

AGREEMENT WITH WICHITAS AND OTHER INDIANS.

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LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

INCLOSING

*Articles of agreement with the Wichitas and other affiliated tribes, granting them a home in the Indian Territory, concluded in this city October 19, 1872.*

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JANUARY 7, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 6, 1873.*

SIR: I have the honor to lay before Congress articles of agreement between the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, representing the United States, and certain chiefs and head-men of the Wichitas and other affiliated bands of Indians, concluded in this city on the 19th day of October, 1872, whereby a certain tract of country in the Indian Territory is granted to said Indians for a home, and recommend that the same receive the approval of Congress.

A copy of a report of the 19th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the subject, is also herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. JAS. G. BLAINE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., December 19, 1872.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith inclosed, articles of agreement, made and concluded in this city, on the 19th day of October last, by and between the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, representing the United States, on the one part, and certain chiefs and head-men, members of the Wichitas and other affiliated bands of Indians, duly authorized to act for their people, of the other part, whereby the United States, party of the first part, agrees to give and grant to the said

Wichitas and other affiliated bands, for a home, the tract of land in the Indian Territory, described in article 1 of the inclosed agreement, bounded as follows: "Commencing at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Wichita River where the 98th meridian of west longitude crosses the same; thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the line of 98° 40' west longitude; thence on said line of 98° 40' due north to the middle of the main channel of the main Canadian River; thence down the middle of said main Canadian River to where it crosses the ninety-eighth meridian; thence due south to the place of beginning;" and in consideration of the reservation provided for in said article 1, the Wichitas and other affiliated bands cede and relinquish to the United States all right, title, interest, or claim of any nature whatsoever in and to any lands in Texas, Louisiana, Indian Territory, or elsewhere within the limits of the United States.

This agreement is transmitted to you with the recommendation that the same may be laid before Congress for ratification.

In this connection I deem it proper to state that these Indians have for many years (except when driven out by the rebellion) occupied the tract of country set apart for them by the first article of the agreement before referred to, and if confirmed it will secure to these Indians the home they desire, and will be a settlement of all claims they may have to lands in other parts of the country, which claims have heretofore been urged in their behalf.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner.*

The Honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Articles of agreement made and concluded at Washington City, District of Columbia, this nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1872, by and between Francis A. Walker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, representing the United States, of the one part, and the undersigned chiefs, head-men, and members of the Wichitas and other affiliated bands of Indians duly authorized to act for their people, of the other part, witnesseth:

ARTICLE 1. The United States hereby give and grant to the said Wichitas and other affiliated bands, for a home, the tract of country bounded as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Washita River, where the 98th meridian of west longitude crosses the same, thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the line of 98° 40' west longitude, thence on said line of 98° 40' due north to the middle of the main channel of the main Canadian River, thence down the middle of said main Canadian River, to where it crosses the 98th meridian, thence due south to the place of beginning.

ART. 1. In consideration of the reservation provided for in the preceding article, the said Wichitas and other affiliated bands hereby cede and relinquish to the United States all right, title, interest, or claim of any nature whatsoever in and to any lands in Texas, Louisiana, Indian Territory, or elsewhere within the limits of the United States.

In testimony whereof the parties to this agreement have herunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals on the day and year first above written.

FRANCIS A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner Indian Affairs,*  
*Party of the first part.*

ESSADUA, his x mark,  
*Head Chief of the Wichitas,*

ESQUITZCHEW, his x mark,  
*Delegate for Wichitas,*

NAR-TACH-SIS, his x mark,  
*Delegate for Wichitas,*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, his x mark,  
WAR-LOO-PEE, (Guadaloupe,) his x mark,

ANTELOPE, his x mark,  
*Chiefs of Caddoes,*

*Delegate for Caddoes,*

DAVE, his x mark,

*Chief of the Towoccaroes,*

LONG SOLDIER, his x mark,

*Delegate for the Wacoos,*

RISING SUN, his x mark,

*Chief of the Keechies,*

*Parties of the second part.*

Witnesses :

HENRY E. ALVORD,

*United States Special Commissioner.*

PHILIP MCCOSKER,

*United States Interpreter.*

J. J. STURM,

*United States Interpreter.*

BLACK BEAVER, his x mark,

*Delaware Indian.*

Witness to mark :

H. E. A.