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River Crow tribe  
of Indians

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W. J. Cullen  
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Treaty copies

Articles of Agreement and Convention

Made and concluded at Fort Haw-  
-ley N. T. on the fifteenth day of July  
in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty eight by and  
between W. J. Cullen Commissioner duly  
appointed and authorized on the part  
of the United States, and the Chiefs  
Headmen and Delegates representing  
the River Crow tribe of Indians, they  
being duly authorized for each purpose  
by their tribe.

## Article I.

Perpetual peace, friendship and amity shall hereinafter exist between the United States and the River Crow tribe of Indians, parties to this treaty.

## Article II.

The aforementioned tribes of Indians do hereby mutually jointly and severally agree and covenant that they will maintain peaceful relations among themselves and cultivate mutual good will and friendship not only among themselves, but towards any other tribe or tribes, that may dwell upon the reserved lands as in article third described and set forth, or adjacent thereto.

## Article III.

We, the Chiefs, Head men and Delegates, of the River Crow tribe of Indians, it hereinafter signed by us, and being by our said tribe hereunto authorized and directed do hereby cede and forever relinquish and surrender to the United States all the right title, claim and interest in and to all lands claimed held or possessed by them where-



well situated said lands being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: commencing at a point where the Powder River empties in to the Yellow Stone River thence up said Powder River to its source, including all of its tributaries thence southerly in a straight line from the Pumpkin Butte on Powder River to the Platte River, at or near the Red Butte thence westerly to the base of the Rocky Mountains intersecting the head waters of the Missouri River thence north easterly in a straight line to the Neversichell River, thence down said Neversichell to its junction with the Missouri River, thence down thence down the Missouri to its junction with the Day fork, thence up said Day Fork to its source, thence easterly to the place of beginning and it is hereby agreed by the parties to this Treaty that the said Crow tribe of Indians shall be located upon a certain tract of country reserved and set forth apart for the use and benefit of the Blackfoot Nation and Crow & Bentons tribes of Indians said land being more particularly described and

set forth in a treaty made and concluded at Fort Hawley N. T. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1868 between the United States and the Crow Tribes of Indians, where by stipulations are made for the location of said Crow Indians on a reservation adjoining that of the Crow Tribes (to be under the supervision and control of the same Agent occupying and using in common, all Agency buildings together with the services of each of the employees and may be deemed practicable) and to be treated in all respects as owners in common of said lands, and entitled to all privileges and benefits thereto pertaining, the same in all respects, as though they were parties to the Crow Tribes Treaty, and the said Crow Tribes of Indians, shall be protected in such location against any annoyance or molestation on the part of Whites or Indians, and they do hereby agree, that as soon as suitable Agency buildings are erected they will settle permanently upon said reservation and do all in their power to encourage agricultural pursuits among their people.

#### Article IV.

No white person unless in the employ-  
ment of the United States, or duly  
licensed to trade with the Indians  
located on the reserved land herein-  
before stated, or members of <sup>the</sup> families  
of such persons, shall be permitted to  
reside, or make any settlement upon  
any portion of said tract or portion  
of country so reserved and set apart  
as aforesaid, nor shall said Indians  
alienate, sell or in any manner dispo-  
se of any portion thereof except to the  
United States.

#### Article V.

The said tribe of Indians, parties  
to this Treaty desire to exclude from  
the tract of country, reserved as herein  
before stated and set forth, the use  
of ardent spirits or other intoxicating  
liquor and to prevent their people from  
drinking or using the same, therefore  
it is provided that any Indian or  
Half-breed belonging to said tribe who  
is guilty of bringing such liquor into  
the Indian country, or who drinks  
the same, may have his or her property



riod of the annuities herein for mentioned  
withheld from him or her for each time  
as the President may determine and  
they shall likewise be liable to the same  
punishment as white persons for the same  
offences, under the laws of the  
United States.

### Article VI

The said Crow tribe of Ind-  
ians, parties to this Treaty hereby  
acknowledge their dependence upon  
the United States, and their obli-  
gation to obey the laws thereof,  
and they further agree and obligate  
themselves, to submit to and obey said  
laws, and all other laws which shall  
be made by Congress, for their gov-  
ernment, and for the punishment  
of offences and they agree to exert  
themselves to the utmost of their abil-  
ity, in enforcing all those laws under  
the direction of the Superintendent  
of Indian Affairs or Agents, and  
they pledge and bind themselves to  
preserve friendly relations with the  
citizens of the United States and to  
commit no injuries to or depredations

and their persons or property. They also agreed  
to deliver to the proper officer or officers  
of the United States, all offenders  
against the treaties, laws or regulations  
of the United States; and to assist in  
discovering, pursuing and capturing  
all such offenders against the treaties,  
laws or regulations of the United States  
who may be within the limits of the  
country reserved and set apart, for the  
use of the said Crow and other tribes  
of Indians, whenever required to  
do so by said officer or officers.  
And the said Crow tribe of Indians  
parties to this Treaty, agreed that they  
will not make war upon any other  
tribes, except in self-defence, but will  
submit all matters of difference between  
themselves and other Indians, to the  
United States for adjustment, and  
will abide thereby, and if any of the said  
Indians, parties to this treaty, commit depredations  
upon any other Indians within  
the jurisdiction of the United States, the same  
rule shall prevail in regard to compensation  
and punishment as in case of depredations  
against citizens of the United States.



Article VII.

In consideration of the foregoing agreements, stipulations and cessions, and on condition of their faithful observance by the said tribe of Indians, parties to this Treaty, the United States agree to expend annually for the Crow tribe of Indians, in addition to the goods and provisions distributed at the time of signing this Treaty, for and during the term of twenty years, from and after the ratification of this Treaty, the several sums and for the purposes following to wit: for the support of one Physician, and for the purchase of medicines eight hundred dollars, for one blacksmith five hundred dollars; for one school teacher, and the necessary books and stationery for the school four hundred and fifty dollars, for the instruction of said Indians in farming, and the purchase of seeds &c. six hundred dollars and for annuity payments, the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, to be expended in such useful goods, provisions and other articles, as the Secretary of the Interior at his discretion may from time to time determine. Provided: that much of

said annual sum of twenty five thousand  
dollars, or the Secretary of the Interior  
shall deem proper, may be expended  
in stock, animals, and agricultural  
implements, and in establishing and  
instructing in agricultural and me-  
chanical pursuits such of said Indians  
as shall be disposed thereto, and in the  
employment of mechanics for them, and  
providing care and support for the  
sick and infirm, and helpless orphans  
of their number; and in any other  
respect promoting their civilization and  
improvement. And to enable the said  
tribe of Indians, parties to this Treaty  
to enter upon a civilized career, free  
from all indebtedness the United  
States further agree that in addition  
to the annuities above stipulated to be  
paid, to pay all such persons as may be  
entitled thereto, such sum or sums, as  
the said tribe of Indians may be  
justly indebted to them in, by reason  
of such persons having furnished  
goods, provisions, or supplies to said  
tribe of Indians, or by reason of  
depredations heretofore committed up-  
on the property of such persons by said

Indian not exceeding in all the sum of  
Twenty five thousand dollars.

### Article VIII

The Half-breds of said tribe, and  
other persons citizens of the United States,  
who have intermarried with Indian women  
of said tribe, and continue to maintain domestic  
relations with them, shall not be compelled to  
remove to said reservation, but shall be  
allowed to remain undisturbed upon  
the lands herein above ceded and  
relinquished to the United States, and  
they shall be allowed each to select from  
said ceded lands, one hundred and sixty  
acres of land (not mineral) including as  
far as possible their present homesteads,  
the boundaries of the same to be made  
to conform as far as practicable to the  
United States survey, and where so select-  
ed the President of the United States  
shall issue to each of said persons so select-  
ing the same, a patent for such quar-  
ter section of land with such restriction  
on the point of alienation as he may  
see fit to impose, and until such patent  
shall issue, there shall be no power of  
alienation of said lands by any person



for whose benefit such elections are au-  
thorized to be made and it is further  
understood and agreed that the  
Half breeds of said tribe shall have  
equally per capita with the Indians afore-  
mentioned in the distribution of annuity  
goods and that the said tribe of Indians  
shall have the right to select and appoint  
a proper and suitable person to assist in  
the distribution of annuity goods and see  
that they are distributed fairly and equally.

### Article IX.

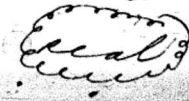
It is understood and agreed by  
and between the parties to this Treaty  
that if any of the Indians, parties here-  
to shall violate any of the stipulations  
herein contained the United States may  
withhold for such length of time as the  
President and Congress may determine  
any portion or all of the annuities agreed  
to be paid to said tribe under provisions  
of this treaty.















### Article X.

This treaty shall be obligatory upon the  
contracting parties whenever the same shall  
be ratified by the President and Senate of  
the United States, and shall continue in force

for twenty) years, from and after the said date, unless sooner violated and broken by said Indians.

In Testimony whereof, the said W. J. Cullen Commissioner on the part of the United States, and the undersigned Chief Headmen and Delegates of the foregoing tribes of Indians parties to this Treaty have hereunto set their hands and seals at the place and on the day and year herein before written.

W. J. Cullen   
Commissioner

Executed in presence of	Koree Guard	his + mark 
Schol Sailer Interpreter	White Side	his + mark 
Alfred S. Vaughan	Little Soldier	his + mark 
N. E. Hamilton	Two Wreath	his + mark 
J. T. Seidler	Two Belly Woman	his + mark 
David Harey	Spaniard	his + mark 
Capt. Sereno Lertz	Medicine Hair	his + mark 
Dr. R. A. Whitefoot N. S.	Linker	his + mark 
Geo. W. Boyd	Bulls Nose	his + mark 
Geo. Culler Interpreter	Long Neck	his + mark 
Chas. Cullen	Bulls Cock	his + mark 
Secretary	The wood Cutter	his + mark 
	Wolf Prison	his + mark 
	The Eating Man	his + mark 
	The shot bet is in every way	his + mark 