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ART. 1. A firm and lasting peace and amity shall henceforth exist between the American people and the Navajo tribe of Indians.

ART. 2. The people of New Mexico and the Pueblo Indians are included in the term American people.

ART. 3. A mutual trade, as between people of the same nation, shall be carried on between these several parties; the Americans, Mexicans, and Pueblos being free to visit all portions of the Navajo country, and the Navajos all portions of the American country without molestation, and full protection shall be *mutually* given.

ART. 4. There shall be a mutual restoration of all prisoners, the several parties being pledged to redeem by purchase such as may not be exchanged each for each.

ART. 5. All property taken by either party from the other, since the 18th day of August last, shall be restored.

The undersigned, fully empowered to represent and pledge to the above articles their respective nations, have accordingly hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals.

ALEXANDER W. DONIPHAN,  
*Colonel commanding 1st Regt. Missouri Volunteers.*  
 CONGREVE JACKSON,  
*Lieutenant-colonel commanding 1st Battalion.*  
 WILLIAM GILPIN,  
*Major commanding 2d Battalion.*

SIGNATURES OF THE NAVAJO CHIEFS.

Sarcilla Largo,	his x mark	Sagundo,	his x mark
Caballada de Mucho,	his x mark	Pedro Jose,	his x mark
Alexandro,	his x mark	Manuelito,	his x mark
Sandoval,	his x mark	Tapio,	his x mark
Kiatanito,	his x mark	Archulette,	his x mark
Jose Largo,	his x mark	Juanico,	his x mark
Narbona,	his x mark	Savoietta Garcia,	his x mark

SOURCE: William Elsey Connelley, *Doniphan's Expedition and the Conquest of New Mexico and California* (Kansas City: Bryant and Douglas, 1907): 188-89.

**TREATY WITH THE NAVAJO (NEWBY TREATY)**

May 20, 1848

Treaty of Peace and amity made and entered into by the people of the United States and the Navajo tribe of Indians.

Article 1.

There shall henceforth exist between the people of the United States and the people of New Mexico during its occupation by the United States, on the one part, and the tribe of Navajo Indians, on the other part, a firm and lasting peace.

Article 2.

A mutual trade shall be carried on between the parties above mentioned; the people of the United States and those of New Mexico during its occupation by the United States being permitted to visit parts of the Navajo country and the

Navajo Indians to visit all parts of the United States and of New Mexico during its occupation as above, without molestation and with full protection; and the said trade shall be carried on in every other respect as between people of the same nation.

Article 3.

There shall be an entire restoration of all prisoners that are held at the date of this treaty by either of the parties, and the people of New Mexico; such restoration to be full and complete with regard to the number of prisoners held.

Article 4.

The people of the United States guarantee during their occupation of New Mexico the strict observance of this treaty by the people of the Territory.

Article 5.

The Navajo Tribe of Indians will deliver immediately to the Acting Asst. Qr. Master of the United States now here three hundred sheep and one hundred mules and horses; such delivery to be made as indemnity in full for the expenses incurred by the people of the United States in this campaign.

The undersigned severally and fully empowered by their respective nations to pledge a full compliance with, and enforcement of, the above articles have hereunto signed their names and affixed their seals.

Done at Head Quarters, Camp at Monte del Cuyatana, Navajo Country, this 20th day of May 1848.

E. W. B. NEWBY

Col. Comg. 1st Regt. Illinois Inftry. Vol. (SL)

JOSE LARGO His X mark	(SL)	ARCHILETTI His X mark	(SL)
NAVON His X mark	(SL)	JUAN LUCERO His X mark	(SL)
CHAPATON His X mark	(SL)	SEGUNDO His X mark	(SL)
SARCIA LARGO His X mark	(SL)	PABLO PINO His X mark	(SL)

SOURCE: David M. Brugge and J. Lee Correll, *The Story of Navajo Treaties* (Navajo Historical Publications Documentary Series No. 1, Navajo Tribe, 1971): 66-67.

**TREATY WITH THE TRIBES OF THE BIG LAKES REGION IN CALIFORNIA**

June 1, 1848

To whomsoever it may concern:

Be it known that we the undersigned chief of Tribes and Rancherias in and about the Big Lakes on the Sonoma Frontier of Upper California do solemnly affirm and declare that we are friends with good hearts towards the whites our powerful friends and neighbours, that we will make no aggression upon them nor their property and if injured ourselves by anybody we will apply to the proper authorities of the whites for protection and redress.