

TREATIES.

*Convention between the Choctaws and Chickasaws. Concluded January 17, 1837. Approved and Confirmed March 24, 1837.**

ARTICLES of convention and agreement made on the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, between the undersigned chiefs and commissioners, duly appointed and empowered by the Choctaw tribe of red People, and John McLish, Pitman Colbert, James Brown, and James Perry, delegates of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, duly authorized by the chiefs and head men of said people for that purpose, subject to the approval of the President and Senate of the United States. Negotiators.

ARTICLE I. It is agreed by the Choctaws that the Chickasaws shall have the privilege of forming a district within the limits of their country, to be held on the same terms that the Choctaws now hold it, except the right of disposing of it, which is held in common with the Choctaws and Chickasaws, to be called the Chickasaw district of the Choctaw Nation, to have an equal representation in their General Council, and to be placed on an equal footing in every other respect with any of the other districts of said nation, except a voice in the management of the consideration which is given for these rights and privileges; and the Chickasaw people to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Choctaws, with the exception of participating in the Choctaw annuities, and the consideration to be paid for these rights and privileges, and to be subject to the same laws to which the Choctaws are; but the Chickasaws reserve to themselves the sole right and privilege of controlling and managing the residue of their funds, as far as is consistent with the late treaty between the said people and the Government of the United States, and of making such regulations and electing such officers for that purpose as they may think proper. Chickasaws may form a district in the Choctaw country.
Conditions and limitations.

ARTICLE II. The Chickasaw district shall be bounded as follows, viz: beginning on the north bank of Red River, at the mouth of Island bayou, about eight or ten miles below the mouth of False Wachitta, thence running north along the main channel of said bayou to its source; thence along the dividing ridge between the Wachitta and Low Blue rivers, to the road leading from Fort Gibson to Fort Wachitta; thence along said road, to the line dividing Mushallatubbee and Pushmatahaw districts; thence, eastwardly, along said district line, to the source of Brushy Creek; thence, down said creek, to where it flows into the Canadian River, ten or twelve miles above the mouth of the south fork of the Canadian; thence, west, along the main Canadian River, to its source, if in the limits of the United States, or to those limits; and thence, due south to Red River, and down Red River to the beginning. Boundaries of district.

ARTICLE III. The Chickasaws agree to pay the Choctaws, as a consideration for these rights and privileges, the sum of five hundred and thirty thousand dollars; thirty thousand of which shall be paid at the time, and in the manner, that the Choctaw annuity of 1837 is paid; and the remaining five hundred thousand dollars to be invested in some safe and secure Payment for these privileges

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stocks, under the direction of the Government of the United States, redeemable within a period of not less than twenty years; and the Government of the United States shall cause the interest arising therefrom to be paid annually to the Choctaws, in the following manner: twenty thousand dollars of which to be paid, as the present Choctaw annuity is paid, for four years, and the residue to be subject to the control of the General Council of the Choctaws; and, after the expiration of the four years, the whole of said interest to be subject to the entire control of the said council.

Differences as to the construction of this agreement to be referred to the Choctaw agent.

ARTICLE IV. To provide for the future adjustment of all complaints or dissatisfactions which may arise to interrupt the peace and harmony which have so long and so happily existed between the Choctaws and Chickasaws, it is hereby agreed by the parties that all questions relative to the construction of this agreement shall be referred to the Choctaw agent, to be by him decided; reserving, however, to either party, should it feel itself aggrieved thereby, the right of appealing to the President of the United States, whose decision shall be final and binding. But, as considerable time might elapse before the decision of the President could be had, *in the mean time*, the decision of the said agent shall be binding.

Appeal to the President.

Both to have equal rights and privileges.

ARTICLE V. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the parties hereto, that equal rights and privileges shall pertain to both Choctaws and Chickasaws to settle in whatever district they may think proper, and to be eligible to all the different offices of the Choctaw Nation, and to vote on the same terms in whatever district they may settle, except that the Choctaws are not to vote *in any wise* for officers in relation to the residue of the Chickasaw fund.

Except.

Signatures.

In testimony whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, at Doaksville, near Fort Towson, in the Choctaw country, on the day and year first above written.

In the presence of—

- WM. ARMSTRONG, *Act. Supt. West'n Ter'y,*
- HENRY R. CARTER, *Conductor of the Chickw. Delegn,*
- JOSIAH S. DOAK,
- VINCT. B. TIMS,
- DANIEL McCURTAIN, *U. S. Interpreter,*
- P. J. HUMPHREYS,
- J. T. SPRAGUE, *Lieut. U. S. M. Corps,*
- THOMAS LAFLOOR, his x mark, *Chief of Oaklafalaya district,*
- NITUCHACHUE, his x mark, *Chief of Pushmatahaw district,*
- JOSEPH KINCAID, x his mark, *Chief of Mushalatubbee district,*

Commissioners of the Choctaw Nation—

- P. P. PITCHLYNN, [SEAL.]
- GEORGE W. HASKINS, [SEAL.]
- ISRAEL FOLSOM, [SEAL.]
- R. M. JONES, [SEAL.]
- SILAS D. FISHER, [SEAL.]
- SAMUEL WOWSTER, [SEAL.]
- JOHN McKENNEY, x
- EYACHAHOFEE, x
- NATHANIEL FOLSOM, x
- LEWIS BRASHEARS, x
- JAMES FLETCHER, x
- GEORGE PUSLEY, x

Captains—

- OAK-CHI-A, x
- THOMAS HAYS, x

PIS-TAM-BEE,	x
HO-LAH-TA-HO-MA,	x
E-YO-TAH,	x
ISAAC PERRY,	x
NO-WAH-HAM-BEE,	x

Chickasaw delegation—

J. McLISH,
PITMAN COLBERT,
JAMES BROWN, his x mark.
JAMES PERRY, his x mark.

In the presence of

WM. ARMSTRONG, *Acting Superintendent, Western Territory,*
HENRY R. CARTER, *Conductor of the Chickasaw Delegation,*
JOSIAH S. DOAK,
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DANIEL McCURTAIN, *U. S. Interpreter,*
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J. T. SPRAGUE, *Lieut. U. S. M. Corps.*

WHEREAS a convention or agreement was made and entered into at Doaksville, in the Choctaw Country, on the seventeenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, by and between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes of Indians, which convention or agreement was made subject to the approval of the President and Senate of the United States ;

And whereas the Senate, by their resolution passed on the twenty-fifth day of February last, did approve of the said convention or agreement,

Now be it known that I, MARTIN VAN BUREN, President of the United States of America, having seen and considered the said convention or agreement, do, by these presents, declare that I approve and confirm the same, and every clause and article thereof.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and of the independence of the United States the sixty-first.

M. VAN BUREN.

By the President :

JOHN FORSYTH, *Secretary of State.*