

Treaty between the United States of America and the Northwestern Bands of Shoshonee Indians, concluded at Box Elder, July 30, 1863; Ratification advised, with Amendments, by the Senate, March 7, 1864; Amendments assented to, November 18, 1864; Proclaimed by the President of the United States, January 17, 1865.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL AND SINGULAR TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: July 30, 1863.

WHEREAS a treaty was made and concluded at Box Elder, in the Territory of Utah, on the thirtieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, by and between James Duane Doty, Commissioner, and Brigadier General P. Edward Connor, on the part of the United States, and the hereinafter named chiefs and warriors of the northwestern bands of Shoshonee Indians, on the part of said bands of Indians, and duly authorized thereto by them, which treaty is in the words and figures following, to wit:—

Preamble.

Articles of agreement made at Box Elder, in Utah Territory, this thirtieth day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, by and between the United States of America, represented by Brigadier-General P. Edward Connor, commanding the military district of Utah, and James Duane Doty, commissioner, and the northwestern bands of the Shoshonee Indians, represented by their chiefs and warriors:

Contracting parties.

ARTICLE I. It is agreed that friendly and amicable relations shall be reestablished between the bands of the Shoshonee Nation, parties hereto, and the United States; and it is declared that a firm and perpetual peace shall be henceforth maintained between the said bands and the United States.

Peace and friendship.

ARTICLE II. The treaty concluded at Fort Bridger on the 2nd day of July, 1863, between the United States and the Shoshonee Nation, being read and fully interpreted and explained to the said chiefs and warriors, they do hereby give their full and free assent to all of the provisions of said treaty, and the same are hereby adopted as a part of this agreement, and the same shall be binding upon the parties hereto.

Treaty of Fort Bridger assented to.

ARTICLE III. In consideration of the stipulations in the preceding articles, the United States agree to increase the annuity to the Shoshonee nation five thousand dollars, to be paid in the manner provided in said treaty. And the said northwestern bands hereby acknowledge to have received of the United States, at the signing of these articles, provisions and goods to the amount of two thousand dollars, to relieve their immediate necessities, the said bands having been reduced by the war to a state of utter destitution.

Annuity increased.

Receipt.

ARTICLE IV. The country claimed by Pokatello for himself and his people is bounded on the west by Raft River and on the east by the Porteneuf Mountains.

Boundary of Pokatello's country.

Done at Box Elder, this thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1863.

JAMES DUANE DOTY,

Governor and Acting Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Utah Territory.

P. EDW. CONNOR,

Brig.-Genl. U. S. Vols., Comd'g Dist. of Utah.

POKATELLO,
TOOMONTSO,

his x mark, chief.

his x mark, "

SANPITZ,	his x mark, chief
TOSOWITZ,	his x mark, "
YAHNOWAY,	his x mark, "
WEERAHSOOP,	his x mark, "
PAHRAGOOSAHD,	his x mark, "
TAHKWETOONAH,	his x mark, "
OMASHEE, (John Pokatello's brother,)	his x mark, "

Witnesses:

ROBT. POLLOCK, Col. 3d Inf'y, C. V.
 M. G. LEWIS, Capt. 3d Inf'y, C. V.
 S. E. JOCELYN, 1st Lieut. 3d Inf'y, C. V.
 JOS. A. GEBONE, *Indian Interpreter*.
 JOHN BARNARD, Jr., his x mark, *Special Interpreter*.
 WILLIS H. BOOTHE, *Special Interpreter*.
 HORACE WHEAT.

Submitted to
Senate.

And whereas the said treaty having been submitted to the Senate of the United States for its constitutional action thereon, the Senate did, on the seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, advise and consent to the ratification of the same by a resolution, with an amendment, in the words and figures following, to wit:—

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, }
 March 7, 1864. }

Ratified with
amendment.

RESOLVED, (two thirds of the senators present concurring,) That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the "articles of agreement made at Box Elder, in Utah Territory, the thirtieth day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, by and between the United States of America, represented by Brigadier-General P. Edward Connor, commanding the military district of Utah, and James Duane Doty, Commissioner, and the northwestern bands of the Shoshonee Indians, represented by their chiefs and warriors;" with the following amendment:—

At the end of article 4 insert a new article, as follows:

ARTICLE V. Nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to admit any other or greater title or interest in the lands embraced within the territories described in said treaty in said tribes or bands of Indians than existed in them upon the acquisition of said territories from Mexico by the laws thereof.

Attest:

J. W. FORNEY, *Secretary*.Amendment
assented to.

And whereas the foregoing amendment having been fully interpreted and explained to Pokatello, Toomontso, Sanpitz, Tosowitz, Tahkwetoonah, and Omashee, (John,) Pokatello's brother, chiefs and warriors of the northwestern bands of Shoshonee Indians, they did, on the eighteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, give their free and voluntary assent to the same, in the words and figures following, to wit:—

Whereas a treaty of peace and friendship, by "Articles of agreement," was made and concluded at Box Elder, in the Territory of Utah, on the thirtieth day [of] July, A. D. 1863, between the United States, represented by their commissioner, James Duane Doty, and Brigadier General P. Edward Connor, and Pokatello and other chiefs and warriors of the Shoshonee nation of Indians, which treaty was ratified by the Senate of the United States with the following amendment:—

"ARTICLE 5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed or taken to admit any other or greater title or interest in the lands embraced within the territories described in said treaty in said tribes or bands of Indians than existed in them upon the acquisition of said territories from Mexico by the laws thereof."

Now, the said amendment having been, this 18th day of November, A. D. 1864, at a council held with the said chiefs and warriors at Box Elder, under the instructions of the President of the United States, submitted to the said chiefs and warriors for their consideration and acceptance, and the same having been read and fully interpreted to them in their own language, the said chiefs and warriors, for themselves and for the Shoshonee nation, do hereby agree and consent to the said amendment to the said treaty; and do stipulate that the same shall be and is hereby accepted and adopted as one of the articles thereof, and forever binding upon them and their said nation.

In witness whereof the said Commissioner and the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Territory of Utah, on the part of the United States, and the said chiefs and warriors, on the part of the Shoshonee nation, have hereunto set their hands this eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1864.

JAMES DUANE DOTY, *Commissioner.*

O. H. IRISH, *Supt. Indn. Affairs.*

POKATELLO,	x his mark.
TOOMONTSO,	x his mark.
SANPITZ,	x his mark.
TOSOWITZ,	x his mark.
TAHKWETOONAH,	x his mark.
OMASHEE (John), Pokatello's brother,	x his mark.

Witnesses:

AMOS REED, *Secretary of Utah Ty.*

ALVIN NICHOLS.

D. B. HUNTINGTON, *U. S. Ind. Interpreter.*

WILLIS BOOTHE, *Special Interpreter.*

Now, therefore, be it known that I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States of America, do, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, as expressed in their resolution of the seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, accept, ratify, and confirm the said treaty, with the amendment, as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have signed the same with my hand, and have caused the seal of the United States to be hereto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [SEAL.] sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State.*