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## Ratified Indian Treaty 137: Osage - Council Grove, August 10, 1825

Benjamin Reeves

George Champlin Sibley

Thomas Mather

John Quincy Adams

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John Quincy Adams, President of the United States of America,  
To all and singular to whom these presents shall come Greeting,  
Whereas a treaty between the United States of America, and  
the Great and Little Osage Tribes of Indians, was made and  
concluded, on the tenth day of August, one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty five, at Council Grove, by Commis-  
sioners on the part of the United States, and certain  
chiefs and head men of said Tribes, which Treaty is in  
the words following to wit:



Whereas the Congress of the United States of America being anxious to promote a direct commercial and friendly intercourse between the citizens of the United States and those of the Mexican Republic and to afford protection to the same did at their last session pass an act, which was approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1825, "to authorize the President of the United States to cause a Road to be marked out from the Western frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico" and which authorizes the President of the United States to appoint Commissioners to carry said act of Congress into effect and enjoins on the Commissioners so to be appointed that they first obtain the consent of the intervening Tribes of Indians by treaty to the marking of said Road, and to the unobstructed use thereof, to the citizens of the United States and of the Mexican Republic and Benjamin H. Reeves, George C. Sibley and Thomas Mather Commissioners duly appointed as aforesaid ~~and~~ being duly and fully authorized have this day met the Chiefs and head men of the Great and Little Osage Nations, who being all duly authorized to meet and negotiate with the said Commissioners upon the premises, and being specially met for that purpose by the invitation of said Commissioners at the place called the Council Grove on the River Ne. C. 300 one hundred and thirty miles South West from Fort Osage. Have after due deliberation and consultation agreed to the following Treaty which is to be considered binding on the said Great and Little Osages from and after this day.

Article 1. The chiefs and head men of the Great and Little Osages for themselves and their Nations respectively do consent and agree that the Commissioners of the United States shall and may survey and mark out a Road in such manner as they may think proper, through any of the Territory owned or claimed by the said Great and Little Osage Nations.

Art. 2. The chiefs and head men as aforesaid do further agree that the Road authorized in Art. 1. shall when marked be forever free for the use of the Citizens of the United States and of the Mexican Republic, who shall at all times pass and repass thereon without any hindrance or molestation on the part of the said Great and Little Osages.

Art. 3. The Chiefs and head men as aforesaid in consideration of the friendly relations existing between them and the United States do further promise for themselves and their people that they will on all fit occasions render such friendly aid and assistance as may be in their power to any of the Citizens of the United States or of the Mexican Republic as they may at any time happen to meet or fall in with on the road aforesaid.

Art. 4. The Chiefs and head men as aforesaid do further consent and agree that the road aforesaid shall be considered as extending to a reasonable distance on either side, so that travellers thereon may at any time leave the marked track for the purpose of finding subsistence and proper camping places.

Art. 5. In consideration of the privileges granted by the Chiefs of the Great and Little Osages in the three preceding articles the said Commissioners on the part of the United States have agreed to pay to them the said Chiefs for themselves and their people the sum of five hundred dollars which sum is to be paid them as soon as may be in money or merchandise at their option at such place as they may desire.

Art. 6. And the said Chiefs and head men as aforesaid acknowledge to have received from the Commissioners aforesaid at and before the signing of this Treaty Articles of Merchandise to the value of three hundred dollars, which sum of three hundred dollars and the payment stipulated to be made to the said Osages in Art. 5. shall be considered and are so considered by said Chiefs as full and complete compensation for every privilege herein granted by said Chiefs.

In Testimony whereof the said Benjamin H. Reeves George C. Sibley and Thomas Mather Commissioners as aforesaid, and the Chiefs and head men of the Great and Little Osage Tribes of Indians have hereunto set their hands and seals at Council Grove this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, in the presence of -

Archibald Gamble Secretary  
 Jos. C. Brown Secy  
 W. J. Williams Int  
 Stephen Cooper  
 Samuel Jones  
 Richard Brannin  
 Garrison Patrick  
 Daniel F. Graham  
 J. A. Walker  
 Singleton Vaughn  
 Benjamin Jones  
 Bradford Barber  
 Edward Cooper  
 John M. Walker  
 Joseph Davis  
 George West  
 Thomas Adams  
 James Brotherton

B. H. Reeves  
 G. C. Sibley  
 Thomas Mather

Pa. hu. sha (white hair) Head Chief of the Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Ca. he. qa. wa. ton. ego (Soldier Chief) Head Chief of the Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Shu. qa. Wa. pa. (Handsome Bird) Chf. Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Ta. ha. mo. nes (Swift Walker) Chf. Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Ca. he. qa. wa. hu. mu. pee. she. (Bad Chief) Chf. Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Na. he. qa. wa. qa. (with no name) Chf. Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Ca. he. qa. shu. qa. (Little Chief) Chf. Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Mau. Pu. Cou - Warrior Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Mau. Sh. hu. qa. - Warrior Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Mau. Pa. qa. - Owl, Warrior Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Mau. Sh. to. no. nes. - Warrior Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Ma. he. ka. - Warrior Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Na. ha. wa. she. tu. qa. - Warrior Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Ho. no. po. pa. - Warrior Little Osages - \* Wh.  
 Mau. hu. sha. - Warrior Great Osages - \* Wh.  
 Pau. wa. no. pu. sh. wa. - Warrior Little Osages - \* Wh.







Now therefore be it known, that, I,  
John Quincy Adams, President of the United  
States of America, having seen and considered  
the said treaty, do, in pursuance of the advice  
and consent of the Senate, as expressed by their  
Resolution of the second Instant, accept, ra-  
-tify and confirm the same, and every clause and  
article thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have caused  
the Seal of the United States, to be  
herewith affixed, having signed the  
same with my hand.

Done at the City of Washington this  
third day of May, in the year of  
our Lord, one thousand eight hundred  
and twenty<sup>six</sup>, and of the Independence  
of the United States, the fiftieth  
John Quincy Adams.

By the President

H. Clay Secretary of State.

