ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND CONVENTION,

Made and concluded at the City of Washington, on the twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, by and between James B. Gardiner, specially appointed Commissioner on the part of the United States, of the one part, and the undersigned, principal Chiefs and Warriors of the Seneca tribe of Indians, residing on the Sandusky river in the State of Ohio, on the part of said tribe, of the other part; for the cession of the lands now owned and occupied by the said tribe of Indians, lying on the waters of the Sandusky river, and situate within the territorial limits of the organized counties of Seneca and Sandusky, in said State of Ohio.

Whereas the tribe of Seneca Indians, residing on Sandusky River, in the State of Ohio, have earnestly solicited the President of the United States to negotiate with them, for an exchange of the lands, now owned and occupied by them, for lands of the United States, west of the river Mississippi, and for the removal and permanent settlement of said tribe: Therefore, in order to carry into effect the aforesaid objects, the following articles have been agreed upon:

Art. I. The Seneca tribe of Indians, in consideration of the stipulations herein made on the part of the United States, do forever cede, release and quit claim to the United States, the lands granted to them, by patent, in fee simple, by the sixth section of the Treaty, made at the foot of the Rapids of the Miami River of Lake Erie, on the twenty-ninth day of September, in the year 1817, containing thirty thousand acres, and described as follows: "beginning on the Sandusky river at the lower corner of the section granted to William Spicer; thence down the river on the east side, with the meanders thereof at high water mark, to a point east of the mouth of Wolf Creek; thence, and from the beginning, east, so far that a north line will include the quantity of thirty thousand acres." And said tribe also cede, as aforesaid, one other tract of land, reserved for the use of the said Senecas, by the second article of the treaty, made at St. Mary's, in the State of Ohio, on the seventeenth day of September, in the year 1818, which tract is described in
said treaty as follows: "Ten thousand acres of land, to be laid off on
the east side of the Sandusky river, adjoining the south side of their
reservation of thirty thousand acres, which begins on the Sandusky
river, at the lower corner of William Spicer’s section, and excluding
therefrom the said William Spicer’s section:” making, in the whole of
this cession, forty thousand acres.

Art. 2. In consideration of the cessions stipulated in the foregoing
article; the United States agree to cause the said tribe of Senecas, con-
sisting of about four hundred souls, to be removed in a convenient and
suitable manner, to the western side of the Mississippi river; and will
grant them, by patent, in fee simple, as long as they shall exist as a
nation and remain on the same, a tract of land, situate on, and adjacent
to the northern boundary of the lands heretofore granted to the Chero-
kee nation of Indians, and adjoining the boundary of the State of Mis-
souri; which tract shall extend fifteen miles from east to west, and
seven miles from north to south, containing about sixty-seven thousand
acres, be the same more or less; for which the President of the United
States shall cause letters patent to be issued, in due form of law, agree-
ably to the Act of the last session of Congress.

Art. 3. The United States will defray the expenses of the removal
of the said Senecas, and will moreover supply them with a sufficiency
of wholesome provisions, to support them for one year, after their arrival
at their new residence.

Art. 4. Out of the first sales, to be made of the lands herein ceded
by the Senecas, the United States will cause a grist mill, a saw mill,
a blacksmith shop to be erected on the lands herein granted to the
Senecas, with all necessary tools, to be supported and kept in operation,
at the expense of the United States, for the sole benefit of the said
Senecas; and for these purposes, the United States will employ a miller
and a blacksmith, for such term as the President of the United States,
in his discretion, may think proper.

Art. 5. As the Seneca Indians, on their removal, will stand in need
of funds to make farms and erect houses; it is agreed that the United
States will advance them six thousand dollars, in lieu of the improve-
ments which they have made on the lands herein ceded to the United
States; which sum shall be reimbursed from the sales of the lands
ceded. An equitable distribution of this sum shall be made by the
Chiefs, with the consent of the tribe, in general council assembled, to
such individuals of the tribe, as, having left improvements, may be pro-
perly entitled to receive the same.

Art. 6. The live stock, farming utensils, and other chattel property,
which the Senecas now own, and may not be able to take with them,
shall be sold by some agent, to be appointed by the President; and the
proceeds paid to the owners of such property, respectively.

Art. 7. The expenses of the Chiefs, in coming to and remaining at
Washington, and returning to Ohio, as well as the expenses and per
diem pay of the native Interpreter accompanying them, shall be paid by
the United States.

Art. 8. The United States will expose to public sale, to the highest
bidders, at such time and in such manner as the President may direct,
the tracts of land herein ceded by the Seneca Indians: And, after
deducting from the proceeds of such sale, the minimum price of the
public lands; the cost of building the saw and grist mills and black-
smith shop for the Senecas; the cost of surveying the lands; and the
sum of six thousand dollars, to be advanced in lieu of their present

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Annuity, &c. improvements: it is agreed that any balance which may remain, of the avails of the lands after sale as aforesaid, shall constitute a fund for the future exigencies of the tribe, on which the Government of the United States consent and agree to pay to the Chiefs of the nation, for the use and general benefit of the nation, annually, five per cent on said balance, as an annuity: And if, at any time hereafter, the Seneca Chiefs, by and with the advice and consent of their tribe in General Council assembled, shall make known to the President, their desire that the fund, thus to be created, should be dissolved and given to the tribe; the President shall cause the same to be paid over to them, in such manner as he may direct; provided he shall become satisfied of the propriety of so doing.

Art. 9. It is agreed that any annuity, accruing to the Senecas, by former treaties, shall be paid to them at their intended residence, west of the Mississippi, under the direction of the President.

Presents.

Art. 10. The United States hereby agree to give to the Senecas, as presents, one hundred rifles, as soon as practicable, and four hundred blankets, for the use of the tribe, to be delivered to them at such time and place as may be directed by the Secretary of War. Also fifty ploughs, fifty hoes and fifty axes, will be given to the tribe, as aforesaid, to assist them in commencing farming.

Grant to H. C. Brish.

Art. 11. The Chiefs of the Senecas, being impressed with gratitude towards Henry C. Brish, their sub-agent, for his private advances of money and provisions, and numerous other acts of kindness towards them, as well as his extra services in coming with them to Washington; and having expressed a wish that a quarter section of a hundred and sixty acres of the lands ceded by them, should be granted to him in consideration thereof: the same is hereby granted to him and his heirs to be located under the direction of the President of the United States.

Lands granted, not to be sold.

Art. 12. The lands granted by this Agreement and Convention to the Seneca tribe of Indians shall not be sold or ceded by them, except to the United States.

Advances to chiefs.

Art. 13. It is communicated by the Chiefs here, that, in Council, before they left home, it was agreed by the tribe, that, for their services in coming to the City of Washington, each should receive one hundred dollars, to be paid by said tribe: At the request of said Chiefs, it is agreed that the United States will advance the amount, to wit: five hundred dollars, to be hereafter reimbursed from the sale of their lands in Ohio.

In testimony whereof the parties respectively have this twenty-eight of February signed the same and affixed their seals.

JAMES B. GARDINER.

Comstick,  Hard Hickory,  Small Cloud Spicer,  Capt. Good Hunter.
Seneca Steel,  


To the Indian names are subjoined a mark and seal.
ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND CONVENTION,

Made and concluded at Lewistown, in the county of Logan, and State of Ohio, on the twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, by and between James B. Gardiner, specially appointed commissioner on the part of the United States, and John McElvain, Indian agent for the Wyandots, Senecas and Shawnees, on the one part, and the undersigned principal chiefs and warriors of the mixed band of Senecas and Shawnee Indians residing at and around the said Lewistown, of the other part; for the cession of the lands now owned and occupied by said band, lying on the waters of the Great Miami river, and within the territorial limits of the organized county of Logan, in said State of Ohio.

Whereas the President of the United States, under the authority of the Act of Congress, approved May 28th, 1830, has appointed a special commissioner to confer with the different Indian tribes residing within the constitutional limits of the State of Ohio, and to offer for their acceptance the provisions contained in the before recited act. And whereas the mixed band or tribes of Seneca and Shawnee Indians residing at and around Lewistown in said State have expressed their perfect assent to the conditions of said act, and their willingness and anxiety to remove west of the Mississippi river, in order to obtain a more permanent and advantageous home for themselves and their posterity: Therefore, in order to carry into effect the aforesaid objects, the following articles have been agreed upon by the aforesaid contracting parties; which, when approved by the President and ratified by the Senate of the United States, shall be mutually binding upon the United States and the said Seneca and Shawnee Indians.

ARTICLE I. The Seneca and Shawnee Indians, residing at and around Lewistown in the State of Ohio, in consideration of the stipulations herein made on the part of the United States, do for ever cede, release and quit claim to the United States, the lands granted to them by patent in fee simple by the sixth article of the treaty made at the foot of the rapids of the Miami river of Lake Erie, on the twenty-ninth day of September, in the year 1817, containing forty-eight square miles, and described in said treaty as follows:—“Beginning at the intersection of the line run by Charles Roberts in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, from the source of the Little Miami river, to the source of the Scioto river, in pursuance of instructions from the commissioners appointed on the part of the United States, to establish the western boundary of the Virginia military reservation, with the Indian boundary line established by the treaty of Greenville in one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five from the crossings above Fort Lawrence to Loramie's store, and to run from such intersection, northerly, with the first mentioned line, so as to include the quantity as nearly in a square form as practicable, after excluding the section of land granted to Nancy Stewart.” And the said Senecas and Shawnees also cede to the United States, in manner aforesaid, one other tract of land, reserved for them by the second article of the treaty made at St. Mary's, in Ohio, on the seventeenth of September, in the year 1818, which tract is described in