Treaty Made and Concluded at Tansey Point near Clatstop Plains, 8 August 1851 between Anson Dart, Sup. Ind. Affairs & Others, on the part of the U.S. and the Konnaack Band of the Chinook Tribe of Indians

This treaty with the Konnaack Band of the Chinook Tribe of Indians was one of 13 agreements made with tribes of western Oregon Country over a five-day period in August 1851. Anson Dart and the Chinook chiefs and headmen agreed that the Konnaack would “reserve the privilege of occupying their present place of residence on Oak Point and the privilege of hunting” on those land. The government also promised to provide payment of $10,500 over a ten-year period—in money, clothing, blankets, cloth, axes, hoes, knives, flour, sugar, and tea, among other items “of good quality.” Despite the treaty’s provisions of payment in return for land cessions on the north AND south sides of the Columbia River at Oak Point, Washington and St. Helens, Oregon, none of the Chinook bands received payment or services until 1912. Based on a suit filed thirteen years earlier, Congress authorized payment that year of $20,000 to the Lower Chinook, with additional funds going to the Clatsop ($15,000), Nuc-que-clah-we-muck ($1,500), Waukikum ($7,000), Kathlamet ($7,000), and Wheelappa ($5,000). By that time, the Konnaack had long been politically connected and intermarried with other Chinook. Today, descendants of the treaty signer Oswallicks continue to fight for recognition as members of the Chinook Indian Nation.

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Article of a Treaty

Made and concluded at Fancourt, Point, near Chetopa, Kansas, this Eighth day of August, Eighteen hundred and Fifty-one, between Lewis D. W. Leffingwell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Henry H. Spalding, Indian Agent, and Joseph L. Parrish, Sub Indian Agent, on the part of the United States of the one part; and the undersigned Chiefs and Headmen of the Komnassack Band of the Chincoteague Tribe of Indians of the other part.

Article 1. The said Komnassack Band hereby cede to the United States the tract of land included within the following boundaries viz.: Beginning at the mouth of the Neos-tie-ke-bruck on the North side of the Columbia River, and running thence up and along the said river to the mouth of the first stream that enters the Columbia above the Cowpity river, thence up the Cowpity and following the highland parallel with said river to what is called the Tochop; thence west to the North East bound of lands lately claimed by the Manahicum Band of the Shumocks; thence southly following the eastern boundary of said lands of the Manahicum Band to the place of beginning. Also the tract of land described as follows to wit: Beginning at a point on the south side of the Columbia River opposite the mouth of the Cowpity river, running thence south to lands claimed by the Klatshanidas, thence westerly along their north boundary to a point due east of Bents Mill on the Columbia, thence north to said Mill, thence up and along said river to the place of beginning. The above description is intended to include all the lands claimed or owned by the said Komnassack Band of Indians.
Article 2. The said Konnaack Band retain the privilege of occupying their present place of residence on Oak Point, and the privilege of hunting on the lands described above.

Article 3. In consideration of the cessions made in the foregoing Articles of this Treaty, the United States agree to pay to the said Konnaack Band of Chinook Indians Ten Thousand five hundred Dollars in annual payment, of Ten hundred and fifty Dollars for five years, as follows to wit: One hundred and fifty Dollars in money, Thirty Blankets, Twenty Moccasin Coats, Forty Shirts, Thirty pairs Short, Twenty caps, Twenty pairs Pants, Twenty Veets, One hundred yards Lacey Plaid, Two hundred yards Brown Muslin, One hundred yards Celote, Ten Shawls, Fifteen bags Flour, One hundred pounds Tobacco, One hundred and fifty pounds Soap, Two hundred pounds Sugar, Ten thousand Two Hogs, Ten eight-ounce Tin Pans, Six Brandy Pans, One barrel Salt, One barrel Molasses, Six Axes, Ten pounds Tea, Ten knives, One leg Potatoes, One hundred pounds Shot. All to be of good quality and delivered at Rannie's landing on the Columbia River.

Article 4. There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between all the Citizens of the United States of America and all the individuals of the said Konnaack Band of Chinook Indians.

Article 5. This Treaty shall take effect and be obligatory on the contracting parties as soon as
the same shall have been ratified by the President of
the United States by and with the advice and con-
sent of the Senate thereof.

In testimony whereof the said Susan Hart super-
intendent, Henry W. Spalding Agent and Joseph E.
Parvin Sub Agent, aforesaid, on the part of the United
States of the one part, and the said Chief and Head
men of the Tsonnack Band of the Chiricoth Tribe of
Indians have hereunto set their hands and seals
at the time and place first herein above written.

Anson Hart
Superintendent
Henry W. Spalding
Agent
Joseph E. Parvin
Sub Agent

Wah kulu tur alias Stone X
Suah ke X
Lyuumecke X
Atewhul X
Tahmy nimms X
Duvalappa X

Signed, Sealed and Witnessed
in Presence of
Nicholas D. Bois Sec'y
W.H. Raymond Interpreter
Sr. Shorttop Acting Sub Agent