

T R E A T Y

The submission and agreement of the Delegates of the Eastern Indians (December 15, 1725, Boston, New England, British possession)

WHEREAS the several Tribes of the Eastern Indians vis: the Penobscot, Naridgwalk, St. John, Capé Sables and other Tribes Inhabiting within His Majesty's Territories of New England and Nova Scotia, who have been engaged in the present War from whom Wesauguaram alias Loron Arexus Francois Xavier and Meganumoe are delegated and fully empowered to enter into Articles of Pacification with His Majesty's Governments of the Mass Bay New Hampshire and Nova Scotia, Have contrary to the several Treaties they have Solemnly entered into with the Governments made an open rupture and have continued some years in Acts of Hostility against the subjects of His Majesty King George within the said Governments. They being now sensible of the miseries and troubles they have involved themselves in, and being desirous to be restored to His Majesty's Grace and favour and to live in peace with all His Majesty's Subjects of the said three Governments, the Province of New York and Colonys of Connecticut and Rhode Island and that all former acts of injury be forgotten Have concluded to make and we do by these presents In the name and behalf of the said Tribes make our Submission unto his most Excellent Majesty George by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the fait in as full and ample manner as any of our Predecessors have heretofore done.

And we do hereby promise and engage with the Honorable William Drummer Esq; as he is Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay and with the Governors of Commanders in Chief of the said Province for the time being. That is to say.

We the said Delegates for and in behalf of the several Tribes above said do promise and engage that at all times forever from and after the date of these presents We and They will Erase and for bear all Acts of Hostility, Injuries and Discords towards all the Subjects of the Crown of Great Britain and not offer the least hurt, violence or molestation to them or any of them in their persons or Estates, but will hence forward hold and maintain a firm and Constant Amity and Friendship with all the English, and will never confederate or combine with any other Nation to their prejudice.

That all the Captives taken in this present War shall at or before the time of the further Ratification of this Treaty be restored without any ransom or payment to be made for them or any of them.

That His Majesty's Subjects the English shall and may peaceably and quietly enter upon Improve and forever enjoy all and singular their Rights of God and former Settlements properties and possessions within the Eastern parts of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Together with all Islands, Inlets, Shores, Beaches and Fishery other Indian and be in no ways molested interrupted, or disturbed therein.

Saving unto the Penobscot, Naridgwalk and other Tribes within His Majesty's Province aforesaid and their Natural descendants respectively all their Lands, Liberties and properties not by them conveyed or sold to or possessed by any of the English Subjects as aforesaid. As also the Privilege of fishing, hunting and fowling as formerly.

That all Trade and Commerce which hereafter may be allowed betwixt the English and Indians shall be under such Management and Regulations as the Government of the Massachusetts Province shall direct.

If any Controversy or difference at any time hereafter happen to arise between any of the English and Indians for any real or supposed wrong or injury done on either side, no private Revenge shall be taken for the same but proper application shall be made to His Majesty's Government upon the place for remedy or induce there-of in a due course of Justice. We submitting ourselves to be ruled and governed by His Majesty's Laws and desiring to have the Benefit of the same.

We also the said Delegates in behalf of the Tribes of Indians Inhabiting within the French Territories who have assisted us in this war for a term we are fully Empowered to Act in this present Treaty. Do hereby Promise and Engage that they and every of them shall henceforth cease and forbear all acts of Hostility force and Violence towards all and every the Subjects of His Majesty the King of Great Britain.

We do further in behalf of the Tribe of the Penobscot Indians Promise and engage that if any of the other Tribes intended to be Included in this Treaty, shall notwithstanding refuse to confirm and ratify this present Treaty entered into on their behalf and continue or renew Acts of Hostility against the English. In such case the said Penobscot Tribe shall Join their young men with the English in reducing them to reason.

In the next place we the forenamed Delegates. Do Promise and Engage with the Honorable John Wentworth Esq; as he is lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire and with the Governors and Commanders in Chief of the said Province for the time being that we and the Tribes we are deputed from will henceforth erase and for bear all Acts of Hostility Injuries and Discords towards all the subjects of His Majesty King George within the said Province And we do understand and take it that the said Government of New Hampshire is also included and excepting that respecting the regulating the trade with us.

And further we the forenamed Delegates Do Promise and Engage with the Honourable Lawrence Armstrong; Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Acadia to live in peace with His Majesty's Good Subjects and their Dependants in that Government according to the Articles agreed upon with Major Paul Mascarene commissioned for that purpose and further to be Ratified as mentioned in the said Articles.

That this present Treaty shall be accepted ratified and Confirmed in a public and solemn manner by the Chiefs of the several Eastern Tribes of Indians included therein at Falmouth in Casco Bay so time in the Month of May next. In Testimony whereof we have signed these presents and affixed our Seals.


Dated in the Council Chamber in Boston in New England the fifteenth day of December Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and Twenty five Anno. RRS Georgy Magna Britania &c Duodecimo


Done in the presence of the Great & General Court or Assemble of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Aforesaid

Being first read distinctly & Interpreted by Capt. John Gyles Capt. Samuel Jordan & Capt. Joseph Bane sworn Interpreters

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