

1786. — Chapter 31.

[September Session, ch. 1.]

Chap. 31. AN ACT CONFIRMING A TREATY MADE WITH THE PENOBSCOT TRIBE OF INDIANS.

Preamble.

Whereas by a resolve of the General Court of the sixth day of July, in the present year, Benjamin Lincoln, Thomas Rice, and Rufus Putnam, Esquires, were appointed Commissioners to treat with the Penobscot tribe of Indians, respecting their claims to Lands on Penobscot river: And whereas the said Commissioners did, on the thirtieth day of August, in the present year, make report of an agreement entered into, between them, the said Commissioners, and the said Penobscot tribe of Indians: which report is in the words following; viz.

Treaty.

It was agreed by the said Indians on their part, that they would relinquish all their claims and interest to all the lands on the West side of *Penobscot river*, from the head of the tide up to the river *Pasquataquiss*, being about forty three miles; and all their claims and interest on the east side of the River from the head of the tide aforesaid, up to the river *Mantawomkeektook*, being about eighty five miles; reserving only to themselves the Island on which the old town stands, about ten miles above the head of the tide, and those Islands on which they now have actual improvements, in the said river, lying from *Sunkhaze river*, about three miles above the said old town, to *Passadunkee Island* inclusively, on which Island their new town, so called, now stands. In consideration hereof, WE, in the name and in behalf of the Commonwealth, engage that the Indians should hold and enjoy in fee, the Islands reserved as aforesaid, and the fee of two Islands in the bay called and known by the name of *White Island* and *Black Island*, near *Naskeeg Point*: And WE further agreed, that the lands on the west side of the River *Penobscot*, to the head of all the waters thereof, above the said river *Pasquataquiss*, and the lands on the east side of the river to the head of all the waters thereof, above the said River *Mantawomkeektook*, should ly as hunting ground for the Indians, and should not be laid out or settled by the State or engrossed by individuals thereof: And WE further agreed as aforesaid, to make the Indians a present of three hundred and fifty blankets, two hundred pounds of powder, with a proportion of shot and flints: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the agreement expressed in the report herein before recited, be, and it is hereby ratified and confirmed on the part of this Commonwealth; and the Governor with the advice of Council, is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint and commission some suitable person to repair to the said *Penobscot* tribe of Indians, to carry into execution the said agreement; to deliver the blankets, powder, shot and flints mentioned therein; and to receive from the said tribe of Indians a deed of relinquishment in due form, of the lands mentioned in, and conformable to the said agreement; and when the said deed of relinquishment shall be executed as aforesaid, this Act shall be considered as a compleat and full confirmation of the agreement herein before recited, agreeably to the true intent and meaning thereof. And a copy of this act, under the signature of the Governor, with the seal of the Commonwealth affixed, shall be delivered to the Indians by such person as the Governor shall commission to execute this business.

October 11, 1786.

Agreement confirmed.

1786.—Chapter 32.

[September Session, ch. 2.]

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A MINT FOR THE COINAGE OF GOLD, SILVER, AND COPPER. Chap. 32.

Whereas the United States in Congress assembled, by their Resolve of the eighth day of August, in the present year, have regulated the Alloy and Value of Coin; and whereas the want of a sufficient circulating medium, renders it expedient, that a Mint should be erected and a quantity of Coin be struck: Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there shall be a Mint erected within this Commonwealth, for the coining of Gold, Silver and Copper; and that all the Coin that shall be struck therein, shall be of the same weight, alloy and value, and each piece bear the same name, as is by the said Resolve of Congress fixed and established.

Mint to be erected.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be a quantity of Copper Coin struck, equal to the amount of *seventy thousand Dollars*, in pieces of

Copper coin to be struck.