

To the Governor Council of the State of Maine

June Session A 1833

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed on the part of the State of Maine to treat with the Penobscot Tribe of Indians for the purchase of such lands belonging to said Tribe <sup>as they are disposed to accept of said State</sup> have attended to the duties of said appointment and report that they have succeeded in purchasing the four Townships belonging to said Indians being north of the mouth of Piscataquis River - as will appear by the deed of same signed by the Governor and Chiefs of said Tribe and executed according to their usages and tenor and submitted for your consideration - In discharge of the duties devolving on us in this negotiation we were aware of the difficulties always attendant on subjects of this character and especially at this time disunited as they have long been by factions and party animosity - but we are happy to say that they received the proposition made by us cordially - convened their council and Chiefs consisting of members of both parties and after frequent public deliberations for several weeks and frequent interviews with us by delegates appointed by their convention and receiving from us full explanation of the subject - we were notified by them to attend their convention - when after having read the deed of conveyance by their request - their signatures were then perfixed in presence of the witnesses borne on said instrument all which is submitted

A. M. Roberts  
Thomas B. Balliett } Commissioners

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Report  
of Commissioners appointed to  
purchase the Lands belonging  
to the Pembout Tribe of Indians

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Recd June 1833

Whereas we Amos M. Roberts of Bangor  
and Thomas Bartlett of Orono, in the County  
of Penobscot Esquires, Commissioners appointed  
by the Governor of Maine to purchase for said State  
such of the lands of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians  
as they might be disposed to sell, having met the  
Governor and principal men of said Tribe in the  
Council Chamber of said Tribe on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D.  
1833, for the purpose of purchasing the lands aforesaid,  
and having discussed the subject of the meeting in  
open Council and there obtained the consent of said  
Tribe to sell their four Townships of land to said State,  
and whereas the Governor and Lieutenant Governor by  
his attorney, by him appointed for that purpose, the  
Councillors and Captains of said Tribe then and there  
executed to said State under their hands and seals a  
deed of said four townships, covenanting for themselves  
and in behalf of said Tribe to warrant and defend the same  
to the State against the claims of said Tribe - now therefore  
we the Commissioners aforesaid, in consideration of the premises  
have and do hereby covenant with said Tribe of Indians in behalf  
of the State of Maine, to pay to said Tribe the sum of fifty  
thousand dollars in the manner following to wit;

Said Sum of fifty thousand Dollars shall be deposited in  
the State Treasury and the interest, reckoning from the date  
hereof shall annually be paid under the direction of the Governor  
and Council of said State through the Indian Agent for  
the benefit of said Tribe; provided it should in their  
opinion be required for the comfortable support of said  
Tribe and if at any time at the annual Settlement, any  
part of said interest should remain in the Treasury unexpended  
it shall be added to the principal of fifty thousand Dollars  
and become a part thereof & said Sum of fifty thousand Dollars  
together with such increase as it may from year to year  
receive, and shall forever remain in the treasury  
an accumulating fund for the benefit of said Tribe.

In witness whereof, we the said Commissioners have  
hereunto set our hands and seals this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June AD  
1833 Signed, Sealed and  
delivered in presence  
of —————

L. G.  
L. G.

We hereby certify that the above obligation is a true  
copy of the one we gave to the Indians —  
Bangor January 1834  
A. M. Roberts } Commissioners  
Thomas. Bartlett }

<sup>4</sup>  
Copy of the Bond given by  
the Commissioner to the  
Pondsect Tribe of Indians.

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Recd. at the Office of the Secretary  
of State, June 17, 1834.