

INDIAN TREATY WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

JUST at this period, when the public mind is so much occupied with the newly-acquired Territory in the North West, and the question of Treaties with the different Indian tribes, having their homes there, must command the first attention of the Dominion Government, the following will be interesting to the philanthropist and the statesman. Hitherto our negotiations with the Aborigines have been eminently peaceful and successful. Life and property have never been endangered by their dwelling amongst us; for them it would have been far better if their reserves had been more distant from the white man's influence and example. This exemption from danger and loss of life, of which there are so many unhappy records in the Western territories of the United States, we confidently attribute to the influence of a vital, practical Christianity, and the upright policy of our national Government. The document now printed was sent to the Mission Rooms by the Rev. Thomas Woolsey when stationed at Edmonton House.

EDMONTON HOUSE,
March 26th, 1857.

By the recent arrival of one of the principal chiefs of the Piegan tribe, I am in possession of an official document, issued by the American Government, relative to a Treaty that has been concluded between the United States and

the Blackfeet, and other Indian tribes of this continent,—especially that portion east and west of the Rocky Mountains. The said Treaty presenting most important and interesting details, I have taken a copy thereof, as the original paper could not be returned, presuming that such may not have come under your notice.

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"FRANKLIN PIERCE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"To all persons to whom these Presents shall come, greeting :

"Whereas, a Treaty was made and concluded at the Council ground on the Upper Missouri, near the mouth of the Judith river, in the Territory of Nebraska, on the Seventeenth day of October, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five, between A. Cumming and Isaac J. Stevens, Commissioners on the part of the United States, and the Blackfoot and other tribes of Indians, which Treaty is in the words and figures following, to wit :

"Articles of agreement and convention made and concluded at the council ground, on the Upper Missouri, near the mouth of the Judith River, in the Territory of Nebraska, this Seventeenth day of October, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five, by and between