

RS#22: Treaty with the Delawares, 1778 (Adapted)

Sept. 17, 1778.

Agreement made by Andrew and Thomas Lewis on Behalf of the United States and Capt. White Eyes, Capt. John Kill Buck, Junior, and Capt. Pipe, Deputies and Chiefs of the Delaware Nation

ARTICLE I.

That all offences or acts of hostilities...be mutually forgiven...

ARTICLE II.

That a perpetual peace and friendship shall from henceforth take place...

ARTICLE III.

The United States are engaged in a just and necessary war, in defense and support of life, liberty and independence, against the King of England. The King possesses several posts and forts on the lakes and other places. The most practical way for the troops of the United States to access some of the posts and forts is by passing through the country of the Delaware nation. The Delaware Nation do hereby agree to give the troops a free passage through their country to the posts, forts or towns of the enemies of the United States. The Delaware Nation will also give the troops supplies of corn, meat, and horses. They will also join the troops of the United States with a number of their best and most expert warriors as they can spare.



Picture of Delaware Family

ARTICLE IV.

neither party shall punish the citizens of the other...

ARTICLE V.

The Delaware Nation will depend on the United States for all the articles of clothing, utensils, and supplies of war.

ARTICLE VI.

...the United States do...guarantee to the...nation of Delawares, and their heirs, all their territorial rights...

Andrew Lewis, [L. S.]

Thomas Lewis, [L. S.]

White Eyes, his x mark, [L. S.]

The Pipe, his x mark, [L. S.]

John Kill Buck, his x mark, [L. S.]

In presence of --

Lach'n McIntosh, brigadier-general, commander the Western Department.

Daniel Brodhead, colonel Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment,

W. Crawford, colonel,

John Campbell,

John Stephenson,

John Gibson, colonel Thirteenth Virginia Regiment,

A. Graham, brigade major,

Lach. McIntosh, jr., major brigade,

Benjamin Mills,

Joseph L. Finley, captain Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment,

John Finley, captain Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment.