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OF
UNION AND CONFEDERATION

MADE AND ADOPTED BY THE
Chiefs, Braves and Warriors

OF THE
WABEQUA AND MUNSEE TRIBE,

JANUARY 6th, 1857.

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WHEREAS, The Great Spirit has made bare His Almighty arm in the preservation and establishment of a part of the *Muh-he-con-neeh*, known as the "Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe," on the western part of the Wolf River, on the north side of the southern boundry of the Menomonee Reservation in the State of Wisconsin, therefore,

We, the Chiefs, Braves and Warriors of the Stockbridge and Munsee Tribe, being assembled at our new fire-place, at Muh-he-con-neeh, in the State of Wisconsin, this sixth day of January, A. D., 1857, having considered that our peculiar situation highly demands combined efforts, in order the more effectually to execute our best intentions and purposes hereinafter enumerated, do hereby voluntarily make, ordain and declare that the following Articles shall be considered as Articles of our Union and Confederation, which shall remain unalterable, unless by common consent.

ARTICLE I.

There shall be no distinction made of the United Tribe of Stockbridges and Munsee Indians, on account of descent, or birth, (saving where character and qualification shall render any person eligible for any post of trust or honor) but all shall alike be entitled to enjoy the rights, privileges and advantages of the Nation.

ARTICLE II.

That all such of the Stockbridges and Munsees, whether they are now residing in the State of New York, or Wisconsin, or West of the Mississippi, or anywhere in the United States, who were not provided for, either in land or money, shall have the privilege of coming and taking up lots of land on the tract given to the Stockbridges and Menomonees by the Treaty of Feb'y 5th, 1856.

ARTICLE III.

Every male, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, (or under twenty-one years if legally married, in which case he shall be admitted on an equal footing with those of the age aforesaid) shall be entitled to vote for National Officers herein elective.

ARTICLE IV.

Schools and the means of education, shall ever be encouraged.

ARTICLE V.

No person, or any assembly of people, met for the worship of God on the Lord's day, or at any other time, shall be disturbed.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a Sachem elected for the term of three years, and five counsellors for the term of one year. One of the counsellors shall be chosen by the Sachem and Counsellors, a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep all the acts and proceedings of the Councils, and generally to do such writings of a public nature as shall be required by the Sachem and Counsellors, and in case of the death or resignation, or necessary absence of the Sachem, one of the Counsellors who had received the highest number of votes shall execute all the powers and perform all the duties of the Sachem, during the vacancy occasioned by the resignation, death or necessary absence of said Sachem, and in case of the death or resignation of a counsellor, the Sachem shall by notice, either in writing or otherwise, appoint a time and place to elect another in his stead to serve for the residue of the term. The Sachem and two others who had received the highest number of votes for counsellors, shall constitute the high Court of the Nation.

ARTICLE VII.

A Treasurer, two Peace Makers, two Path-

Masters and a Sheriff, shall be elected annually on the day of Election, and their powers and duties shall be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE VIII.

The General Election shall be held on the first Tuesday of January, annually, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of the day of election by posting up notices in two of the most public places of the town, at least six days before the day of election.

ARTICLE IX.

The election shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE X.

The election shall be opened between the hours of nine and ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be kept open until four o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE XI.

The Legislative Council and High Court of the Nation shall be held at such time as shall be provided by law.

ARTICLE XII.

The Sachem and five councillors, or a majority of them, shall adopt such of their original laws—criminal or civil as may be necessary and best suited to the circumstances of the tribe. They also shall have the authority to make other laws in all cases, for the good government of the

tribe, not repugnant to any of the articles herein enunciated.

ARTICLE XIII. BILL OF RIGHTS.

Sec. 1. All men are born equally free and independent. All power is inherent in, and all government of right originates with the people, is founded in their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness.

Sec. 2. The people shall at all times have the right, in a peaceable manner to assemble together to consult for the common good.

Sec. 3. Excessive bail shall not be required.—Excessive fines shall not be imposed, and cruel and unjust punishment shall not be inflicted.

Sec. 4. No person shall be deprived of his liberty or property, but by the judgment of his peers or the law of the nation. Should the public exigency make it necessary for the common preservation to take any persons property, or demand his particular service, full compensation shall be made for the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Sachem, Councillors, Treasurer, Peace-Makers, Path-Masters and Sheriff, shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the following affirmation:

"I do solemnly affirm that I will support the

constitution and laws of this nation, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of _____ according to the best of my ability.

ARTICLE XV.

Immediately after the signing of the articles herein enumerated, the council will proceed to elect two or three inspectors for the election of such officers as are required, in the foregoing articles, by ballot and who shall act in that capacity to intents and purposes therein during the term in which the are elected.

Agreeably to the foregoing articles of the constitution or union, the following names of persons to the offices to which they are hereby named, were elected by a majority of votes cast, to wit:

ZIBA T. PETERS, *Sachem.*

JOHN N. CHICKS,	}	<i>Counsellors.</i>
JOHN YOCCOM,		
PETER D. LITTLEMAN,		
JOSHUA WILLSON,		
ISAAC DURKEY,		

TIMOTHY JOURDAN, *Treasurer.*

ADAM DAVIDS,	}	<i>Peace Makers.</i>
HUMBLE JOURDAN,		

JOHN P. HENDRICKS,	}	<i>Path-Masters.</i>
JACOB KONKAPOT,		

AARON KONKAPOT, *Sheriff.*

As witness our hands.

HUMBLE M. JORDAN,	}	<i>Inspectors of Election.</i>
ADAM DAVIDS,		

James Palmer,
Joseph Quinny, Jr.,
Bartholmew Bowman,
Jonas Davids,
Elijah Pye,
Livingston Peters,
Thomas S. Branch,
Abraham Konkapot,
Charles Stevens,
Thomas H. Tousey,

Job Bowman,
Jesse Wybro,
Hymeneus Dextator,
Charles Tanday,
Don Butler,
Hira T. Tousey,
William W. Butler,
Cornelius Antone,
Henry C. Moon,
Obediah Gardner.

A true copy, copied 23d of Feb'y, 1871.

J. P. HENDRICKS.

As witness our names and marks the day and
year above written.

Ziba T. Peters,
John N. Chicks,
*John Yoccom,
Adam Davids,
Humble Jourdan,
Cornelius Aaron,
Cornelius M. Anthony
William Gardner,
*David Gardner,
Jedediah Wilber,
*Jacob Konkapot,
Cornelius Yoccom,
Timothy Jourdan,
Aaron Konkapot,
Eli T. Williams,
George T. Bennett,
Harvey Johnson,
Alexander Wilber,
John P. Hendricks,
Daniel Tousey,
Jacob Jacobs,
Cornelius Littleman,
Jasper Bennett,

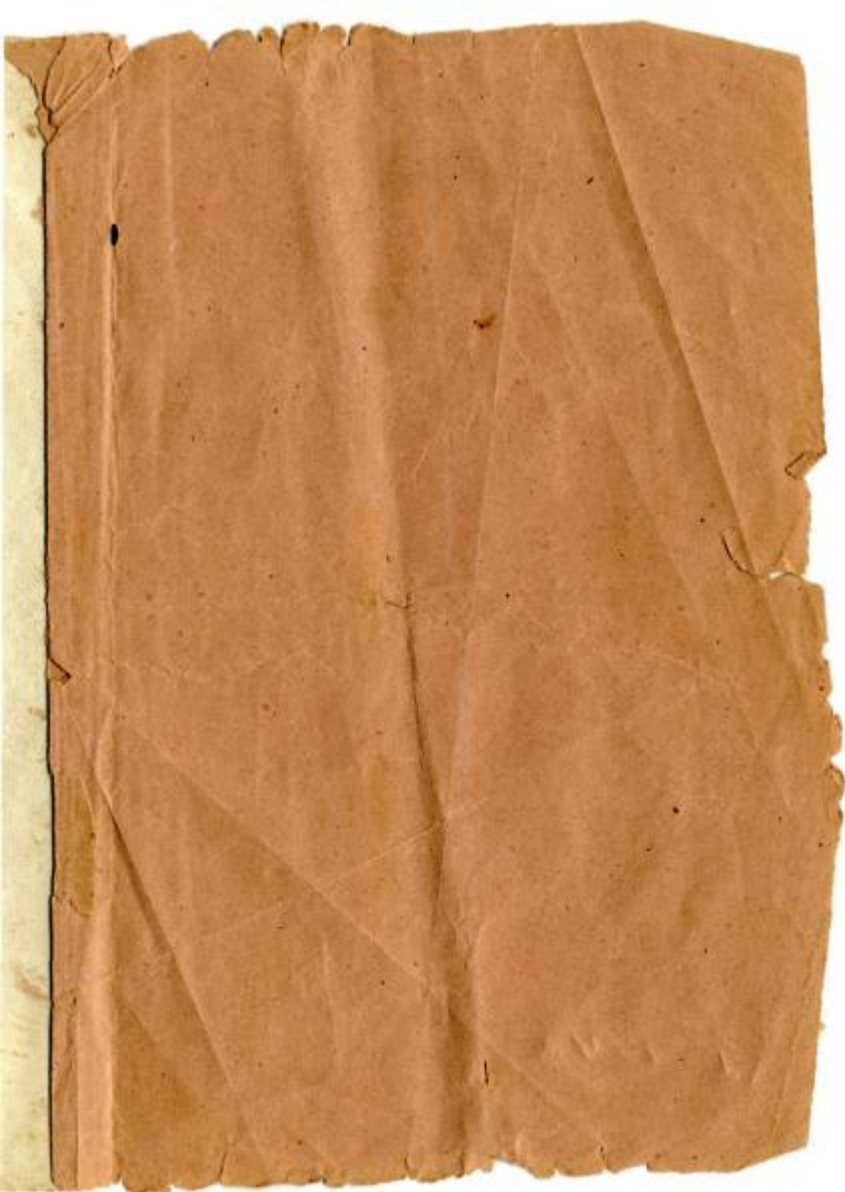
Pelu D. Littleman,
Dr. Big Deer,
Denis T. Turkey,
Jesse M. Jourdan,
Jo. M. Lewis,
Joseph L. Chicks,
William Higbly,
John W. Quinney, Jr.,
Jeremiah Slingerland,
Solomon Davids,
Elisha Konkapot,
Jones Joshua,
Simeon Gardner,
George Gardner,
Joseph M. Quiney, Sr.,
Eleazer T. Adams,
Peter Bennett, Jr.,
John Boman,
T. F. Quinney,
Peter Burnett, Sr.,
Daniel Metoxen,
Nicholas Palmer,
Jeremiah Gardner,

Benj. Pye, 3d,
 Stephen Gardner,
 Paul W. Quinney,
 Edward Bowman,
 Levi S. Konkapot,
 Isaac Durka,
 Levi Halftown,
 Jonathan Waterman,
 Jefferson Halftown,

Moses Dextator,
 Darias Charles,
 Samuel Stephens,
 Benj. Dextator,
 Samuel Miller,
 John P. Quinney,
 Moses Charles,
 Chester Tousey,
 Thomas Tousey,

Jackson Chicks.

* Signed by "his mark."



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