

Articles of Agreement and Convention, made and concluded at Muckl-te-oh or Point Elliott in the Territory of Washington, this twenty second day of January eighteen hundred and fifty five, by Isaac J. Stevens, Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the said Territory on the part of the United States, and the undersigned Chiefs, headmen and delegates of the Duwamish, Suquamish, Skahl-mish, Samah-mish, Smalh-kamish, Skope-ahmish, St-hah-mish, Sno-qualmov, Skai-whamish, N'Quetl-má-mish, Sk-tah-le-jum, Stoluck-whá-mish, Sno-hó-mish, Skagit, Kik-i-úus, Sáin-az-mish, Squin-ah-mish, Sah-hu-méhu, Noo-whá-ha, Noo-wa-chah-mish, Me-sé-qua-quilch, Cho-bahs-ékahsh and other allied and subordinate tribes and bands of Indians, occupying certain lands situated in said Territory of Washington, on behalf of said tribes, and duly authorized by them.

**Art. I** The said tribes and bands of Indians hereby cede, relinquish and convey to the United States all their right, title and interest in and to the lands and country occupied by them, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the Eastern side of Admiralty Inlet, known as Point Pully, about midway between Commencement and Elliott Bays; thence eastwardly running along the South line of lands heretofore ceded to the United States by the Nisqually, Puyallup and other Indians to the summit of the Cascade Range of mountains, thence northwardly following the summit of said range to the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel of North latitude; thence west along said parallel to the middle of the Gulf of Georgia, thence through the middle of said Gulf and the main channel through the Canal de Arro to the Straits of Fuca, and crossing the same through the middle of Admiralty Inlet to Suquamish Head; thence south westerly through the peninsula and following the divide between Hoods Canal and Admiralty Inlet to the portage known as Wilkes' portage; thence north eastwardly and following the line of lands heretofore ceded as aforesaid to Point Southworth on the western side of Admiralty Inlet, and thence round the foot of Vashon's Island eastwardly and south eastwardly to the place of beginning. Including all the Islands comprised within said boundaries, and all the right title and interest of the said tribes and bands to any lands within the territory of the United States.

**Art. II** There is however reserved for the present use and occupation of the said tribes and bands, the following tracts of land, viz: the amount of two sections or twelve hundred and eighty acres, surrounding the small bay at the head of Port Madison, called by the Indians Noo-sokh-um; the amount of two sections

or twelve hundred and eighty acres on the north side of Skokomish bay and the creek emptying into the same called Kwilt-seh-da, the peninsula at the South eastern end of Pigeon Island called Shais-quish, and the island called Chah-choo-sen, situated in the Skagit River at the point of separation of the mouth emptying respectively into Bellingsham bay and the Gulf of Georgia. All which tracts shall be set apart, and so far as necessary surveyed and marked out for their exclusive use; nor shall any white man be permitted to reside upon the same without permission of the said tribes or bands, and of the Superintendent or Agent; but if necessary for the public convenience roads may be run through the said reserves, the Indians being compensated for any damage thereby done them.

Art. III. There is also reserved from out the lands hereby ceded, the amount of thirty six sections, or one township of land, on the North eastern shore of Port Gardner, and north of the mouth of Skokomish river, including Tulalip's bay and the before mentioned Kwilt-seh-da creek, for the purpose of establishing thereon an agricultural and industrial school, as hereinafter mentioned and agreed, and with a view of ultimately drawing thence and settling thereon all the Indians living west of the Cascade Mountains in said Territory. Provided however that the President may establish the central agency and general reservation at such other point as he may deem for the benefit of the Indians.

Art. IV. The said tribes and bands agree to remove to and settle upon the said first above mentioned reservations within one year after the ratification of this treaty, or sooner if the means are furnished them. In the meantime it shall be lawful for them to reside upon any land not in the actual claim and occupation of citizens of the United States; and upon any land claimed or occupied if with the permission of the owner.

Art. V. The right of taking fish at usual and accustomed grounds and stations is further secured to said Indians in common with all citizens of the Territory, & of erecting temporary houses for the purpose of curing, together with the privilege of hunting & gathering roots and berries on open and unclaimed lands. Provided however that they shall not take shell fish from any beds staked or cultivated by citizens.

Art. VI. In consideration of the above cession, the United States agree to pay to the said tribes and bands



the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the following manner, that is to say: For the first year after the ratification hereof, fifteen thousand dollars; for the next two years, twelve thousand dollars each year; for the next three years, ten thousand dollars each year; for the next four years, seven thousand five hundred dollars each year; for the next five years, six thousand dollars each year; and for the last five years, four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each year. All which said sums of money shall be applied to the use and benefit of the said Indians under the direction of the President of the United States, who may from time to time determine at his discretion upon what beneficial objects to expend the same; And the Superintendent of Indian Affairs or other proper officer, shall each year inform the President of the wishes of said Indians in respect thereto.

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Art.VII. The President may hereafter, when in his opinion the interests of the Territory shall require and the welfare of the said Indians be promoted, remove them from either or all of the special reservations hereinbefore made, to the said general reservation, or such other suitable place within said Territory as he may deem fit, or renumerating them for their improvements and the expenses of such removal, or may consolidate them with other friendly tribes or bands; And he may further at his discretion cause the whole or any portion of the lands hereby reserved or of such other land as may be selected in lieu thereof to be surveyed into lots and assign the same to such individuals or families as are willing to avail themselves of the privilege and will locate on the same as a permanent home on the same terms and subject to the same regulations as are provided in the 6th Article of the Treaty with the Omahas, so far as the same may be applicable. Any substantial improvements heretofore made by any Indian and which he shall be compelled to abandon in consequence of this treaty shall be valued under the direction of the President and payment made accordingly therefor.

Art.VIII. The annuities of the aforesaid tribes and bands shall not be taken to pay the debts of individuals.

Art.IX. The said tribes and bands acknowledge their dependence on the government of the United States, and promise to be friendly with all citizens thereof, and they pledge themselves to commit no depredations on the property of such citizens. Should any one or more of them violate this pledge and the fact be satisfactorily proven before the agent, the property

taken shall be returned, or in default thereof, or if injured or destroyed, compensation may be made by the government out of their annuities. Nor will they make war on any other tribe except in self defence, but will submit all matters of difference between them and the other Indians to the Government of the United States or its agents for decision and abide thereby. And if any of the said Indians commit depredations on other Indians within the Territory the same rule shall prevail as that prescribed in this article in cases of depredations against citizens. And the said tribes agree not to shelter or conceal offenders against the laws of the United States, but to deliver them up to the authorities for trial.

Art.X. The above tribes and bands <sup>are</sup> desirous to exclude from their reservations the use of ardent spirits, and to prevent their people from drinking the same, and therefore it is provided that any Indian belonging to said tribe who is guilty of bringing liquor into said reservations, or who drinks liquor may have his or her proportion of the annuities withheld from him or her for such time as the President may determine.

Art.XI. The said tribes and bands agree to free all slaves now held by them and not to purchase or acquire others hereafter.

Art.XII. The said tribes and bands further agree not to travel at Vancouver's Island or elsewhere out of the dominions of the United States, nor shall foreign Indians be permitted to reside in their reservations without consent of the Superintendent or Agent.

Art.XIII. To enable the said Indians to remove to and settle upon their aforesaid reservations, and to clear, fence and break up a sufficient quantity of land for cultivation, the United States further agree to pay the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to be laid out and expended under the direction of the President and in such manner as he shall approve.

Art.XIV. The United States further agree to establish at the general agency for the District of Puget Sound, within one year from the ratification hereof, and to support for a period of twenty years, an agricultural and industrial school, to be free to children of the said tribes and bands in common with those of the other tribes of said district, and to provide the said school with a suitable trustee



tive or instructors, and also to provide a smelting and carpenter shop & furnish them with the necessary tools, and employ a blacksmith, carpenter and farrier for the like term of twenty years to instruct the Indians in their respective occupations. And the United States finally agree to employ a physician to reside at the said centre agreeably who shall furnish medicine and advice to obtain sick and shall vaccinate them; the expenses of said school, shops, persons employed and medicine attendance to be defrayed by the United States and not deducted from the annuities.

Art XV. This treaty shall be obligatory on the contracting parties as soon as the same shall be ratified by the President and Senate of the United States.

In testimony whereof the said Isaac I. Stevens, Governor and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and the undersigned Chiefs, head men & delegates of the aforesaid tribes and bands of Indians have hereunto set their hands and seals as the place and on the day and year herein before written.

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Executed in the presence of us.

*m. L. Timmons*  
Indian Agent

*C. H. Mason*  
Supt. Wash. Ter.

*Buryah Shaw*  
Interpreter

*Chas M. Hitchcock*  
*S. A. Goldborough*

Gorgel Gibbs

*John H. Scranton*

*Henry D. Cook*

*S. S. Lord Junr*  
*Carrington Lushman*

*Ellis Barnes*

*Isaac I. Stevens (L. S.)*  
Gov. & Supt. et<sup>c</sup>

Seattle X Chief of the Duwamish & Suquamish tribes L.S.

Pat-kah-nam<sup>x</sup> Chief of the Squamish, Suquamish & other tribes L.S.

Chowits-hoot X Chief of the Summi and other tribes L.S.

Golian X Chief of the Skagit and other allied tribes L.S.

Kwallatum<sup>x</sup> or Gen. Pierce  
Sub Chief of Skagit tribe L.S.

S. Hootst-hoot X Sub Chief of Suquamish L.S.

Snah-tale X a Bonaparte  
Sub Chief of Suquamish L.S.

Squash-um X a The Smoke L.S.  
Sub chief of the Squamish

R. Bailey See-alla-pa-ham X or the Priest  
Sub chief of Sk.tah-le-jim L.S.  
S. D. Collins

Lafayette Balch He.uoh.ka.nam X or George Bonaparte  
Sub chief of Snohomish L.S.

E. S. Fowler Tse-nan-tale X or Joseph Bonaparte  
J. H. Hall Sub chief of Snohomish L.S.

Robt Davis N's' Sk'ioss X or Jackson  
Sub chief of Snohomish L.S.

*J. Smith*

Wat.ka.lah.tanek X or John Hobbs. hoot  
Sub chief of Snohomish L.S.

Smek.mai.hu X  
Sub chief of Skai.wha.mush L.S.

Hat.eah.ka.nam X  
Sub chief of Snoqualmooch L.S.

St'Hau.ai X  
Sub chief of Snoqualmooch L.S.

Lugs.ken X  
Sub chief of Skai.wha.mush L.S.

S'Heht-soot X or Peter  
Sub chief of Snohomish L.S.

Do.queh.oo.satl X  
Snoqualmooch tribe L.S.

John X kanaw  
Snoqualmooch Sub chief L.S.

Klemsh-ka X nam  
Sno-qual-mooch L.S.

Ts'Huahtnlk X  
Owa.msh Sub Chief L.S.

Kwuss ka.nam X or George Snate-lum, Sen  
Skagit tribe L.S.

Hel-mits X or George Snatulum, P.  
Skagit Sub Chief L.S.

S'kwai-kwi X  
Skagit tribe, Sub Chief, L.S.

Sen-lek-qu X  
Sub chief Lummi tribe L.S.

Sh'-cheh-ooz X or Gen Washington  
Subchief of Lummi tribe LS

Whai-lan-hu X or Davy Crockett  
Subchief of Lummi tribe LS

Ske-ah-deh-hu X  
Subchief of Lummi tribe LS

Kwull-seh X  
Subchief of Lummi tribe LS

Kwull-et-hu A  
Lummi tribe LS

Kleh-kent-soot X  
Skagit tribe LS

Sohn-heh-ooz X  
Skagit tribe LS

Steh-ap-kan A or Gen Warren  
Skagit tribe LS

Chul-whil-tow A  
Subchief of Squamanish tribe LS

Ske-eh-tum X  
Skagit tribe LS

Patch-ka-nam X or Dome  
Skagit tribe LS

Sats-kanam X  
Squin-ah-mush tribe LS

Sd-zo-mantl X  
Kik-ial-lus band LS

Dahol-de-min A  
Subchief of Sat-ku-meh-hu LS

Sd'zek-de-nom X  
Me-sek-wi-gulse subchief LS

Naw-a-chais A  
Subchief of Dwanish LS

Mis-to-tohe A or Wah-hehl-toho  
Subchief of Squamanish LS



Moo-noksh-taw X or Jim  
Su-quamish tribe

SS

Moo-whah-lad-huk X or Jack  
Suquamish tribe

SS

Too-kéh klay X  
Suquamish tribe

SS

Ka-sch-doo-an X or Keo-kuck  
Dwamish tribe

SS

Hoo-ill-meh-ton X  
Sub chief of Suquamish

SS

We-ai-pah X  
Skai-whamish tribe

SS

Sak-an-hu X or Hallam  
Snohomish tribe

SS

She-hope o X or Gen. Pierce  
Skagit tribe

SS

Han-lah-laq X or Thos Jefferson  
Summi tribe

SS

Oht-sempt X  
Summi tribe.

SS

De-sum-ten X  
Summi tribe

SS

Hlt-shah-ten X  
Summi tribe

SS

Kutta-kamay o John  
Summi tribe

SS

Ch-lah-bon X  
Moo-qua-cha-mish band

SS

Moo-heh-ovs.

SS

Snogualmos tribe

Mwéh-uk X  
Snoqualmoo tribe

SS

Péh-nis X  
Skai-whamish tribe

SS

Yim-kai-nam X Ls  
Snoqualmoo tribe

Tswoi-as-kut X Ls  
Skai-whamish tribe

Luchal-kananx Ls  
Snoqualmoo tribe

S'koot-kananx Ls  
Snoqualmoo tribe

Sme-a-kananx Ls  
Snoqualmoo tribe

Sadzis-keh X Ls  
Snoqualmoo

Heh-mahet Ls  
Skai-whamish band

X Charley Ls  
Skagit tribe

X Sampson Ls  
Skagit tribe

+ John Taylor Ls  
Snohomish tribe

X Hatch-kwentum Ls  
Skagit tribe

X Yo-i-kum X Ls  
Skagit tribe

X Tkwa'ma-han X Ls  
Skagit tribe

X Sto-dum-kon X Ls  
Skamish band

X Be-tole X Ls  
Skamish tribe

X Dzo-lote-gwant-hu Ls  
Skagit tribe

X Steh-shatt X William Ls  
Skai-whamish band



Kel kahl tsoot X  
Surinanish tribe

St

Pat-sen X  
Skagit tribe

St

Pa-teh-us X  
Noo-wha-ah sub chief.

St

S'koolk ha- X nam  
Sumui Sub chief

St

Ch-lok suts X  
Sumui Chief sub chief

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