

## NORTHERN CHEYENNES AND ARAPAHOES. (Treaty.)

Northern Chey-  
ennes and Arapa-  
hows.  
Subsistence, etc.  
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For subsistence and civilization, as per agreement with the Sioux Indians approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, including subsistence and civilization of Northern Cheyennes removed from Pine Ridge Agency to Tongue River, Montana, ninety thousand dollars;

For pay of physician, two teachers, two carpenters, one miller, two farmers, a blacksmith, and engineer, per seventh article of the treaty of May tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, nine thousand dollars; In all, ninety-nine thousand dollars.

For an irrigation system on the Tongue River Reservation, in Montana, forty thousand dollars.

Tongue River Res-  
ervation.  
Irrigation.

That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to immediately cause to be surveyed all of the lands embraced within the limits of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana.

Blackfeet Reserva-  
tion.  
Survey directed.

That so soon as all the lands embraced within the said Blackfeet Indian Reservation shall have been surveyed the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall cause allotments of the same to be made under the provisions of the allotment laws of the United States to all persons having tribal rights or holding tribal relations and who may rightfully belong on said reservation. That there shall be allotted to each member forty acres of irrigable land and two hundred and eighty acres of additional land valuable only for grazing purposes; or, at the option of the allottee, the entire three hundred and twenty acres may be taken in land valuable only for grazing purposes, respectively, and for constructing irrigating systems to irrigate the aforesaid allotted lands, three hundred thousand dollars, one hundred thousand dollars of which shall be immediately available, the cost of said entire work to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of the lands within said reservations: *Provided*, That the Indians, and the settlers on the surplus land, in the order named, shall have a preference right for one year from the date of the President's proclamation opening the reservation to settlement, to appropriate the waters of the reservation which shall be filed on and appropriated under the laws of the State of Montana, by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on behalf of the Indians taking irrigable allotments and by the settlers under the same law. At the expiration of the one year aforesaid the irrigation system constructed and to be constructed shall be operated under the laws of the State of Montana, and the title to such systems as may be constructed under this Act, until otherwise provided by law, shall be in the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the said Indians, and he may sue and be sued in matters relating thereto: *And provided further*, That the ditches and canals of such irrigation systems may be used, extended, or enlarged for the purpose of conveying water by any person, association, or corporation under and upon compliance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Montana: *And provided further*, That when said irrigation systems are in successful operation the cost of operating the same shall be equitably apportioned upon the lands irrigated, and, when the Indians have become self-supporting, to the annual charge shall be added an amount sufficient to pay back into the Treasury the cost of the work done in their behalf within thirty years, suitable deduction being made for the amounts received from the disposal of the lands within the reservation aforesaid: *Provided*,

Allotments.

Selections.

*Provisos.*  
Preference to water  
rights.

Operation of irriga-  
tion system.

Extension of  
ditches, etc.

Apportionment of  
operating expenses.

Right of water appurtenant to land.	That the right to the use of water acquired under the provisions of this Act shall be appurtenant to the land irrigated, and beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of the right: <i>Provided further</i> , That the Secretary of the Interior may reserve such lands as he may deem necessary for agency, school, and religious purposes, to remain reserved so long as needed and so long as agency, school, or religious institutions are maintained thereon for the benefit of the Indians, not exceeding two hundred and eighty acres to any one religious society; also such tract or tracts of timber lands as he may deem expedient for the use and benefit of the Indians of said reservation in common; but such reserved lands, or any part thereof, may be disposed of from time to time in such manner as the said Secretary may determine: <i>Provided</i> , That there is hereby granted three hundred and twenty acres each for the Holy Family Mission on Two Medicine Creek to the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and also to the mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church near Browning, to be selected by the authorities of said missions, respectively, embracing the mission buildings and improvements thereon.
Agency, etc., reservations.	
Missions.	
Appraisal of unallotted lands.	That upon the completion of said allotments the President of the United States shall appoint a commission consisting of three persons to inspect, appraise, and value all of the said lands that shall not have been allotted in severalty to said Indians or reserved by the Secretary of the Interior or otherwise disposed of, said commission to be constituted as follows: One commissioner shall be a person holding tribal relations with said Indians, one representative of the Indian Bureau, and one resident citizen of the State of Montana.
Meeting of commissioners.	That within thirty days after their appointment said commissioners shall meet at some point within the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and organize by the election of one of their number as chairman. Said commission is hereby empowered to select a clerk at a salary of not to exceed five dollars per day.
Classification, etc., of lands.	That said commissioners shall then proceed to personally inspect and classify and appraise, by the smallest legal subdivisions of forty acres each, all of the remaining lands embraced within said reservation. In making such classification and appraisal said lands shall be divided into the following classes: First, agricultural land of the first class; second, agricultural land of the second class; third, grazing land; fourth, timber land; fifth, mineral land, the mineral land not to be appraised.
Compensation.	That said commissioners shall be paid a salary of not to exceed ten dollars per day each while actually employed in the inspection and classification of said lands; such inspection and classification to be completed within nine months from the date of the organization of said commission.
Disposal of lands.	That when said commission shall have completed the classification and appraisal of all of said lands and the same shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the lands shall be disposed of under the general provisions of the homestead, mineral, and town-site laws of the United States, except such of said lands as shall have been classified as timber lands, and except such sections sixteen and thirty-six of each township, or any part thereof, for which the State of Montana has not heretofore received indemnity lands under existing laws, which sections, or parts thereof, are hereby granted to the State of Montana for school purposes. And in case either of said sections or parts thereof is lost to the State of Montana by reason of allotment thereof to any Indian or Indians, or otherwise, the governor of said State, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, is hereby authorized to select other lands not occupied or reserved within said reservation, not exceeding two sections in any one township, which selections shall be made prior to the opening of the lands to settle-
Timber and school lands excepted.	
Selection of school lands in lieu of lands formerly allotted.	

ment: *Provided*, That the United States shall pay to the said Indians for the lands in said sections sixteen and thirty-six, so granted, or the lands within said reservation selected in lieu thereof, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

That the lands so classified and appraised shall be opened to settlement and entry by proclamation of the President, which proclamation shall prescribe the time when and the manner in which these lands may be settled upon, occupied, and entered by persons entitled to make entry thereof, and no person shall be permitted to settle upon, occupy, or enter any of said lands, except as prescribed in such proclamation, until after the expiration of sixty days from the time when the same are opened to settlement and entry: *Provided*, That the rights of honorably discharged Union soldiers and sailors of the late civil and the Spanish wars and the Philippine insurrection, as defined and described in sections twenty-three hundred and four and twenty-three hundred and five of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of March first, nineteen hundred and one, shall not be abridged, but no entry shall be allowed under section twenty-three hundred and six of the Revised Statutes: *Provided further*, That the price of said lands shall be the appraised value thereof, as fixed by said commission, which in no case shall be less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for agricultural and grazing lands and five dollars per acre for timber lands; but settlers under the homestead law who shall reside upon and cultivate the land entered in good faith for the period required by existing law shall pay one-fifth of the appraised value in cash at the time of entry and the remainder in five equal annual installments, to be paid in one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, from and after the date of entry, and when the entryman shall have complied with all the requirements and terms of the homestead laws as to settlement and residence, and shall have made all the required payments aforesaid, he shall be entitled to a patent for the lands entered: *Provided*, That he shall make his final proofs in accordance with the homestead laws within seven years from date of entry, and that aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States may become such entrymen, but before making final proof and receiving patent they must receive their full naturalization papers: *And provided further*, That the fees and commissions at the time of commutation or final entry shall be the same as are now provided by law where the price of land is one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided*, That if any entryman fails to make such payments, or any of them, within the time stated, or to make final proof within seven years from date of entry, all rights in and to the land covered by his entry shall at once cease, and any payments theretofore made shall be forfeited and the entry shall be forfeited and canceled: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall prevent homestead settlers from commuting their entries under section twenty-three hundred and one, Revised Statutes, by paying for the land entered the price fixed by said commission, receiving credit for payments previously made.

That if, after the approval of the classification and appraisement, as provided herein, there shall be found lands within the limits of the reservation under irrigation projects deemed practicable under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, known as the reclamation Act, said lands shall be subject to withdrawal and be disposed of under the provisions of said Act, and settlers shall pay, in addition to the cost of construction and maintenance provided therein, the appraised value, as provided in this Act, to the proper officers, to be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians: *Provided, however*, That all lands hereby opened to settlement remaining undisposed of at the end

*Proviso.*  
Price to be paid Indians.

Opening to settlement.

*Provisos.*  
Rights of soldiers and sailors unimpaired.  
R. S., secs. 2304, 2305, p. 422.

Fractional entries.  
R. S., sec. 2306, p. 422  
Payments.

Final proofs.

Aliens.

Fees.

Forfeiture for non-payment, etc.

Commutation.  
R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

Lands withdrawn for irrigation projects.  
Vol. 32, p. 388.

*Provisos.*  
Sale of undisposed of lands.

	of five years from the taking effect of this Act shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; and any lands remaining unsold ten years after said lands shall have been opened to entry shall be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, without regard to the minimum limit above stated: <i>Provided</i> , That not more than six hundred and forty acres of land shall be sold to any one person or company.
Maximum sale to one person.	
Location, etc., of mineral lands.	That the lands within said reservation not already previously entered, whether classified as agricultural, grazing, timber, or mineral lands, shall be subject to exploration, location, and purchase under the general provisions of the United States mineral and coal land laws, at the prices therein fixed, except that no mineral or coal exploration, location, or purchase shall be permitted upon any lands allotted to an Indian.
Sale of timber lands.	That lands classified and returned by said commission as timber lands shall be sold and disposed of by the Secretary of the Interior, under sealed bids to the highest bidder for cash at not less than five dollars per acre, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe: <i>Provided</i> , That the said timber lands shall be sold in tracts not exceeding forty acres, with preference right of purchase to actual settlers, including Indian allottees residing in the vicinity, at the highest price bid.
<i>Proviso.</i> Maximum tracts.	
Disposal of net proceeds.	That after deducting the expenses of the commission of classification, appraisement, and sale of lands, and such other incidental expenses as shall have been necessarily incurred, including the cost of survey of said lands, the balance realized from the proceeds of the sale of the lands in conformity with this Act shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States and placed to the credit of said Indian tribe. Not exceeding one-third of the total amount thus deposited in the Treasury, together with one-third of the amount of the principal of all other funds now placed to the credit of or which is due said tribe of Indians from all sources, shall be expended from time to time by the Secretary of the Interior as he may deem advisable for the benefit of said Indians, in the construction and maintenance of irrigation ditches, the purchase of stock cattle, horses, and farming implements, and in their education and civilization. The remainder of all funds deposited in the Treasury, realized from such sale of lands herein authorized, together with the remainder of all other funds now placed to the credit of or that shall hereafter become due to said tribe of Indians, shall, upon the date of the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the allotments of land authorized by this Act, be allotted in severalty to the members of the tribe, the persons entitled to share as members in such distribution to be determined by said Secretary; the funds thus allotted and apportioned shall be placed to the credit of such individuals upon the books of the United States Treasury for the benefit of such allottees, their legatees, or heirs. The President may, by Executive order, from time to time order the distribution and payment of such funds or the interest accruing therefrom to such individual members of the tribe as in his judgment would be for the best interests of such individuals to have such distribution made, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe therefor: <i>Provided</i> , That so long as the United States shall hold the funds as trustee for any member of the tribe the Indian beneficiary shall be paid interest thereon annually at the rate of four per centum per annum.
Disposal of all funds.	
Distribution.	
Interest on trust fund.	
Payment for lands reserved.	That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for the lands granted to the State of Montana and for lands reserved for agency and school purposes, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; also the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much

thereof as may be necessary, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to survey, classify, and appraise the lands of said reservation as provided herein, and also to defray the expense of the appraisement and survey of said town sites, the latter sums to be reimbursable out of the funds arising from the sale of said lands.

That nothing in this Act contained shall in any manner bind the United States to purchase any part of the land herein described, except sections sixteen and thirty-six, or the equivalent in each township that may be granted to the State of Montana, the reserved tracts hereinbefore mentioned for agency and school purposes, or to dispose of said land except as provided herein, or to guarantee to find purchasers for said lands or any part thereof, it being the intention of this Act that the United States shall act as trustee for said Indians to dispose of said lands and to expend and pay over the proceeds received from the sale thereof only as received.

That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to reserve and set aside for town-site purposes, and to survey, lay out, and plat into town lots, streets, alleys, and parks, not less than eighty acres of said land at or near the present settlements of Browning and Babb, and each of such other places as the Secretary of the Interior may deem necessary or convenient for town sites, in such manner as will best subserve the present needs and the reasonable prospective growth of said settlements. Such town sites shall be surveyed, appraised, and disposed of as provided in section twenty-three hundred and eighty-one of the United States Revised Statutes: *Provided*, That any person who, at the date when the appraisers commence their work upon the land, shall be an actual resident upon any one such lot and the owner of substantial and permanent improvements thereon, and who shall maintain his or her residence and improvements on such lot to the date of his or her application to enter, shall be entitled to enter at any time prior to the day fixed for the public sale, and at the appraised value thereof, such lot and any one additional lot of which he or she may also be in possession and upon which he or she may have substantial and permanent improvements: *Provided further*, That before making entry of any such lot or lots the applicant shall make proof to the satisfaction of the register and receiver of the land district in which the land lies of such residence, possession, and ownership of improvements, under such regulations as to time, notice, manner, and character of proof as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided further*, That in making their appraisal of the lots so surveyed it shall be the duty of the appraisers to ascertain the names of the residents upon and occupants of any such lots, the character and extent of the improvements thereon, and the name of the reputed owner thereof, and to report their findings in connection with their report of appraisal, which report of findings shall be taken as prima facie evidence of the facts therein set out. All such lots not so entered prior to the day fixed for the public sale shall be offered at public outcry in their regular order with the other unimproved and unoccupied lots: *Provided, however*, That no lot shall be sold for less than ten dollars: *And provided further*, That said lots when surveyed shall approximate fifty by one hundred and fifty feet in size.

Liability of United States limited.

Town sites.

Survey, etc.  
R. S., 2381, p. 436.

*Provides*.  
Entries by actual residents.

Proofs required.

Report of appraisal, etc.

Minimum price.  
Lots.