1761 PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY

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Copy of

"Treaty of Peace and Friendship" between Jonathon Belcher and Francis Muis, 1761

Date: 1761

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Signed at Halifax, 9 November 1761, by Jonathan Belcher, President of His Majesty's Council and Francis Muis, Chief of the La Have and witnessed by "P. Maillard, Priest missionnary of indians."

No original copies are known to exist for this, or for any of the other 1760 and 1761 treaties. This is a copy made in 1812 by the Rev. Jean-Mandé Sigogne, who had access to an original document.

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Treaty of Deare and Friendship concluded by the Honorable Jonathan Belcher Figure Prefident of Flis Majerty's Constil and Commander in chief in and over I-Ci Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Geadra with Frances Mins Chief of the La Flèse Tube of Indians, at Flatifax in the Province of Nova - Scotia or Gradia.

I Francis Minis for myself and the Tribe of La Here. Indians of which I am chief do acknowledge The Invisdiction and Dominion of His Majesty Ring George the third over the territories of Nova Scotia or acadia and we do make submission to His Majesty in the most ample and Solemn mannes.

and Ido promise for myself and my Tribe that I not they Shall not motest any of His Majerty's Subjects or their dependants in their Settlements already made of to be hereafter made; or in carrying on their Commerce, or in any thing whatever within this the Province of Flis Said Majesty or ellewhere.

Cend if any infulty, Robbery or Outrage Shall happen. to be committed by any of my Tribe Satisfaction and Restitution Shall be made to the perform or perfort injured.

That neither I not my Tribe Shall in any manner. entrie any of Flis Said Majerly's Troops or Soldiers to defeat nor in any manner spist in conveying them away, but on the contrary will do our utmost endeavours to breng them back to the company Regiment fort or garrifon to which they Thall belong

That if any guarrel or misunderstanding shall happen between myfelf and the English, or between them and any of my Tribe neither I not they shall take any pristate Satisfaction of reserge but we wi apply

Capply for vedress according to the laws established in his Said Majesty's dominions.

That all English prifoners made by myself or my Tribe Shall be set at liberty, and that we will use our ut most endeavoury to prevail on the other Tribes to do the Same of any prifoners Shall happen to be in their hands.

and I do further mornife for myfelf and my Tribe, that we will not either directly nor inducely affit any of the ennemies of His most sacreed Majesty King George the third, his Keins or successor nor hold any manner of commence, Traffick not intercourse with them; but on the contrary but on the contrary, will as much as may be in our nower discover and make known to His Majesty's Governore, any ill defigns which may be formed or contrived against His estapety's hibgets. Oned I do further engage that we will not Traffick, source, or enchange any commoduties in any manner. But with such perfort, or the Manager of Such Truck houses as Shall be appointed or established by His Majesty's Governor at Lunenbourg or esterchere in Nova-Scotia or Eccentia.

and for the more effectual security of the due performance of this theaty of every part thereof I do promise and engage that a certain number of performs of my Tribe, which shall not be less in number than Two performs shall on or before the first day of January 1962 nefice as Folleuges at Lunenbourg or at Such other place of places in this Brownice of Nova-Scotta or Geadia as that be appointed for that purpose by Fis Marjesty Governor of Said Province of Nova-Scotta or Geadia changed for a like number of my Tribe when Veguested.

and all these foregoing Carticles and every one of them made with the Honorable Jonathan Belcher Ziquire Prefident of His Majerty's Conneil and commander in chief in and ones His Majerty's Province of Nova Scotia or acadie, I do promise for myself and in behalf of my Tribe that we will most Strictly keep and observe in

the mest Solemn manner.

In Withelf Where I have hereunto put my Mark and Seal at FCalifax in Nova-Scotia this ninth day of November one Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one and in the Second year of Ilis Majerty; Relqu. (mark of + Francy (2)

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I do accept of and agree to all the articles of (S. 1) the foregoing Treaty. In Faith and Testimony whereof I have Signed thepeppetents and have caused my lead to be herewith affined this ninth day of November in the Leond year of His Majetty's Reigh and in the year ofour Lord one Therefound Seven hundred and Sixty one. (hibscribed)

Signed Priest millionnary of in dian)

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Transcription of

"Treaty of Peace and Friendship concluded by the Honorable Jonathan Belcher Esquire President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Acadia with Francis Mius Chief of the La Have Tribe of Indians, at Halifax in the Province of Nova-Scotia or Acadia."¹

I Francis <u>Mius</u> for myself and the Tribe of La Have Indians of which I am chief do acknowledge the Jurisdiction and Dominion of His Majesty King George the third over the territories of Nova Scotia or Acadia and we do make submission to His Majesty in the most 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 this the Province of His Said Majesty or elsewhere.

And if any insults, 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 Set 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 Third, his Heirs or Successors, nor hold any manner of commerce, traffick, nor intercourse with them; but on the contrary 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 Truckhouses as shall be appointed or established by His Majesty's governor at Lunenbourg or Elsewhere in Nova Scotia or Acadia.

¹ Transcribed with original punctuation and spelling by Mario Levesque, Mount Allison University, June 13, 2024.

And for the more effectual Security of the due performance of this treaty of 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 the first day of January 1762 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 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 the Honorable Jonathan Belcher Esquire President of His Majesty's Council and commander in chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia or Acadie, I do promise for myself and in behalf of my Tribe, that we will most Strictly keep and observe in the most solemn manner.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my Mark and Seal at Halifax in Nova-Scotia this ninth day of November one thousand seven hundred and Sixty one, and in the Second year of His Majesty's Reign.

(mark of Francis Mius Witness Signed P Maillard Priest missionary of indians)

I do accept of and agree to all the articles of the foregoing Treaty. In Faith and Testimony whereof I have Signed [?? illegible ??] and have caused my Seal to be herewirto affixed this ninth day of November in the Second year of His Majesty's Reign and in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty one.

(Subscribed) Jonathan Belcher

Witness Jim Collier Charles Morris Rick Bulkley Jos. Gerrish Edm. Crawley Henry Newton

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