This treaty with the Clatsop Tribe of Indians was one of 13 agreements made with tribes of western Oregon Country in August 1851. At first, the Clatsop refused to negotiate, asking Dart to halt all ships from entering the Columbia and destroy two sawmills because the noise had “frightened the fish away!” They finally agreed to waive those demands in return for two reservations of about ten square miles. Again, Dart refused emphatically. The Clatsop then agreed to a single reservation of 3.5 square miles to cover their lodges and burial grounds at Point Adams. Because three American claimants who lived there would have to be removed, Dart tried to convince the Clatsop to release all of the land; however, as he explained in August 1852, “this they steadily declined; leaving no alternative, but to allow this Reservation or not treat with them for the balance of their lands, being about five hundred thousand acres.” Dart went on to describe the lands’ worth to the United States government: “That part of their land known as the ‘Clatsop Plains’ is an open level country with a very rich soil; nearly or quite every acre of which is claimed and occupied by white people. The balance of the purchase is timbered land, chiefly of the heaviest kind, . . . the soil is of excellent quality for farming purposes, and from its very advantageous situation upon the Columbia River, and Pacific Ocean affording superior facilities for exporting its timber, and the produce of the Farmer, it cannot but prove of immense value to the United States” (Dart in Coan, 67). Although his charge was to remove these tribes east of the mountains, from Dart’s perspective, expulsion of a few Americans in exchange for this valuable land would be well worthwhile. The Clatsop Chinook had already proved their worth as laborers in American industry and Dart claimed they would not be a threat to further settlement. As was the case with each of these treaties, the Clatsop were promised annuities, food, and goods. None were delivered. Treaty images donated and used by permission of Records of the U.S. Senate, RG 46, National Archives, Washington, D.C., SEN 32B–C4. Available at ccrh.org.
Articles of a Treaty

Made and concluded, at Treaty Point on the Columbia River, near Hatfield's Bluff, between John Davis, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Henry J.C. Spalding, Indian Agent, and Josiah D. Parrish, Sub-Indian Agent, on the part of the United States, and the undersigned chiefs and headmen of the Clatsop Tribe of Indians of the other part.

Article 1.

The said Tribe of Indians cede to the United States the tract of land included within the following boundaries viz.: Beginning at the western extremity of Point Adams at the mouth of the Columbia River, and running thence southerly along the coast of the Pacific Ocean to the mouth of a certain stream south of what is called Tillamook Head, which stream is called by the Indians Tock-les-pah-ta; thence easterly up and along said stream to its source; thence east to the summit of the forest range of mountains; thence northwesterly to the head waters of the Nitto or Lewis and Clark's River; thence down and along said river to Canny's Bay, thence westerly along said Bay and the southern shore of the Columbia River to the place of beginning. The above described land being all that is claimed by the said Tribe.

Article 2. From the cession aforesaid the following tract shall be reserved, to wit: All that piece or parcel of land described as follows viz.: Beginning at a stake on the southern shore of the Columbia River, between Sandy Point and Point Adams, which stake is in the eastern boundary of the old Indian burying ground; running thence southerly in a direct line to the northeast corner of William Hobson's claim.
Thence westerly bounding on said Kobson’s claim to the
Ocean; thence northerly along the Ocean to Point Adams;
Thence easterly up and along the Southern shore of the
Columbia River to the place of beginning.

Article 5. It is agreed between the United States and
the said Tribe, that the individuals of the said Tribe
shall be at liberty to occupy, as formerly, their fishing
grounds at the mouth of the Neacopa Creek, whenever
they wish to do so for the purpose of fishing; and it
is further agreed that the individuals of said Tribe
shall be allowed to pass freely along the beach front
do and to their reservation between their said fishing grounds
and Point Adams, and allowed to pick up whales
that may be cast away on the beach.

Article 6. In consideration of the cession made in the
foregoing articles of this treaty, the United States agree
to pay to the said Neacopa Tribe of Indians, the sum
of Fifteen thousand Dollars, in annual payments of
Fifteen hundred Dollars each, to be made as follows viz.
Two hundred Dollars in money and the balance in the
following articles to wit: Forty Blankets, Twenty-wed-
den coats, Twenty pairs Pants, Twenty Vests, Forty Shirts,
Forty pair shoes, One hundred yards blanket, One hundred yards blanket,
Fifteen Blanket Shawls, Two hundred pounds Soap, Two
barrels Salt, Thirty bags Flour, Two hundred pounds
Tobacco, Two hundred pounds Sugar, Twenty pounds
Tea, Two barrels Molasses, Two Oxen or Two Ponies, Ten
Hoes, Ten Asses, Six eight-quart Brass Kettles, Twenty-
five knives, Fifty cotton Handkerchiefs, Ten leman quar-
Pails, Twenty six-quart Pans, Twenty-five Pint cups, Twenty
Six capes, All of which are to be of good quality and
to be delivered each year at Sandy Point aforesaid, and
Article 5th. There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between all the citizens of the United States of America, and all the individuals composing the said Chaticop Tribe.

Article 6. This treaty shall take effect and be obligatory on the contracting parties, as soon as the same shall be ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof.

In testimony whereof, the said Anson Dart, Superintendent, and Henry H. Spalding Agent and Ishak L. Parricks Sub-Agent, as aforesaid, and the Chief and Headmen of the said Chaticop Tribe of Indians, have hereunto set their hands and seals, at the time and place first herein above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in Presence of Nicholas Dubois, Secretary Anson Dart

Superintendent

Henry H. Spalding
Agent

Ishak L. Parricks
Agent

Tostow
Gotata
Twillis
Itekahake

Winaworx
Koulkhi
Wanawaiki

Washington
Halkhame
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Dunkle