John Adams, President of the United States of America.

To all to whom these Presents shall come —— Greeting:

Whereas a Treaty was held on the Fifteenth day of September last at Geneseo, in the County of Ontario in the State of New York under the authority of the United States with the Seneka Nation of Indians, and at the said treaty, in the presence and with the approbation of Jeremiah Wadsworth, the Commissioner of the United States, appointed to hold the same, a Convention was entered into between the said Seneka Nation of Indians and the Claimant of the pre-emption right to the land which is the subject of the said Convention, in which the compensation for the extinguishment of the claims of the said Indians to that land is adjusted: Which Convention is in the words following

THIS INDENTURE made the ~~fifteenth~~ day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven BETWEEN the Sachems Chiefs and Warriors of the Seneca nation of Indians of the first Part, and Robert Morris of the city of Philadelphia Esquire of the second Part WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have granted bargained and sold unto the said Robert Morris his heirs and assigns forever the pre-emptive right and all other the right, title and interest which the said Commonwealth had to all that tract of land herein after particularly mentioned, being part of a tract of land lying within the State of New York the right of pre-emption of the soil whereof from the native Indians was ceded and granted by the said State of New York to the said Commonwealth — AND WHEREAS at a treaty held under the authority of the United States with the said Seneca Nation of Indians at Geneseo in the county of Ontario and state of New York, on the day of the date of these Presents and on sundry days immediately prior thereto, by the Honorable Jeremiah Wadsworth Esquire a Commissioner appointed by the President of the United States to hold the same, in pursuance of the constitution and of the act of the Congress of the United States in such case made and provided, it was agreed in the presence and with the approbation of the said commissioner, by the Sachems, Chiefs and warriors of the said nation of Indians for themselves and in behalf of their nation to sell to the said Robert Morris and to his heirs and assigns forever all their right to all that tract of land above recited and herein after particularly specified for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to be by the said Robert Morris vested in the stock of the Bank of United States, and held in the name of the President of the United States for the use and behoof of the said Nation of Indians, the said agreement and sale being also made in the presence and with the approbation of the Honorable William Shepherd Esquire the superintendant appointed for such purpose in pursuance of a resolve of the general court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed the eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Parties of the first part for and in consideration of the premises above recited and for divers other good and valuable considerations them thereunto moving, HAVE granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, enfeoffed and confirmed AND by these Presents DO grant, bargain, sell, alien, release enfeoff and confirm unto the said Parties of the second part his heirs and assigns forever ALL that certain tract of land except as is herein after excepted) lying within the county of Ontario and state of New York being part of a tract of land the right of pre-emption whereof was ceded by the state of New York to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by deed of cession executed at Hartford on the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, being as such part thereof as is not included in the Indian purchase made by Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham and bounded as follows, to wit, EASTERLY by the land confirmed to Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by an act passed the twenty first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, SOUTHERLY by the North boundary line of the state of Pensylvania, WESTERLY, partly by a tract of land part of the land ceded by the state of Massachusetts to the United States and by them sold to Pensylvania being a right angled triangle whose hypothenuse is in or along the shore of Lake Erie; partly by Lake Erie from the Northern point of that triangle, to the Southern bounds of a tract of land one mile in width, lying on and along the East side of the Streight of Niagara, and partly by the said tract to Lake Ontario and on the NORTH by the boundary line between the United States and the King of Great Britain — EXCEPTING NEVERTHELESS and ALWAYS RESERVING out of this grant and conveyance ALL such pieces or parcels of the aforesaid tract and such privileges thereunto belonging as are next herein after particularly mentioned which said pieces or parcels of land so excepted are by the Parties to these Presents clearly and fully understood to remain the property of the said Parties of the first Part in as free and ample manner as if these Presents had not been executed, THAT is TO SAY, excepting and reserving to them the said Parties of the first part and their nation one piece or parcel of the aforesaid tract at Canadaraguas of two square miles, to be laid out in such manner as to include the village extending in breadth one mile along the river — One other piece or parcel at Big Tree of two square miles to be laid out in such manner as to include the village extending in breadth along the river one mile, One other piece or parcel of two square miles at Little Beards town extending one mile along the river to be laid off in such manner as to include the village — One other tract of two square miles at Squawky Hill to be laid off as follows to wit, one square mile to be laid of along the river in such manner as to include the village, the other directly West thereof and contiguous thereto — One other piece or parcel at Gardeau BEGINNING at the mouth of Flint-hill creek, thence due East until it strikes the old path, thence South until a due West line will intersect with certain steep rocks on the West side of Genesee river, then extending due West, due North and due East until it strikes the first mentioned bounds inclosing as much land on the West side as on the East side of the river — One other piece or parcel at Fa-ou-a-de-au extending in length eight miles along the river and two miles in breadth — One other piece or parcel at Catarauguas beginning at the mouth of the eighth mile or Fogh-quaw-ga creek, thence a line or lines to be drawn parallel to Lake Erie at the distance of one mile from the lake, to the mouth of Catarauguas creek, thence a line or lines extending twelve miles up the North side of said creek at the distance of one mile thereof, thence a direct line to the said creek, ~~thence down the said creek to Lake Erie~~ thence along the lake to the first mentioned creek, and thence to the place of beginning, also one other piece at Catarauguas beginning at the mouth of Catarauguas creek at the distance of one mile from the mouth thereof, thence running one mile from the lake, thence on a line parallel thereto ~~to a point within one~~ mile from the lake, thence up the said creek one mile on a line parallel thereto, thence on a direct line to the said creek, thence down the same to Lake Erie, thence along the lake to the place of beginning — ALSO one other piece or parcel of forty two square miles at or near the Allegany river — ALSO two hundred square miles, to be laid off partly at the Buffalo and partly at the Tanawanta creeks — ALSO EXCEPTING and reserving to them the said Parties, the first part and their heirs the privilege of fishing and hunting on the said tract of land hereby intended to be conveyed. AND it is hereby understood by and between the Parties to these Presents that all such pieces or parcels of land as are hereby reserved, and are not particularly described as to the manner in which the same are to be laid off, shall be laid off in such manner as shall be determined by the Sachems and chiefs residing at or near the respective villages where the such reservations are made, a particular note whereof is to be endorsed on the back of this deed and recorded therewith — Together with all and singular the rights, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, AND all the estate right title and interest whatsoever of them the said Parties of the first part and their nation of, in and to the said tract of land above described except as is above excepted TO HAVE and TO HOLD all and singular the said granted Premises with the appurtenances to the said Party of the second part his heirs and assigns to his and their proper use benefit and behoof forever. IN WITNESS whereof the Parties to these Presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. —

Sealed and delivered
In presence ——

The words "of two square miles" also the word "at the shore of Lake Erie" also the word "Part" also the words "mile from" being interlined — And the word "to a point within one" written on erasure.

Matthew Howell
Joseph Ellicott
Israel Chapin
James Rees
Henry Aaron Hill
Henry Hee
Jasper Parrish } Interpreters
Chonnonsyatchta

Hoyingyaah-tah alias Young King	Soo-oo-wa alias Pound rose	Soo-non-ge-wau	Robert Morris by his Attorney Thomas Morris
Soo-nook-ha-wau	Sa-ou-ka-hoo-hah-wa	So-no-wau-ya of Captain Bullet	
Hon-a-tario alias Handsome Lake	Hoos-wau-non-nus	Ja-ah-ha-a-yas	
Sat-ta-hangu-yase alias Two Ships of a length	Hon-nah-hae-ton-e	Sau-geh-shad-ta	
Ona-ya-wos, or Farmers Brother	Sa-ou-yaa-hau-na	Seh-hen-goo-nau	
Soo-goo-ya-wau-tau alias Red Jacket	Non-non-gookh-ta	Ah-gua-ne-ga of Hot Bread	
Gish-ka-ka alias Little Billy	So-nash-guau-hau	Lu-go-nun-da	
Ha-oun-non-wana alias Pollard	Swau-nau-ya-ne	Sau-ko-wain-to	
Ou-na-shat-ai-hau, or Tall chief by his agent Thomson	Sa-hau-non-de-sa	Hon-non-goo-wau-na	
Sah-do-wing-gua alias Thos. Jemison	Ohe-quine-daugh-gue, or Little Beard	Soo-goo-e-gue-ya-tah	
Ohnowa-gah-e-ho alias Infant	So-wa-a	Hau-tiwa-nae-e-hau by Young King	
Ta-non-non-de	Sau-sa-ge	Sau-ne-ga-wau	
Ongh-tau-goo-au	Sawi-yu-gua-ta-hau-sa	Kau-nook-sha-wau	
Ton-na-wau-de-au	Sa-oun-dau-dish	Sau-ko-non-sau-gah-ta	
Ta-ou-hai-e-ga	Soo-au-guain-da	Ha-ne-ga-naugh-gue or Job Jemison	
Hon-a-twah-ha or Corn Planter	Ah-ta-one	Hon-ne-Flesh	
Ho-sau-hau-nau-dau-hi alias Ta-ustoga Howe	Sau-hoo-shon-da-hoo	Sah-na-ah-gu-au	
	Hau-ne-shang-go		

DONE at a full and general Council of the Seneca nation of Indians held at Geneseo in the county of Ontario and state of New York on the fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, under the authority of the United States — IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

Jere Wadsworth

State of New York } I Thomas Cooper Master in Chancery certify that on the third Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight before me Jere. Wadsworth known to me to be the same Person described in and who has executed the preceding writing, who did acknowledge that he did execute the same — there being no Erasures or Interlineations therein I do allow it to be recorded

Thomas Cooper

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Pursuant to a resolution of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed the twenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one I have attended a full and general treaty of the Seneca Nation of Indians at Genesee in the county of Ontario where the within instrument was duly executed in my presence by the Sachems Chiefs and warriors of the said nation, being fairly and properly understood and transacted by all the Parties of Indians concerned and declared to be done to their universal satisfaction I do therefore ratify and approve of the same

Subscribed in presence of
Eli W. Howell

Ward Shepard

State of New York ss. I Thomas Cooper, Master in Chancery do certify that on the twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight came before me Joseph Elliott known to me to be the subscribing witness of that name to the within instrument of writing, who being by me duly sworn doth on his oath say that he saw the several Persons whose Names are subscribed and seals affixed to the said instrument of writing and who are described in the said instrument of writing as the Sachems, Chiefs and warriors of the Seneca Nation of Indians respectively, execute the said Instrument of writing that he the deponent subscribed his Name as a witness thereto; that he saw Nat W. Howell, Israel Chapin, James Rees, Henry Aaron Hill, and Henry Abeel together with Jasper Parrish and Horatio Jones the said Parrish and Jones being Interpreters, subscribe their Names as witnesses thereto; that he knew the said several Persons who so executed the said Instrument of writing and that they were the same Persons who are described in the said Instrument of writing as the Sachems, Chiefs and warriors of the Seneca Nation of Indians, which being to me satisfactory Evidence that the deponent knew the said several Persons who so as aforesaid executed the within Instrument of writing and that they are the same Persons described as the Sachems Chiefs and warriors of the Seneca Nation of Indians in the said Instrument of writing and who have executed the same and there being therein none but the noted alterations I do allow it to be recorded as the acts and deed of the said Sachems, Chiefs and warriors of the Seneca Nation of Indians respectively

Thomas Cooper

Now Be it known, That I John Adams, President of the United States of America, having seen and considered the said Convention or Treaty, and being satisfied that the Investment of the Money therein mentioned, has been made conformably to the intention of the said Convention or Treaty do by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, accept, ratify and confirm the same, and every clause and article thereof.

In Testimony whereof, I have caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed to these Presents, and signed the same with my Hand. Done at the City of Philadelphia, the Eleventh day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the Twenty-second.

John Adams

By the President of the United States
Timothy Pickering
Sec.y of State.

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Thomas Cooper

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Daniel Hale Sec.y

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