

1888, and five thousand dollars in 1889, and in 1890 two thousand was diverted from appropriation for support of Arapahoes, Cheyennes, Apaches, Kiowas, Comanches, and Wichitas to furnish subsistence for these Indians.

In all, the Government has used for the benefit of these Indians since 1884, up to and including the fiscal year of 1891, seventy-five thousand four hundred and fifty-seven (\$75,457.50) dollars and fifty cents.

Inasmuch, therefore, as these Indians have no moneys of their own, and appear to be unable to earn sufficient upon which to subsist, and the Government is called upon to furnish money gratuitously for their support each year, I submit that, whether or not their claim to lands in Dakota is well founded, it might be well to negotiate with them and secure a relinquishment of all their claims, paying therefor an annual sum sufficient for their support and civilization during a term of, say, ten years. I think that the Indians would agree to give up their claim if the Government would agree to pay them what shall be found to be a fair and reasonable sum therefor. The claim is of such doubtful and uncertain nature that I do not look upon it as having any great value. I do not think that they should be offered any large sum for a full and final relinquishment of the claim they set up. Whether there be justice in the claim or no, the Indians have grown to believe that it is just, and I am inclined to believe that a reasonable consideration therefor, stipulated for expenditure in annual installments for their benefit, would be not only a good business solution of the question, inasmuch as the Government appropriates money annually for their support, but would satisfy what they have been led to believe is a just claim for the land.

I would consider \$150,000 to \$200,000, in addition to what has heretofore been expended for their benefit, a fair and reasonable basis of adjustment of this matter, the expenditure thereof to be made in annual installments for the benefit of the Indians belonging to the Turtle Mountain Reservation.

Of the appropriation made by act of August 19, 1889, providing for negotiations with these Indians, there remains on the books of this office a balance of \$800.

Mr. Bottineau's letter, together with a communication from Little Shell and the newspaper referred to herein, are herewith inclosed, with request that they be returned to the files of this office when they are no longer needed by the Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. V. BELT,
Acting Commissioner.

MURCHISON.

NO. XXIV.

MINUTES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 29, 1892.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN CHIPPEWA U. S. INDIAN AGENCY,
Rolette County, State of North Dakota, ss:

Be it known that on this 29th day of January, A. D. 1892, at a grand council meeting held in the mission church on said Indian agency in pursuance of public notice given, we, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, after consultation and due consideration of the questions presented before us in the said council assembled, we do find and declare by and through our chief, warriors, and representative men whose names are respectfully hereto subscribed and affixed, each for himself and collectively hereby resolve, and by these presents do hereby declare, that all the lands and country lying in the State of North Dakota west of the lands ceded to the United States by treaty of October 2nd, 1863, and supplemental treaty of April 12th, 1864, by the Red Lake and Pembina Chippewa Indians and fully described on page two (2) of our printed preamble and resolutions of January 7th, 1891, presented by our attorney, John B. Bottineau, and now on file in the Office of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, at Washington, D. C., have never been sold or conveyed, and that our title thereto has never been in any way extinguished; and we do further resolve to cling to our title thereto and to keep possession thereof until finally adjusted by the decision or decree of the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, or any Federal court or courts in which our said claim may be brought for adjudication and the same lawfully disposed of by us by treaty or agreement.

And whereas on or about the month of July, A. D. 1891, and before our chief, Little Shell, left us to be absent for some time, at the request of our subchief, braves,

head-men, and councilmen, according to our rules and customs in such case provided, our said chief, Little Shell, did then and there substitute and appoint Miskoo be naice, Red Thunder, otherwise known by the name of Carcazhoo, a subchief of our said tribe, to be in his place and stead, and to act as chief of said tribe, to do and to act in all matters whatsoever which may or might come before him as such chief, and to do, act, and deliberate with all matters and things the same as he, the said Red Thunder, may deem best and proper as such acting chief; and it is further resolved and proclaimed by this council that said substitution and appointment of said Miskoo be naice, Red Thunder, as chief of our said band and tribe, to act as such during the absence of our said chief, Little Shell, has been and is hereby approved and recognized by all the members of our band and tribe, and that we have and now do recognize and respect all his acts and deliberations in all matters and things as such chief, the same as if done personally by our said chief, Little Shell.

It is further resolved that said John B. Bottineau is hereby appointed formally our attorney and counselor at law with full power and authority to prosecute our said claim against the United States for lands described in our printed preamble and resolutions of January 7th, 1891, on file and of record in the Office of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, hereinbefore mentioned, before any of the executive or legislative departments of the Government, or in any of the Federal courts or tribunals of the United States having jurisdiction of said claim, with further power and authority to our said attorney to revoke any and all other or former powers of attorney, agreements, and contracts which we, or any member of our tribe for us, said Turtle Mountain Chippewas, may have made, executed, and delivered to Messrs. Curtis & Burdette, attorneys at law, Washington, D. C., or to any other attorney, person, or persons whomsoever, whereby ten, fifteen, or any other per centum which may have been agreed to be paid out of the proceeds which may be derived from our said claim, or which may have been agreed to be paid to said Curtis & Burdette, or to any other person, as attorney fees or commissions in consideration of services which might be rendered by them, or either of them, in the prosecution of our said claim; and that all such powers of attorney, contracts, and agreements heretofore made and executed, or the payment of ten, fifteen, or other per centum, is hereby revoked and canceled, the same to be used to pay for the services rendered and to be rendered by our said attorney, John B. Bottineau, not to exceed, however, ten per centum, as in the former power of attorney, and an agreement with him is herewith given, to be properly verified before the judge of a court of record by the special committee appointed by this council.

And it is hereby resolved that said special committee consists of the following-named subchiefs and headmen of our said band and tribe resident upon this Turtle Mountain, to wit: Miskoo be naice (Red Thunder), subchief; Ozha washkoo be nag shin (Bah narb); Ozar we ge zhick (Ayy yar zhaib); Payh kee nar gay wub; Sas swain.

And they, the said individuals, are hereby appointed and constituted said special committee, a majority of which is hereby authorized to act and to do and to appear before a notary public, or a judge of a court of record, or any other person or officer duly authorized by law to take acknowledgments or deeds or other instruments, to execute, verify, and acknowledge our said power of attorney and agreement to said John B. Bottineau, as the free act and deed of the said Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and to do all acts, matters, and things which may be required and necessary to be done and performed in the premises as such special committee for and on behalf of said Indians.

It is further resolved that all the mixed bloods descendants of our tribe belonging to our said band are hereby recognized to be Indians for all intents and purposes, and are fully entitled to the benefits hereof the same as any of the full bloods of our said tribe and band.

In witness whereof we, each for himself, do hereby subscribe and affix his name and mark in said council assembled as aforesaid the day and year first above written.

Misko be naice, sub and acting chief, his x mark.	Sas swain, his x mark.
Ozha washk benaz shin (Barnob), his x mark.	Ozar we ge zhick (Ayy yar zhaib), his x mark.
	Payh kee har gay wub, his x mark.

We the undersigned, each for himself, do hereby certify that the individuals named above did sign and affix his name and mark hereto in council assembled

after the particulars and purposes herein expressed had been fully and well explained to him.

Witness our hand and seal the day and year above written.

JOHN B. RENO. [SEAL.]
CUTHBERT GRANT. [SEAL.]

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, *County of Rolette, ss:*

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, A. D. 1892.

JOHN BURKE,
Judge of the County Court.

[County court seal, Rolette County, State of North Dakota.]

Misko be naice (Red Thunder), acting chief, age 88, his x mark.	Tche peain, age 23, his x mark.
Ozha washkoo be nay shin (Barnarbb), age 72, his x mark.	Peh twah win nind, age 30, his x mark.
Payh kee nar gay wub (Pooh koo got), age 74, his x mark.	Kay nah way ne me got, age 32, his x mark.
Mar dje be nace, son of Carkar Zhoo, age 35, his x mark.	Shay shay way gwan aib, age 40, his x mark.
Way genarwah minish (Tagos), age 70, his x mark.	Pahd way we tung, age 33, his x mark.
Warbishkee gah tig, age 76, his x mark.	Penayse karpay zhi got, age 29, his x mark.
Ozar we ge zhick (Ay yar zhaib), age 49, his x mark.	Mis quang gay, age 27, his x mark.
Amih kons (Little Beaver), age 71, his x mark.	Kar kay be zhe kee, age 22, his x mark.
Amih kah wa gar bow (Oshkee now), age 70, his x mark.	Kag gah dje gwan, age 71.
Sargohnahk kosh kung, age 66, his x mark.	Kip pid dway osh, age 50, his x mark.
Muh kuh day muh quoh (Black Bear), age 72, his x mark.	Kee zhe gwaib, age 38, his x mark.
Ozar we be nace (Yellow Thunder), age 52, his x mark.	Miss sanz zee, age 40, his x mark.
Kar barboym way we tung, age 50, his x mark.	Kar bay nar ge sit, age 48, his x mark.
Kar tway ota tanact, age 49, his x mark.	Tip bishko dje ge zhi go winin, age 32, his x mark.
Panaysee kar onabit, age 72, his x mark.	Pay bah marsh, age 55, his x mark.
Kar wah bah nink way (White Head), age 34, his x mark.	Kay gar nowin ens (Little Long Horn), age 30, his x mark.
Nine parnah zha kud, age 30, his x mark.	Kar min o gwan ay osh, age 40, his x mark.
Kay bay yosh shee, age 22, his x mark.	Tching way way ge zhick, age 38, his x mark.
Mede Moyea, age 26, his x mark.	Ke gitoo was sin (Speaking Rock), age 30, his x mark.
Sas swain (Henri Potra), age 67, his x mark.	George, Manito wih tar gos, age 36, his x mark.
	Mayzhark arm way we tung, age 58, his x mark.

Attest:

[County court seal.]

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CUTHBERT GRANT.

Son of Char kee tarn (Elzior Parisien), age 43, his x mark.	An neep (Louis Decoteau), age 53, his x mark.
Sewonk kon (Jean Louis Fayan), age 64, his x mark.	Ne mi gwan nis (Zachari Mallatair), age 34, his x mark.
Mar yarm mons? (Louis Lafontain), age 49, his x mark.	Oke mar shish (Onezin Hool), age 35, his x mark.
Min nah gay (Pierre Lafontain), age 40, his x mark.	Pierre Lambert, age 36, his x mark.
Kee tar kiss (William Fayan), age 40, his x mark.	Tchee zo zay (Joseph Laverdure), age 55, his x mark.
Bon om (Antoine Bouvier), age 38, his x mark.	Tchee we yam (William Davis), age 46, his x mark.
Par pee tchee (Hermas Demontigm), age 38, his x mark.	Tchee day vis (Leandre Davis), age 22, his x mark.
Batees shish (Jean B. te Valley), age 59, his x mark.	Mung ge sheegan (Jerome Davis), age 40, his x mark.

Barnah bee (Theophil Martin), age 42, his x mark.
 Zoo may (Alex Azure), age 37, his x mark.
 Kar yeus (Joseph Delorme), age 50, his x mark.
 Son of Kar yeus (Francious Delorme), age 18, his x mark.
 Son of Boin ence (Baptiste Davis), age 43, his x mark.
 Parisien, age 39, his x mark.

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Parkah harh quon (Eleonore McKoy), age 46, his x mark.
 Akark o djees (John Belgard), age 22, his x mark.
 Mash kos sew (Joseph Davis), age 30, his x mark.
 Wah poohk (Alex. Baston), age 22, his x mark.
 Wah benoh mung (Michael Laroque), age 22, his x mark.
 Le petit (Michel Laroque), age 21, his x mark.
 Augustin Lambert, age 42, his x mark.
 Com capetaim (Joseph Delorme), age 42, his x mark.
 Bay ris (Corbett Grant) age 57, his x mark.
 Bay ris shish (William Grant), age 19, his x mark.
 War bah nah nee (Louis Belgarde), age 32, his x mark.
 Kar ne powish tar wat (Elie Falcon), age 43, his x mark.
 Marrah koo tay (Pierre Paul), age 58, his x mark.
 Sarn son (Solomon Paul), age 25, his x mark.

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Ome mees (Francois Mimie), age 63, his x mark.
 Boin ence (Baptiste Davis), age 72, his x mark.
 Kug kay dway wash kung (William Leandre Davis), age 68, his x mark.
 Tche pean (Pierre Levayee), age 33, his x mark.
 Assin nee boyn (Pierre Peltier), age 77, his x mark.
 Assin nee boyn ens (Berard Peltier, jr.), age 50, his x mark.
 Paul Peltier, jr., age 54, his x mark.
 Mash koo pee meesh (Alexander Hool), age 44, his x mark.
 La voiy (Michel Alard), age 49, his x mark.
 Wee sug (Louis Davis, jr.), age 21, his x mark.
 Nap pugg (Francois Davis, jr.), age 19, his x mark.

Pooh yar kar (St. Pierre Gladue), age 54, his x mark.
 Jerome Parisien, age 33, his x mark.
 Charlens.
 Charlens (Charles Demontigony), age 46, his x mark.
 Annee ko she zam (Corbette Bereier), age 36, his x mark.
 Morse Bereier, age 38, his x mark.
 William Bercier, age 35, his x mark.

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Sharl la grace (Charles Page), age 56, his x mark.
 Alex Morin, age 56, his x mark.
 Mar pay shish (Jeremie Mallatair), age 39, his x mark.
 Fo toosh (Antoine Azure), age 68, his x mark.
 Peyay shish (Charles Azure), age 75, his x mark.
 Pin dar nash (Francis Honore), age 70, his x mark.
 Sharllens (Charles Azure), age 55, his x mark.
 Arke wen zee (Louis Decoteau), age 75, his x mark.
 Nee kar nis (Moise Walette), age 29, his x mark.
 Me she town ish (Berard Ah gah quaye), age 30, his x mark.
 Mih keenoo tens (Francis McLand), age 55, his x mark.
 Wisarko day inini (Augustin Le Fort), age 26, his x mark.
 Abrah mishr (Abram Boyee) age 46, his x mark.

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Pah dway we dung (Louis Lenoire), age 30, his x mark.
 Kih tche inini (Michel Le noire), age 21, his x mark.
 William Warren, age 21, his x mark.
 Osh kah way (Abrah Honore), age 39, his x mark.
 Pierre St. Germin, age 60, his x mark.
 Pauleon Andre, age 36, his x mark.
 Pug un auhk (Alexandre Davis), age 39, his x mark.
 Karn nar dah (Antoine Unean) age 59, his x mark.
 War be zeens (Francis Swan), age 32, his x mark.
 Peep pe shaish (Francois Janotte), age 85, his x mark.
 Frederick Janotte, age 85, his x mark.
 Alexandre Unean, jr., age 27, his x mark.
 Ne gon e be nais (James Azure), age 28, his x mark.

Su serde surrett (Gabriel Portra), age 68,
his x mark.
War be zee (Frederick Swan), age 43,
his x mark.

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Mih tigomish (Laurent Duchene), age 34,
his x mark.
Sharl loo (Charles Packnode), age 59,
his x mark.
Baptiste Unean, age 25, his x mark.
Nub un ay gar bou (Michel Davis), age 37,
his x mark.
Tchee quan (Charles Gladue), age 22,
his x mark.
Tche quon ence (Charles Gladue), age 62,
his x mark.
Pah tee no de we (Corbette Patnode), age
57, his x mark.
Nud bay shish (Norbert Landrie), age 21,
his x mark.
Mush kar o say (Alexis Zaste), age 53,
his x mark.
Pat tee tit (Jean Baptiste Bercier), age 62,
his x mark.
Tchee moy eez (Moise Azure), age 33,
his x mark.
Kay kay quosh (Jean Baptiste Martel),
age 24, his x mark.
Tchee zanvalee (Jean Baptiste Valley),
age 53, his x mark.

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Son of Tchee kee tarn (David Parisien),
age 28, his x mark.
Tchee kee tam ens (Boniface Parisien),
age 22, his x mark.
Jean Batees Langer, age 38, his x mark.
Leon Lafrenier, age 35, his x mark.
Kin wah tig gons (Patrick Grandbois), age
26, his x mark.
Andree shish (Andre Morin), age 23, his
x mark.
Roger Morin, age 28, his x mark.
Kih tchee nor bay (Pierre Morin), age 47,
his x mark.
Osh kin oway (George Frederick), age 25,
his x mark.
Tah ko shish (Joseph Boneau), age 63,
his x mark.
Ish quork kee zons (Louis Zeanorr), age
18, his x mark.
Son of Levier Laroque (Antoine La-
roque), age 26, his x mark.
Son of Tchar karn (Roderick Short), age
32, his x mark.
Son of Andre (Isidore Morin), age 22,
his x mark.
Nap pah kee tche quonish (Pierre Laven-
dure), age 51, his x mark.

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Francois Packnode, age 27, his x mark.
Cour cur (Joseph Poitra), age 30, his x
mark.

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Pierre Paul, age 27, his x mark.
Kin wahte go zee (Isidore Grandbois),
age 39, his x mark.
Izadore Azure, age 30, his x mark.
View gar song (Joseph Gladus), age 45,
his x mark.
Wees quoy (Francois Fournier), age 65,
his x mark.
Wee we yarn (Norbert Fournier, jr.),
age 22, his x mark.
Boin ace inah (Alexis Malataire), age 29,
his x mark.
Frank Nome, age 26, his x mark.
Mah tchar min (Joseph Azure), age 63,
his x mark.
Ke way ke new (Benjamin Azure), age
25, his x mark.
Andre St. Germin, age 60, his x mark.
France St. Germin, age 26, his x mark.
Maxinr Andre, age 36, his x mark.
Tchee kee tarn (Ignacius Parisien), age
68, his x mark.
Sharl gardee (Charles Barston), age 27,
his x mark.

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Las swis (Gabriel Potrat), age 46, his x
mark.
Son of Las swis (Alfred Potrait), age 20,
his x mark.
Watch amush (Exavier Thibert), age 53,
his x mark.
Ohk kan nish (Jean Baptiste Laingan),
age 51, his x mark.
See see dje won (Francios Laingain), age
49, his x mark.
Nap pe win (Charles Laviolette), age 40,
his x mark.
Tcho pee chee (Oliver Laroc), age 30, his
x mark.
Son of Tche mar nay (Job Falcon), age
36, his x mark.
Francios Laingain, age 20, his x mark.
Lil Ley (James Williams), age 25, his x
mark.
Kakinotoop (Frank Demary), age 49, his
x mark.
Kay bay o ge mah (Joseph Lafornese),
age 32, his x mark.
Obe quod aince (Patien Lafornase), age
22, his x mark.
Pah gway cub (John Azure), age 19, his
x mark.

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Mamais se sip (Alexandre Sayere), age 24, his x mark.
 Song law (Joseph Sayere), age 26, his x mark.
 Joseph Fleurie, age 66, his x mark.
 Andre Fleurie, age 28, his x mark.
 Wid don (Louis Vallee), age 35, his x mark.
 Kih tchee ozhoop (Pierre Thibert), age 25, his x mark.
 Kar kar naish (Francios Morin), age 56, his x mark.
 Louis Allary, age 35, his x mark.
 Antoine Gonville, age 54, his x mark.
 Pet tchee ton (Joseph Brazoo), age 23, his x mark.
 Pas ko tail (Star McDeliss), age 42, his x mark.
 Kar kikam mick (Alexandre Larwque), age 45, his x mark.
 Osh kee now wens (Germeie Le doux), age 27, his x mark.
 Tchee gus toosh (Kilaface Briere), age 36, his x mark.
 Ome mee (Antoine Dejarlais), age 37, his x mark.

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Tchoo wan do (Jacob Laviollette), age 21, his x mark.
 Man ne tous (Albert Laviolette), age 31, his x mark.
 Mch quah tiss (Stanislas Goslin), age 40, his x mark.
 Pierre St. Germain, age 24, his x mark.
 Frank St. Germain, age 26, his x mark.
 Patriee Demontenee, age 32, his x mark.
 Osh ke nar wins (Jaspard Janotte, jr.), age 27, his x mark.
 Mee shee tay (William John Janotte), age 20, his x mark.
 Nur bay shish (Pierre Janotte), age 60, his x mark.
 Nar may we nini (Louis Richard), age 56, his x mark.
 William Richard, age 56, his x mark.
 Hyacinth Richard, age 20, his x mark.
 Louis Patnode, age 32, his x mark.

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Pierre Fyan, age 24, his x mark.
 Antoine Paul, age 34, his x mark.
 Ah zhow e ge shig (St. Pierre Laverdure), age 28, his x mark.
 Was sarh kaish (Casimere Bouvier), age 43, his x mark.
 Pierre Lizotte, age 40, his x mark.
 Louis Lizotte, age 40, his x mark.
 Pip pee shaish (J. Baptiste Janotte), age 38, his x mark.
 Jos Lizotte, age 27, his x mark.

Tobie Morin, age 19, his x mark.
 Osh kee now (Leon Janotte), age 25, his x mark.
 Mish quom meesh (Alexandre Janotte, jr.), age 20, his x mark.
 War bish tee gwan (John Frothier), age 29, his x mark.
 Ine ne wish (Joseph Morriseau), age 22, his x mark.
 Alexis Gonville, age 80, his x mark.
 Patrie Morriseau, age 27, his x mark.
 Tcheer Kuhk (Joseph Demarais), age 56, his x mark.
 In de bay we ne ne (Antoine Gauslin), age 22, his x mark.
 Nay tow o say (Jonas Azure), age 32, his x mark.
 Obe sane ge shig (Antoine Azure), age 41, his x mark.
 Pierre Medeliss, age 18, his x mark.
 William Fleury, age 21, his x mark.
 Bay bah o nub (Francois Potnode), age 23, his x mark.
 Tay banse gay (Samson Patnode), age 23, his x mark.

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La Glaire Boneau, age 40, his x mark.
 John Richard, age 18, his x mark.
 Alphonse Slater, age 25, his x mark.
 Joseph Paul, age 23, his x mark.
 Kee yash koo shish (Charles Ross, sr.), age 58, his x mark.
 Charles Ross, jr., age 23, his x mark.
 To toosh (William Ross), age 20, his x mark.
 Carbet Janotte, age 23, his x mark.
 Michel Langan, age 38, his x mark.
 Joseph Langan, age 35, his x mark.
 Edward Langan, age 24, his x mark.
 Guillaume Langan, age 30, his x mark.
 Joseph Holl, age 32, his x mark.
 Ah zhe day aush (Francois Dauphinais), age 43, his x mark.
 Mee gwon (Gaspard Janotte, sr.), age 46, his x mark.
 James Laroque, age 21, his x mark.

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Joe Diome, age 27, his x mark.
 J. Baptiste Doime, age 24, his x mark.
 William Allard, age 25, his x mark.
 Abram Hool, age 27, his x mark.
 John Slater, age 18, his x mark.
 Ojib wanice (Galisse St. Arneau), age 24, his x mark.
 Mayn se daish kung (Alex St. Arneau), age 52, his mark.
 Abraham Morin, age 40, his x mark.
 Pierre Morin, age 18, his x mark.

George Janotte, age 18, his x mark.
 Arkee winini (Alexandre Janotte, sr.),
 age 53, his x mark.
 Kar tah koo zit (Donald Short), age 28,
 his x mark.
 Ping gan (Rimeau Laroque), age 23, his x
 mark.
 Chonz (John Hayes), age 27, his x mark.
 Tchee non (Charles Potras), age 50, his x
 mark.
 Ko tah mash (Modest Potras), age 28,
 his x mark.
 May zha ke gwan abe (Zachari Potrat),
 age 31, his x mark.

Knee crosch (Joseph Potra), age 36, his x
 mark.
 Tchee kas son (Henri Potwt), age 37, his x
 mark.
 Oza we dject (Bastien Potrat), age 32, his
 x mark.
 Sharl lens (Charles Potra), age 25, his x
 mark.
 Lip tchee (Napoleon Potra), age 22, his x
 mark.
 Obe zan e ke shiz (Theodore Belgrade),
 age 67, his x mark.
 Omud diz (Maxim Lefort), age 28, his x
 mark.

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NO. XVI.

DOCUMENT No. 16.

[File No. 6435, Indian Office, Inclos. No. X, 1894.]

[1] In re claim of the Turtle Mountain Band of the Pembina Chippewa Indians
 against the United States Government.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF DECEMBER 6 AND 8, 1893.

Pursuant to public notice given and published according to the usages, customs, laws, and traditions, the said Turtle Mountain Band of the Pembina Chippewa Indians, assembled in council at the church of the Catholic mission upon the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, in the county of Rollette, in the State of North [2] Dakota, on Wednesday, December 6th, 1893, at the hour of twelve noon of said day, for the purpose of hearing the report of their attorney, John B. Bottineau, relative to the prosecution and the status of their claim against the United States Government for title to lands in the State of North Dakota, and to take such other and further action or deliberation thereon as may be required and to transact such other business as may come before said council.

At the opening of said assembly Jean Bte. Davis, sr. (Boinince), was duly selected [3] and appointed to preside, John B. Reno acting as secretary; John B. Ledeaule was duly appointed interpreter and Peter Marcelais as assistant interpreter. Mr. E. W. Brenner, the farmer in charge of said Indians, and Rev. Father J. F. Malo, the resident Catholic pastor, both being present at the request of said assembly and council. John B. Bottineau, as the attorney of said Indians, then submitted his report to said assembly by first presenting and distributing among them in said council copies of the printed report of the agreement made with the [4] Turtle Mountain Indian commission, viz, Executive Document No. 229, House of Representatives, 52nd Congress, second session, and explained to them that said printed report of said agreement by said commission was still pending in said Congress unacted upon.

He then presented to said council, in connection with the commissioners' report aforesaid, the protest executed by the Chief Little Shell and his councilmen, on behalf of his tribe, protesting against the ratification of the agreement aforesaid, which protest was duly filed with the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, D. C., and explained that no action could or would be had by Congress upon the [5] commissioners' report of said agreement without a hearing and consideration of their said protest.

After discussing and explaining the status of both said Chippewa commissioners' report, and that of their protest, he asked them, the said Turtle Mountain Indians, in said council assembled, to either accept the said reported agreement by said commissioners or to reject and repudiate the same; and if they rejected said agreement, they were asked to approve and confirm said protest, together with all other acts and other proceedings had, done, and performed, or that they had caused to be done and performed, by their chief, Little Shell, and his councilmen on behalf of the tribe, [6] said Turtle Mountain Band of the Pembina Chippewa Indians, in the prosecution of their said claim against the United States Government; and to approve and confirm the same, and the means employed by them in the employment of him, the said