

# PEACE TREATY between

Halfbreeds and Hudson's Bay Co.

Red River June 25, 1815

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The following are the proposals sent down to us by Major the Amherst Chief by Mr. Alexander Mr. Donald & Mr. Foster in his hand writing purporting to be from the Half Breeds their authority from the A. M. C. -

Settlement of agreement entered into between the Half Blood Indians of the Red River Territory on our part & the Honourable Hudson Bay Company on the other side. -

1. All settlers to retire immediately from this River and give appearance of a colony to remain.
2. Peace and quietness to prevail between all English traders, Indians and furmen, in future throughout this river, the fires not ever to mount any smoke to be emitted in his lawful pursuit.
3. The Honourable Hudson Bay Company will be continuing, under this river if they think proper, from thence to far of their former trading posts, and from time to time get what so much. -
4. Whatever former disturbances have taken place between both parties, that is to say the Honourable Hudson Bay Company and the Half Breeds of the Red River Territory to be totally forgot and put mortified by either party.
5. Every person retiring peaceably from this river ~~immediately~~ shall not be molested in their passage out. -
6. No people passing the summer for the Honourable Hudson Bay Company shall remain in the habitations of the Indians but shall return to some other spot where they

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"they will establish for the purpose of trade.

7. If the Honourable HBC agree to these conditions we are ready to meet them directly on said terms.

The four Chiefs of the Half Breeds

Red River Indian Territory

Turk Red River 25<sup>th</sup> June 1815. }

A. B. He is Chief on Assin, Grand, St. Lazare, Dauphin & Bonhamon Mountain, the two former are the name of Red River & not owing their appellation, the other two are the name of Red River of HBC and are acting as Interpreters. -

Proposals of Peace offered by us to the Half Breeds 25<sup>th</sup> June 1815.

Peace

In the year of our Lord 1815 this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June of the Regency Major the Fifty fourth.

1. It is hereby promised that you & entirely afterwards ever exist between the people of this Settlement and the Half Breeds & that all that has been done on both sides shall be forgotten. -

2. It is furthermore agreed that the Half Breeds who now enjoy the full liberty of running Buffalo and living according to the custom in which they have been brought up. -

3. And it is also agreed that they shall not be subject to any local laws that may be here after

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hereafter established, unless they finding the good effects of living a civilized life shall goe forward and asked to be admitted into our society, then they shall be considered one of us and shall enjoy all the privileges we may possess.

4. And it is further promised that whatever presents may be given annually to the Indians, that the Half Breeds shall have an equal share with them. -

Red River Settlement 25<sup>th</sup> June 1815.