

TREATY WITH THE SHOSHONE AND BANNOCK INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

*Articles of convention concluded with the chiefs and headmen of the Shoshone and Bannock Indians, for relinquishment of a portion of their reservation in Wyoming Territory.*

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JANUARY 22, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 14, 1874.*

SIR: On the 2d December, 1872, this Department laid before Congress copy of articles of convention, concluded with the chiefs and headmen of the Shoshone and Bannock tribes of Indians, for the relinquishment of a portion of their reservation in Wyoming Territory, by Hon. Felix R. Brunot, a commissioner on the part of the United States.

I transmit herewith a copy of a communication dated the 13th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting that, inasmuch as no final action has been taken upon the agreement, and as it is important for the Indians, and also for the interests of citizens who have improvements and mining claims within the portion of the reservation ceded by the terms of said agreement, that the same should be sanctioned, the attention of Congress is respectfully and earnestly invited to the subject.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER, *House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., January 13, 1874.*

SIR: Under date of December 2, 1872, this Office submitted to the Department, to be sent to Congress for the action of that body, an agree-

ment concluded at the Shoshone and Bannock Indian agency, in Wyoming Territory, on the 26th of September, 1872, between Hon. Felix R. Brunot, commissioner on the part of the United States, and the chief headmen and men of the eastern band of Shoshone Indians.

This agreement provided for the cession to the United States of a portion of the reservation of these Indians in Wyoming Territory, the payment by the United States for the same, and for the payment of a salary to Washakie, chief of the Shoshones, of five hundred dollars per annum; for the survey and marking of the southern lines of the reservation as established by said agreement, &c. As no final action has been taken by Congress upon this agreement, and as it is important for the Indians, and also for the interests of the citizens who have improvements and mining claims within the portion of the reservation ceded by the terms of said agreement, that it should be sanctioned by Congress, I respectfully recommend that the attention of that body be again called to this subject, and favorable action requested.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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