

AGREEMENT WITH UINTAH AND WHITE RIVER UTE
INDIANS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

AN AGREEMENT, DATED THE 8TH INSTANT, MADE BY THE COMMISSION WITH THE UINTAHS AND WHITE RIVER UTE INDIANS, BY WHICH THEY CONSENT TO SELL, CEDE, AND RELINQUISH TO THE UNITED STATES NECESSARY LANDS FOR THE USE OF SUCH OF THE UNCOMPAHGRE INDIANS AS MAY CONCLUDE TO REMOVE TO THE UINTAH INDIAN RESERVATION.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 21, 1898.

SIR: In my annual report the following statement is made:

The Uncompahgre Indians, through a delegation from the tribe recently accorded a hearing at the Department regarding their rights, stated that allotments of lands on the Uintah Reservation would be accepted, and the Uintahs, I am advised, have informally expressed a willingness to the allotment of a portion of their lands to the Uncompahgre Indians. No agreement, however, has yet been negotiated with the Uintahs by the commissioners appointed under the act of June 10, 1896, to negotiate with the Crow, Flathead, Northern Cheyenne, Fort Hall, Uintah, and Yakima Indians for the disposition of their lands; consequently the terms on which the Uintahs will dispose of the lands in their reservation on which the Uncompahgres can be located is a matter for future negotiation with the Indians and adjustment by Congress. In view of this state of affairs, I recommend that the time for the allotment of lands to the Uncompahgre Indians be extended for such time beyond April 1, 1898, as Congress shall deem best.

Under my direction the said commission was, on the 15th ultimo, instructed to proceed to secure an agreement with the Uintah and White River Utes ceding to the United States such desirable portions of the Uintah Reservation as may be needed for allotments to the Uncompahgres, in quantities specified in the act of June 15, 1880 (21 Stats., 204), and the consent of the Uintah and White River Utes that the lands so ceded may be allotted to the Uncompahgres.

I now have the honor to transmit an agreement, dated the 8th instant, made by the commission with the Uintahs and White Rivers, by which they consent to sell, cede, and relinquish to the United States, for the use of such of the Uncompahgre Ute Indians as may conclude to remove to the Uintah Ute Reservation, all right, title, and interest which they may have to the lands necessary for such purpose that are not required for the use of the Uintah and White River Utes, the

quantities to be determined and plainly and durably marked by surveys; the price to be paid by the United States for such lands to be \$1.25 per acre for agricultural and grazing lands.

As the settlement of opening the Uncompahgre lands can, in my opinion, be best obtained by the location of the Uncompahgres upon the Uintah Reservation, I have the honor to recommend that this agreement receive the favorable action of Congress.

Very respectfully,

C. N. BLISS, *Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Whereas Benjamin F. Barge, Charles G. Hoyt, and James H. McNeeley, being duly appointed and acting commissioners on behalf of the United States for such purposes, have concluded an agreement with the headmen and a majority of the adult males of the Uintah and White River Ute tribes of Indians upon the Uintah Indian Reservation, in the State of Utah, which agreement is as follows:

And whereas the aforesaid commissioners were appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, under and by virtue of an act of Congress approved June the tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six (29 U. S. Stat. L., p. 341), entitled "An act making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Bureau of the Interior Department and fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and for other purposes," and by said act were authorized to negotiate with the Uintah and White River Ute Indians, in the State of Utah, for the cession of part of their surplus lands to the United States. And whereas, under instructions of the Indian Bureau, dated August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, this commission was directed to negotiate with the Uintah and White River Utes for relinquishment of lands on their reservation for the allotment of the same in severalty to the Uncompahgre Utes, or such of them as may choose to reside thereon.

And whereas the Indians of the Uintah and White River Ute Reservation are willing to sell part of their surplus lands in the State of Utah, reserved as a home for them by Executive order dated October third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, as confirmed in effect by an act of Congress approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four (13 U. S. Stat., p. 63), and slightly modified by act of Congress approved May twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight (25 U. S. Stat., p. 157), restoring a small portion of said reservation to the public domain;

Now, therefore, this agreement, made and entered into by and between the aforesaid commissioners, on behalf of the United States of America, and by the headmen and male adults of the Uintah and White River Ute tribe of Indians, located on the aforesaid reservation in the State of Utah, witnesseth:

ARTICLE I.

That the aforesaid Uintah and White River Ute Indians hereby consent (in the manner hereinbefore stated) to cede, sell, and relinquish to the United States, for the use of such Uncompahgre Ute Indians as may conclude to remove to the Uintah Ute Reservation, all right, title, and interest which they may have to the lands necessary for such purpose that are not required for the use of the Uintah and

White River Utes; the quantities to be determined, and plainly and durably marked by surveys, under direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

ARTICLE II.

The price to be paid to said Uintah and White River Utes by the United States for said lands is to be one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre (\$1.25) for agricultural and grazing lauds; said moneys to be paid into the Treasury of the United States, to be expended for the benefit of the Uintah and White River Utes, under direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and to bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

ARTICLE III.

This agreement shall not take effect and be in force until signed by the commissioners and by a majority of the adult male Indians of the Uintah and White River Ute tribes and ratified by the Congress of the United States if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, such action is necessary.

Signed on the part of the United States Government by the commissioners aforesaid and by the following Indians of the Uintah and White River tribes of Utes.

BENJAMIN F. BARGE, *Commissioner.*

CHARLES G. HOYT, *Commissioner.*

JAMES H. MCNEELY, *Commissioner.*

UINTAH INDIAN AGENCY,

White Rocks, Utah, January 8, 1898.

Num- bers.	Names.	Mark.	Witnesses.
1	Tabby	x	Wm. H. Beck.
2	Wanrodes	x	Wm. H. Beck.
3	David Copperfield	x	Wm. H. Beck.
4	Atwine	x	Wm. H. Beck.
5	Nephi	x	Wm. H. Beck.
6	Warren	x	Wm. H. Beck.
7	Charley Mack	x	Wm. H. Beck.
8	Ne won a roak (Jack Outbin)	x	Wm. H. Beck.
9	Happy Jack	x	Wm. H. Beck.
10	Yauagup	x	Henry E. Harris.
11	Columbus	x	Henry E. Harris.
12	Sam Robinson	x	Henry E. Harris.
13	Thomas Yanowads	x	Henry E. Harris.
14	Shock witch	x	Henry E. Harris.
15	Mofeint	x	Henry E. Harris.
16	Geo. Washington	x	Henry E. Harris.
17	Tumegnatch	x	Henry E. Harris.
18	Henry E. Harris.		
19	Tam	x	Henry E. Harris.
20	Unkqpant	x	Henry E. Harris.
21	Samquats	x	Henry E. Harris.
22	Kananove	x	Henry E. Harris.
23	Kaugh	x	Henry E. Harris.
24	Jirop	x	Henry E. Harris.
25	Billy Woods	x	Henry E. Harris.
26	Richard Provo	x	Henry E. Harris.
27	Wm. Wash	x	Henry E. Harris.
28	Joe Arhi	x	Henry E. Harris.
29	Lieutenant	x	Henry E. Harris.
30	Paul Pagoroose	x	Henry E. Harris.
31	Lapemeis	x	Henry E. Harris.
32	Wauztz	x	Henry E. Harris.

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Numbers.	Names.	Mark.	Witnesses.
33	Orien	x	Henry E. Harris.
34	Chapoose	x	Henry E. Harris.
35	Tecumseh	x	Henry E. Harris.
36	Jim Duncan	x	Henry E. Harris.
37	Martin Van	x	Henry E. Harris.
38	John Duncan	x	Henry E. Harris.
39	Amson Manning	x	Henry E. Harris.
40	Three Finger Jack	x	Henry E. Harris.
41	Gardiner	x	Henry E. Harris.
42	Jesse Copperfield	x	Henry E. Harris.
43	John Nick	x	Henry E. Harris.
44	Quin	x	Henry E. Harris.
45	Towats	x	Henry E. Harris.
46	Quinp	x	Henry E. Harris.
47	Moley	x	Henry E. Harris.
48	Ebenezer	x	Henry E. Harris.
49	Peachant	x	Henry E. Harris.
50	Verney Mack	x	Henry E. Harris.
51	Grant	x	Henry E. Harris.
52	Jakey	x	Henry E. Harris.
53	Satsiofpent	x	Henry E. Harris.
54	Frank Doctor	x	Henry E. Harris.
55	Dave Weech	x	Henry E. Harris.
56	John Weetove	x	Henry E. Harris.
57	Iss Eocheff	x	Henry E. Harris.
58	Houser	x	Henry E. Harris.
59	Sowe a suaken	x	Henry E. Harris.
60	John Manny	x	Henry E. Harris.
61	Ben Duncan	x	Henry E. Harris.
62	Atchistak	x	Henry E. Harris.
63	Joe Gross	x	Henry E. Harris.
64	John Provo	x	Henry E. Harris.
65	Lung quap	x	Henry E. Harris.
66	Horace Antong	x	Henry E. Harris.
67	John Reed	x	
68	Sours	x	Henry E. Harris.
69	Teroos	x	Henry E. Harris.
70	Toney	x	Henry E. Harris.
71	Koo a tave	x	Henry E. Harris.
72	John Copperfield	x	Henry E. Harris.
73	Tamqud	x	Henry E. Harris.
74	Gilbert	x	Henry E. Harris.
75	Paenkeiff	x	Henry E. Harris.
76	Charlie Sireech	x	
77	Arrum	x	Henry E. Harris.
78	Ge gup (Chee yup)	x	Henry E. Harris.
79	Checora	x	Henry E. Harris.
80	Heupah	x	Henry E. Harris.
81	Tumptied	x	Henry E. Harris.
82	Tim Johnson	x	Henry E. Harris.
83	Kesrip	x	Henry E. Harris.
84	Geo. Wanrodes	x	Henry E. Harris.
85	Game	x	Henry E. Harris.
86	Isaac	x	Henry E. Harris.
87	Apporah	x	Henry E. Harris.
88	Geo or Kent	x	Henry E. Harris.
89	Jim Provo	x	Henry E. Harris.
90	Edgar Meritals	x	Henry E. Harris.
91	Ungattemnuyts	x	Henry E. Harris.
92	Tommipicket	x	Henry E. Harris.
93	Louis Jenkien	x	Henry E. Harris.
94	Yumahuz	x	Henry E. Harris.
95	John Panorritt	x	Henry E. Harris.
96	Saquan	x	Henry E. Harris.
97	Wm. Tayler	x	
98	James B. Reed	x	
99	John Murray	x	

Numbers.	Names.	Mark.	Witnesses.
100	Capt. Joe Dougless.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
101	Pamnbitch.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
102	Geo. Pamnbitch.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
103	Stanley Bullethead.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
104	Taveopont.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
105	Sagoose George.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
106	Bob Ridley.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
107	Carter Ridley.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
108	Tommie Ridley.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
109	Finnes Lokese.....	x	
110	Albert Murdock.....	x	
111	Fred.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
112	Snaps.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
113	Rarouk.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
114	Pu we gop.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
115	Wawads.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
116	Appowoo.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
117	Geo. Tuckowano.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
118	Sockinken.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
119	Uriah Heap.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
120	Terchoopep.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
121	Sawsanocut.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
122	Ned.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
123	Ioko.....	x	Henry E. Harris.
124	Aporas.....	x	Henry E. Harris.

WHITE ROCKS, UTAH, Jan'y 8th, 1898.

We certify that we interpreted the foregoing agreement with the Uintah and White River Utes, and that they entirely understood the entire matter; that we truly interpreted for the commissioners and for the Indians at all the councils held to discuss the subject and to individual Indians.

HENRY E. HARRIS,
CHARLEY MACK (x),
Interpreters.

Witnesses:
H. C. REAMER.
J. A. MUSE.

We certify that we interpreted the foregoing agreement with the Uintah and White River Utes, and that they thoroughly understood the entire matter; that we truly interpreted for the commissioners and for the Indians at all the councils held to discuss the subject and to individual Indians.

HENRY E. HARRIS,
CHARLEY MACK (his x mark),
Interpreters.

Witness:
H. C. REAMER.
J. A. MUSE.

I certify on honor that the Uintah and White River Utes had the foregoing agreement fully explained to them; that they thoroughly and fully understood the entire subject, and that one hundred and seven is a majority of the adult males of the Uintah and White River Utes combined.

WM. H. BECK,
Captain, United States Army, Acting Indian Agent.

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