straight Looker,

[his x mark
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Waco

A-qua-gosh, Short Tail,
Ho-hed-orah, Long Ways over the River,
Chos-toch-ka-a-wah, Charger,
Cha-to-wait, Ghost.
(To each of the names of the Indians is affixed his mark.)

Thomas J. Wilson	}	Secretaries	[his x mark
Isaac H. Du Val.			[his x mark

Robt. S. Neighbors,	}	Witnesses.	[his x mark
Hugh Rose,			[his x mark
Jno. H. Rollins,			[his x mark
Thomas J. Smith,			[his x mark
E. Morehouse,			[his x mark

his	}	Interpreters.	[his x mark	
Louis x Sanches,				
mark.				
his	}	Interpreters.	[his x mark	
John x Conner,				
mark.				
his	}	Interpreters.	[his x mark	
Jim x Shaw.				
Mark.				