

Articles of Agreement, 8 November 1822

Made and entered into between Captain Richard Fields of the Tejas-Cherokee Nation and Jose Felix Trespalacios, Governor of the province of Tejas, Republic of Mexico on this day in San Antonio de Bexar.

ARTICLE 1. That the said Capt. Richard Fields with five others of his tribe, accompanied by Mr. Antonio Mexia and Antonio Wolfe, who act as interpreters, may proceed to Mexico, to treat with his Imperial Majesty, relative to the settlement which said Chief wishes to make for those of his tribe who are already in the territory of Tejas, and also for those who are in the United States.

ARTICLE 2. That the other Indians in the city, and who do not accompany the before mentioned, will return to their village in the vicinity of Nacogdoches (Tejas), and communicate to those who are at said village, the terms of this agreement

ARTICLE 3. That a party of warriors of said village must be constantly kept on the road leading from the province to the United States, to prevent stolen animals from being carried thither, and to apprehend and punish those evil disposed foreigners, who form assemblages, and abound on the banks of the River Sabine, within the territory of Tejas.

ARTICLE 4. That the Indians, who return to their town, will appoint as their chief, the Indian Captain called Kunetand, alias tong Turqui, to whom a copy of this agreement will be given, for the satisfaction of those of his tribe, and in order that they may fulfill its stipulations.

ARTICLE 5. That meanwhile, and until the approval of the Supreme Government is obtained, they may cultivate their lands and sow their crops in free and peaceful possession.

ARTICLE 6. That the said Cherokee Indians will become immediately subject to the laws of the Empire, as well as others who tread her soil, and they will also take up arms in defense of the nation, if called upon to do so.

ARTICLE 7. That they (Cherokee) shall be considered Hispano Americans, and entitled to all the rights and privileges granted to such, and to the same protection, should it become necessary.

ARTICLE 8. That they (Cherokee) can immediately commence trade with the other inhabitants of the province, and with the exception of arms and ammunitions of war, with the tribes of savages who may be friendly with us.

Which agreement, comprising the eight articles, has been executed in the presence of twenty-two Cherokee Indians of the Baron de Bastrop, who has been pleased to act as interpreter, of two of the Ayuntamiento, and two officers of this Garrison. Bexar, 8th November 1822

Signed by: Jose Felix Trespalacios, Jose Flores, Nabor Villarreal, Richard Fields, x his mark, El Baron de Bastrop, Manuel Iturri Castillo, Franco de Castaneda.