

1760 PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY

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“Treaty of Peace and Friendship concluded by the Governor.. of Nova Scotia with Paul Laurent, Chief of the La Heve tribe of Indians,” 1760

Date: 1760

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Signed at Halifax, March 1760, by Governor Charles Lawrence and Paul Laurent, Chief of the La Heve [LaHave].

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Treaty of Paul Laurent
Peace with G^o Laurence 1760

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Treaty of Peace and Friendship concluded by
the Governour and Commander in chief
of Nova Scotia - with Paul Laurent chief
of the La Mive tribe of Indians - at Halifax -
Authenticated copy - ... bearing signature
of Governour Laurence - ... and in the
testigraph of Richard Bultelby Esquire -
his Secretary -

Five folio pages -

Treaty of Peace and Friendship
concluded by - H. E. C. L. Esq - Gov^r and
Com^o in chief - in and over - his Majesty's
Prov^o of Nova Scotia - or Acadia - with
Paul Laurent chief of the La Mive - tribe of
Indians - at Halifax in the Province of -
N. S. - or Acadia =

I - Paul Laurent - do for -
myself and the tribe of La Mive - Indians - of which -
I am chief - do acknowledge - the Jurisdiction
and Dominion of His Majesty George the
Second over the Territories of Nova Scotia -
or Acadia - and we do make Submission
to His Majesty in the most perfect - ample -
and solemn manner -

And I do promise for myself -
and my tribe that I nor they shall not molest
any of His Majesty's subjects or their dependants -
in their Settlements already made - or to be hereafter
made - or in ranging in their Commerce or in any
thing whatever within the Province - of His -
said Majesty or elsewhere -

and if any Insult, robbery or Outrage shall happen to be Committed by any of my tribe - Satisfaction and restitution shall be made to the Person or persons injured -

That neither I nor any of my tribe shall in any manner entice any of His said Majesty's Troops - or Soldiers - to desert, nor in any manner assist in conveying them away - but on the contrary will do our utmost endeavours - to bring them back to the Company, Regiment, Fort or Garrison to which they shall belong -

That if any Quarrell or Misunderstanding shall happen between myself and the English - or between them and any of my tribe - neither I - nor they shall take any private Satisfaction or Revenge, but We will apply ourselves according to the Laws - established in His said Majesty's - Dominions -

That all English prisoners made by myself - or my tribe shall be sett at Liberty and that we will use our utmost endeavours - to prevail on the other tribes to do the same, if any Prisoners shall happen to be in their hands -

And I do further promise for myself and my tribe that we will not either directly nor indirectly assist any of the Enemies of His most Sacred Majesty King the second - his heirs or - successors - nor hold any manner of Commerce traffick nor intercourse with them, but on the contrary will as much as may be in our power discover and make known to His Majesty's - Governour - any ill designs which may be formed -

or contrived against his Majesty's subjects - And
 I do further engage that we will not traffick
 barter or Exchange any Commodities in any manner
 but with such persons, or the managers of such
 Truck-houses as shall be appointed or
 Established by His Majesty's Governour at
 Lunenburg - or Elsewhere in Nova Scotia or
 Acadia -

And for the more effectual security of the
 due performance of this Treaty and every part
 thereof I do promise and Engage that a certain number
 of persons of my tribe which shall not be less in number
 than two persons - shall on or before Sept^r next -

reside as hostages at Lunenburg or
 at such other place or places in this Province of
 Nova Scotia - or Acadia - as shall be appointed
 for that purpose by His Majesty's Governour of said
 Province which hostages - shall be exchanged
 for a like number of my tribe when requested -

And all these foregoing articles -
 and every one of them - made with His Excellency
 C^L, His Majesty's Gov^r - I do promise for myself
 and on my sd part - behalf of my tribe that we will
 most strictly keep and observe - in the most solemn
 manner -

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett
 my mark and seal at Halifax in Nova Scotia -
 this day of March one thousand 7^e -
 Paul + Laurent

I do accept of and agree to all the articles
of the foregoing Treaty in Faith and testimony
whereof. I have signed these presents
I have caused my seal to be hereunto
affix'd this day of March in the 33rd
year of His Majesty's Reign - and in the
year of Our Lord - 1760 -

"Chas^s Laurence -"

By his Excellency's Command - 3

Richard Bulkeley, Secy. 3

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Collection of the Rev^d Andrew Brown - DD -

Transcription of**“Treaty of Peace and Friendship concluded by the Governor... of Nova Scotia with Paul Laurent, Chief of the La Heve tribe of Indians,” 1760¹**

Treaty of Peace and Friendship concluded by [His Excellency Charles Lawrence] Esq. Govr and Comr. in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Accadia with Paul Laurent chief of the LaHave tribe of Indians at Halifax in the Province of N.S. or Acadia.

I, Paul Laurent do for myself and the tribe of LaHave Indians of which I am Chief do acknowledge the jurisdiction and Dominion of His Majesty George the Second over the Territories of Nova Scotia or Accadia and we do make submission to His Majesty in the most perfect, ample and solemn manner.

And I do promise for myself and my tribe that I nor they shall not molest any of His Majesty's subjects or their dependents, in their settlements already made or to be hereafter made or in carrying on their Commerce or in any thing whatever within the Province of His said Majesty or elsewhere and if any insult, robbery or outrage shall happen to be committed by any of my tribe satisfaction and restitution shall be made to the person or persons injured.

That neither I nor any of my tribe shall in any manner entice any of his said Majesty's troops or soldiers to desert, nor in any manner assist in conveying them away but on the contrary will do our utmost endeavours to bring them back to the Company, Regiment, Fort or Garrison to which they shall belong.

That if any Quarrel or Misunderstanding shall happen between myself and the English or between them and any of my tribe, neither I, nor they shall take any private satisfaction or Revenge, but we will apply for redress according to the Laws established in His said Majesty's Dominions.

That all English prisoners made by myself or my tribe shall be sett at Liberty and that we will use our utmost endeavours to prevail on the other tribes to do the same, if any prisoners shall happen to be in their hands.

And I do further promise for myself and my tribe that we will not either directly nor indirectly assist any of the enemies of His most sacred Majesty King George the Second, his heirs or Successors, nor hold any manner of Commerce traffick nor intercourse with them, but on the contrary will as much as may be in our power discover and make known to His Majesty's Governor, any ill designs which may be formed or contrived against His Majesty's subjects. And I do further engage that we will not traffick, barter or Exchange any Commodities in any manner but with such persons or the managers of such Truck houses as shall be appointed or Established by His Majesty's Governor at Lunenburg or Elsewhere in Nova Scotia or Accadia.

¹ Transcription from the Supreme Court of Canada decision in the case of *R. v Marshall* [1999] 3 S.C.R. 456.

And for the more effectual security of the due performance of this Treaty and every part thereof I do promise and Engage that a certain number of persons of my tribe which shall not be less in number than two prisoners shall on or before September next reside as Hostages at Lunenburg or at such other place or places in this Province of Nova Scotia or Accadia as shall be appointed for that purpose by His Majesty's Governor of said Province which Hostages shall be exchanged for a like number of my tribe when requested.

And all these foregoing articles and every one of them made with His Excellency C. L., His Majesty's Governor I do promise for myself and on of sd part -- behalf of my tribe that we will most strictly keep and observe in the most solemn manner.

In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my mark and seal at Halifax in Nova Scotia this day of March one thousand _____

Paul Laurent

I do accept and agree to all the articles of the forgoing treaty in Faith and Testimony whereof I have signed these present I have caused my seal to be hereunto affixed this day of march in the 33 year of His Majesty's Reign and in the year of Our lord – 1760

Chas Lawrence