RATIFIED TREATY NO. 206

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE

TREATY OF APRIL 23, 1836, WITH THE WYANDOT INDIANS

Columbus Jany 20 1836

Robert Lucas.

Informs the Dept that Mr Walker has been chosen the head Chief of the Wyandot nation, - Encloses letter from Mr Walker upon the subject of a negotiation for the whole or part of their domain.

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Upper Sandusky. Jan. 13. 1836.

Sir.

I am directed by the Council to open a short correspondence with you upon the subject of a negociation, which they are desirous of entering into with the General Government this winter.

At your last interview with the Council you informed them that the negociation would not be closed, but suspended, or left open; and any Conclussion they might come to hereafter, in relation to disposing of a part, or all of their domain, they could have an opportunity of Communicating that Conclusion to you hereafter, or remarks to nearly that effect.

The Council have no doubt but it would be impracticable, indeed impossible, for you to attend here at this time, when the Legislature is in Session. They have Concluded, if it would be agreeable to you, to wait upon you at Columbus, and lay before you their views and propositions, together with other matters of deep interest to them and the State.

Moreover, they would enquire whether the General Government, in your opinion, would defray the necessary expenses of the delegation while there? Should a portion of the Council, duly authorized by the Nation, appear there, they wish to know if it would be agreeable to you to have interviews with them, and conclude an agreement, or compact, for the purpose already mentioned.

They would thank you for information upon this subject at as early a period as will be convenient

For further particulars they would refer you to their Agent Col. D. McElvaine, who is fully acquainted with their views and wishes.

I have the honor to be your

Obedient Humble Servt,

Wm. Walker

His Excellency

Robert Lucas

Governor of Ohio

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Executive Office. Ohio
Columbus, January 20. 1836.

Sir.

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter addressed to me by William Walker, at present the principal Chief of the Wyandott Indians, at Upper Sandusky. The Board of Chiefs of this tribe of Indians has lately been elected: Mr. Walker has been chosen head Chief, and the Council is supposed by him to be favorable to negociating for the sale of their lands in whole or in part.

Col. Mc Elvain, who Mr. Walker refers to in his letter had left Columbus before his letter was received. I am, therefore, not in possession of the information with regard to the particular views of the Indians; but respectfully solicit the favor of you to Communicate to me your wishes on the subject of Mr. Walker's letter; and if you should think it advisable to hold a treaty with them for the cession of their lands I will cheerfully attend to any instruction that your Excellency may see proper to communicate to me on the subject.

Until I receive an answer from the Indian Department I have thought it unadvisable to hold a Conference with the Indians on the subject referred to in Mr. Walker's letter.

Very respectfully
your Obdt. Servt.
Robt Lucas

His Excellency
A. Jackson
President U. S.

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Robert Lucas.

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The tribe have finally determined to send [illegible] to Wash[n] a delegation &c

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Executive Office Ohio
Columbus 28. March 1836

Sir

Your letters of the 2d. and 5th. of February last on the subject of negotiating with the Wyandott tribe of Indians at upper Sandusky for a cession of their land, were on the 10th. of that month communicated by letter, to the Chiefs of that tribe and their attention was called to the proposition in your letter of the 11th. July 1834, with a request that they would consult on the subject, and if they felt disposed, to treat upon the terms specified therein, that by letting me know their wishes; I would meet them in council at any time they might desire for that purpose.

I learn that the tribe have held a convention, and not being willing to dispose of the whole Reserve, have finally concluded to send a delegation of Chiefs, to Washington, to lay their wishes personally before the President, and solicit his permision, either to sell to individuals about 38.000 acres or to sell that quantity directly to the Government of the United States. The part they are willing to dispose of, lies on the east side of the Reserve, and if sold, it would be a great advantage to the County of Crawford, and would be highly gratifying to the people of that County. Not having any power to negotiate for a part of the Reserve upon the terms they propose, I have concurred in the propriety of their making their wishes known to the departments personally, where alone ample powers are possessed to grant the relief they desire.

I understand also, that they wish to urge upon Government, ~~the fulfilment~~ of the stipulation, in the treaty of Dancing, that relates to the construction of a Southern road through their Reserve, to the Greenville treaty line; which road has not been constructed.

I have had no correspondence with them, under your letter of the 2d. Feby. other than as above stated, Consequently no expences have been incurred, under said letter.

The delegation of Chiefs are now in this City on their way to Washington, and at their solicitation, Col. John McElvain, the former Agent, will accompany them.

As this tribe possesses much more land than they can use to advantage, and appear not at present to be willing to leave the land of their fathers, I have no doubt but the sale of the portion they are now willing to dispose of, could be greatly beneficial to the tribe and add much to the improvement of the county in which it is situated, and would be truly gratifying to the people of that vicinity.

With great respt
I am ymr obt Sat

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of War.

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