

Mascarene's 1725 Treaty of

Indian Promises

(Known as Treaty 239)

Mascarene's Treaty of 1725 as signed June 4, 1726, Annapolis Royal, enclosed in Governor L. Armstrong to Secretary of State, 24 November 1726

WHEREAS by Articles of peace and agreement made and concluded upon at Boston in New England the fifteenth day of December One thousand seven hundred twenty five, by our Delegates & Representatives, Saugarum alias Laurens Alexis, Francois Xavier and Meganumbe, as appears by the Instruments then Signed Sealed and Exchanged in the presence of the great and Generall Court or Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, by our said Delegates in behalf of us the Indians of Penubscutt, Norrigewock, St. Johns, Cape Sables to and Inhabiting within these His Majestic of Great Britain's Territories of Nova Scotia and New England, and by Major Paul Mascarene Commissioner from this said Province in behalf of his Majesty, by which agreement it being required that the said Articles should be Ratified here, at his Majesty's ffort of Annapolis Royall, we the Chiefs and Representatives of the said Indians with full power and Authority, by an unanimous consent and Desire of the said Indian Tribes, are come in complizance with the Articles stipulated by our Delegates as aforesaid, and do in obedience thereunto Solemnly confirm & Ratifie the same and in testimony thereof with hearts full of sincerity we have signed and Sealed the following Articles being conforme to what was required by the said Major Paul Mascarene and promised to be performed by our said delegates -Whereas his Majesty King George by the Concession of the most Christian King made at the Treaty of Utricht is become the Rightfull Possessor of the Province of Nova Scotia or Accadie According to its antient Boundarys we the said Chiefs & Representatives of the Penubscutt Norrigewock St Johns, Cape Sables and of the other Indian Tribes belonging to and inhabiting within this his Majestys Province of Nova Scotia or Accadie and New England do for ourselves and the said Tribes we represent Acknowledge his said Majesty's King Georges Jurisdiction and Dominion over the Territories of the said Province of Nova Scotia or Accadie and make our Submission to his said Majesty in as ample a manner as we have formerly done to the Most Christian King -And we further promise in behalf of ourselves and our said Tribes -That the Indians shall not molest any of His Majesty's Subjects or their Dependants in their Settlements already made, or Lawfully to be made or in their carrying on their Trade & other affairs within the said Province -That if there happens any Robbery or outrage committed by any of our Indians the Tribe or Tribes they belong to shall cause satisfaction to be made to the Parties Injured -That the Indians shall not help to convey away any Souldiers belonging to his Majesty's fforts, but on the contrary shall bring back any souldier they shall fmd endeavouring to run away -That in case of any misunderstanding, Quarrel or Injury between the English and the Indians, no private Revenge shall he taken, but Application shall be made for redress according to His Majesty's Laws -That if there be any English Prisoners amongst any of our aforesd. Tribes, we faithfully promise that the said Prisoners shall be released & Carefully conducted and Delivered up to this Government or that of New England -That in testimony of our Sincerity we have for ourselves and in behalf of all and Singular of our said Indian Tribes conforme to what was Stipulated by our delegates at Boston or aforesaid, this day Solemnly Confirmed & Ratified each and every one of the foregoing Articles which shall be punctually Observed and duly performed by each and all of us the said Indians. In Witness Whereof we have before the Honourable John Doucett & Council for this His Majesty and the Deputies of the French Inhabitants of said Province hereunto sett our hands and Seals at Annapolis Royall this fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and twenty six and in the twelvth year of His Majesty's Reigne.

Ratified by M'ikmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Nations on 4 June, 1726

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Ratified by Nova Scotia Government on 4 June, 1726 by acting Lieutenant - G overnour and President of the N ova Scotia Council John Doucett

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