

Andrew Johnson,
President of the United States of America,

To all and singular to whom these
presents shall come, greeting:

Whereas a Treaty was made
and concluded at Fort Laramie,
in the Territory of Dakota, on the
seventh day of May, in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and sixty-eight, by and
between Lieutenant General W.
T. Sherman, Brigadier General
William S. Harney, Brigadier
General Alfred H. Terry, Brigadier
General G. C. Augur, John
B. Sanborn, and S. F. Tappan,
Commissioners, on the part of
the United States, and Che-Ra-Pe-
-dah-Ka-To, Chat-Sa-He,
and other Chiefs and Headmen
of the Crow tribe of Indians, on
the part of said Indians, and

duly authorized agents by them,
which Treaty is in the words
and figures following. to
wit:

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Draft of a
Treaty with the
"Crow Indians"
of Montana.

made the seventh
day of May 1868.
at Fort Taramie.

Articles of a treaty made and concluded at
 Fort Taramie, Dakota Territory, on the seventh
 day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight
 hundred and sixty eight, by and between the undersigned
 Commissioners on the part of the United States, and the undersigned
 Chiefs and headmen of, and representing, the Crow
 Indians; they being duly authorized to act in the
 premises

Article 1. From this day forward peace
 between the parties to this treaty shall forever continue.
 The Government of the United States desires peace and
 its honor is hereby pledged to keep it. The Indians
 desire peace and they hereby pledge their honor to
 maintain it. If bad men among the whites or
 among other people subject to the authority of the
 United States shall commit any wrong upon the person
 or property of the Indians, the United States will,
 upon proof, made to the Agent and forwarded to
 the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington
 City, proceed at once to cause the offender to be
 arrested and punished according to the laws of the
 United States and also reimburse the injured person
 for the loss sustained;

If bad men among the Indians shall
 commit a wrong or depredation upon the person or
 property of any one, white, black or Indian, subject
 to the authority of the United States and at peace

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therewith, the Indians herein named solemnly agree that they will on proof made to their Agent and notice by him, deliver up the wrong doer to the United States, to be tried and punished according to its laws, and in case they refuse wilfully so to do, the person injured shall be reimbursed for his loss from the annuities or other moneys due or to become due to them under this or other treaties made with the United States. And the President, on advising with the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, shall prescribe such rules and regulations for ascertaining damages under the provisions of this Article, as in his judgment may be proper. But no such damages shall be adjusted and paid until thoroughly examined and passed upon by the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, and no one sustaining loss while violating, or because of her violating, the provisions of this treaty or the laws of the United States shall be reimbursed therefor.

Article 11 The United States agrees that the following district of country to wit: Commencing where the 107th degree of Longitude west of Greenwich crosses the South boundary of Montana Territory, thence North along said 107th Meridian to the mid Channel of the Yellow Stone River. Thence up said mid Channel of the Yellow Stone to the point where it crosses the said Southern boundary of Montana being the 45th degree of North Latitude and thence East along said parallel of Latitude to the place of beginning, shall be and the same is set apart for the absolute and undisturbed use and occupation of the Indians herein named, and for such other friendly tribes or individual Indians, as from time to time they may be willing - with the consent of the United States - to admit amongst them, and the United States now solemnly agrees that no persons, except those herein designated and authorized so to do, and except such officers, agents and employees of the government as may be authorized to enter upon Indian reservations in discharge of duties enjoined by law shall ever be permitted to pass over, settle upon or reside in the territory described in this article for the use of said Indians, and henceforth, they will and do hereby relinquish all title, claims or rights in and to any portion of the territory of the United States, except such as is embraced within the limits aforesaid.

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Article III. The United States agrees at its own proper expense to construct on the South side of the Yellow Stone near Cedar Creek, a warehouse or store room for the use of the Agent in storing goods belonging to the Indians, to cost not exceeding twenty five hundred dollars; an Agency building for the residence of the Agent, to cost not exceeding three thousand dollars; a residence for the physician to cost not more than three thousand dollars; and five other buildings, for a Carpenter, Tinner, Blacksmith, Miller and Engineer, each to cost not exceeding two thousand dollars; Also a school house or Mission building, so soon as a sufficient number of children can be induced by the Agent to attend school, which shall not cost exceeding twenty five hundred dollars

The United States agrees further to cause to be erected on said reservation, near the other buildings herein authorized, a good Steam Circular Saw Mill, with a Grist Mill and Shingle Machine attached, the same to cost not exceeding Eight thousand dollars

Weaver
July 10th

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Article IV. The Indians herein named agree, when the Agency house and other buildings, shall be constructed on the reservation named, they will make said reservation their permanent home, and they will make no permanent settlement elsewhere, but they shall have the right to hunt on the unoccupied lands of the United States, so long as game may be found thereon and as long as peace subsists among the Whites and Indians on the borders of the hunting districts

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Article V. The United States agrees that the Agent for said Indians, shall in the future, make his home at the Agency building; that he shall reside among them, and keep an office open at all times, for the purpose of prompt and diligent enquiry into such matters of complaint by and against the Indians, as may be presented for investigation under the provisions of this treaty stipulations, as also for the faithful discharge of other duties enjoined on him by law. In all cases of depredation on person or property, he shall cause the evidence to be taken in writing and forwarded, together with his finding, to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, whose decision, shall be binding on the parties to this treaty.

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Article VI If any individual belonging to said Tribes of Indians, or legally incorporated with them, being the head of a family, shall desire to commence farming, he shall have the privilege to select, in the presence and with the assistance of the Agent then in charge, a tract of land within said reservation, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres in extent, which tract, when so selected, certified and recorded in the "Land Book" as herein directed, shall cease to be held in common, but the same may be occupied and held in the exclusive possession of the person selecting it, and of his family, so long as he or they may continue to cultivate it.

Any person over eighteen years of age, not being the head of a family, may in like manner, select and cause to be certified to him or her, for purposes of cultivation, a quantity of land not exceeding eighty acres in extent, and thereupon, be entitled to the exclusive possession of the same as above directed.

For each tract of land so selected, a certificate, containing a description thereof and the name of the person selecting it, with a certificate endorsed thereon, that the same has been recorded shall be delivered to the party

Entitled to it by the Agent, after the same shall have been recorded by him, in a book to be kept in his office, subject to inspection, which said book shall be known as the "Crow Land Book."

The President may, at any time, order a survey of the reservation, and, when so surveyed, Congress shall provide for protecting the rights of Settlers in their improvements, and may fix the character of the title held by each. The United States may pass such laws on the subject of alienation and descent of property, as between Indians and on all subjects connected with the Government of the Indians on said Reservations, and the internal Police thereof, as may be thought proper.

Howell
June 10

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Article VII. In order to insure the civilization of the tribe entering into this treaty, the necessity of education is admitted, especially by such of them as are, or may be, settled on said agricultural reservation, and they, therefore, pledge themselves to compel their children, male and female, between the ages of six and sixteen years, to attend school, and it is hereby made the duty of the Agent for said Indians, to see that this stipulation is strictly complied with; and the United States agrees that for every thirty children, between said ages, who can be induced or compelled to attend school, a house shall be provided, and a teacher, competent to teach the elementary branches of an English education, shall be furnished, who will reside among said Indians, and faithfully discharge his or her duties as a teacher. The provisions of this article to continue for twenty years.

Article VIII. When the head of a family or lodge, shall have selected lands, and received his certificate as above directed, and the Agent shall be satisfied that he intends in good faith to commence cultivating the soil for a living, he shall be entitled to receive seeds and agricultural implements, for the first year in value one hundred dollars, and for each succeeding year he shall continue to farm for a period of three years more, he shall be entitled to receive seeds and implements as aforesaid in value, twenty five dollars per annum

And it is further stipulated, that such persons as commence farming, shall receive instructions from the farmer herein provided for, and whenever more than one hundred persons shall enter upon the cultivation of the soil, a second blacksmith shall be provided, with such iron, steel, and other material as may be required.

W. S. Johnson July 10

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Article IX. In lieu of all sums of money or other annuities provided to be paid to the Indians herein named, under any and all treaties heretofore made with them, the United States agrees to deliver at the Agency House, on the reservation herein provided for, on the first day of September of each year for thirty years, the following articles, to wit:

For each male person, over fourteen years of age, a suit of good substantial woollen clothing, consisting of coat, hat, pantaloons, flannel shirt and a pair of woollen socks.

For each female, over twelve years of age, a flannel skirt, or the goods necessary to make it; a pair of woollen hose, twelve yards of calico and twelve yards of cotton domestics.

For the boys and girls under the ages named, such flannel and cotton goods as may be needed to make each, a suit as aforesaid, together with a pair of woollen hose for each.

And, in order that the Commissioners of Indian Affairs may be able to estimate properly for the articles herein named, it shall be the duty of the Agent, each year, to forward to them a full and exact census of the Indians, on which the Estimate from year

to year can be based

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And, in addition to the clothing herein named, the sum of ten dollars shall be annually appropriated for each Indian roaming and twenty dollars for each Indian engaged in agriculture for a period of ten years to be used by the Secretary of the Interior, in the purchase of such articles as, from time to time, the condition and necessities of the Indians may indicate to be proper. And if, at any time, within the ten years, it shall appear that the amount of money needed for clothing, under this article, can be appropriated to better uses for the tribe herein named, Congress may by law, change the appropriation to other purposes, but, in no event, shall the amount of this appropriation be withdrawn or discontinued for the period named: and the President shall, annually, detail an officer of the Army to be present and attest the delivery of all the goods, herein named, to the Indians, and he shall inspect and report on the quantity and quality of the goods, and the manner of their delivery, and it is expressly stipulated that each Indian over the age of four years, who shall have removed to and settled permanently upon ^{and} reservation and complied with the stipulations of this treaty shall be entitled to receive from the United

States for the period of four years after he shall have
settled upon said reservation, one pound of meat and
one pound of flour per day, provided the Indians
cannot furnish their own subsistence at an earlier date.
And it is further stipulated that the United States
will furnish and deliver to each lodge of Indians or
family of persons legally incorporated with them,
who shall remove to the reservation, herein described
and commence farming one good American cow
and one good well broken pair of American Oxen
within sixty days after such lodge or family
shall have so settled upon said reservation.

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July 1864

Article X The United States
covenantly agrees to furnish annually to the Indians,
the physician, Teachers, Carpenters, Miller,
Engineer, Farmer and Blacksmiths as herein
contemplated, and that such appropriations
shall be made from time to time, on the
Estimates of the Secretary of the Interior,
as well be sufficient to employ such persons.

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Article XI. No treaty for the cession of any portion of the reservation herein described, which may be held in common, shall be of any force or validity as against the said Indians unless executed and signed by, at least, a majority of all the adult male Indians occupying or interested in the same, and no cession by the tribe shall be understood or construed in such manner as to deprive without his consent any individual member of the tribe of his right to any tract of land selected by him as provided in Article VI of this treaty.

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Article XII. It is agreed that the sum of Five hundred dollars annually, for three years from the date when they commence to cultivate a farm, shall be expended in presents to the ten persons of said tribe who, in the judgment of the Agent, may grow the most valuable crops for the respective year

W. T. Sherman

St Louis,

Wm. H. Harvey

Brig. Gen. & Dir. Army

Dep. Atty. Gen.
Bot. Med. Gen.

W. L. August

Brig. Gen.

John B. Sanborn

S. F. Tappan

Ashley J. S. White
Secretary

Crows

Che-na-pee-juh-ka-se	his mark	Pretty Bull (seal)	
Chat-Sta-Ne	his mark	Wolf Bow (seal)	
Ah-Be-Che-Se	his mark	Mountain Tail (seal)	
Kaw-Ne-But-Sa	his mark	Black Foot	seal
De-Sah-ge-cho-je	his mark	White Horse	seal
Chiu-ka-Ne-Arache	his mark	Four Elk	seal
E-Sa-Woors	his mark	Shot in the jaw	seal
E-Sha-Chose	his mark	White Forehead	seal
Ro-ka	his mark	Pounded meat	seal
De-ka-ke-uh-se	his mark	Bird in the neck	seal
Me-na-che	his mark	The Swan	seal

Witness:

George B. Willis, Photographer
 Jno. D. Holcomb
 Alex. Gardner
 David Kurtz
 Chas. Freeman
 Jas. O'Connor

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 twenty-
fifth day of July, one thousand
eight hundred and sixty-eight,
advise and consent to the
ratification of the same, by
a resolution in the words and
figures following, to wit:

Per 27 July

W. Jefferson

In Executive Session,
Senate of the United States,
July 25, 1868.

Resolved, (two thirds of the Senators
present concurring,) That the Senate advise
and consent to the ratification of the Treaty
between the United States and the Crow
Indians of Montana Territory, made the
seventh day of May, 1868.

Attest:

Geo. L. Graham

Secretary.

by

W. M. Reynolds

Chief Clerk

Now, therefore, be it known
that I, Andrew Johnson, President
of the United States of America,
do, in pursuance of the advice
and consent of the Senate, as
expressed in its resolution of the
twenty-fifth of July, one thousand
eight hundred and sixty-eight,
accept, ratify, and confirm the
said Treaty.

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

Done at the City of
Washington this twelfth
day of August, in the
year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred
and sixty-eight, and of the
Independence of the
United States of America
the ninety-third.

Andrew Johnson

By the President:

W. H. Hunt

Acting Secretary of State.