

Treaty of Hartford September 21, 1638

The Treaty of Hartford is an agreement made between the English of the Connecticut River area and Miantinomy, the Narragansett Chief Sachem, and his people, as well as Poquim, a.k.a. Uncas, the Mohegan Sachem, and his people.

The treaty states that there is to be reconciliation and peace between the Mohegans and the Narragansetts. Any and all issues and arguments from the past are to remain in the past and are never to be brought up again.

In the future, the Mohegans and Narragansetts are not to immediately seek revenge or retribution for any wrongdoings, injuries, or otherwise, done to each other. These matters are not to be taken into their own hands, but instead, must be presented to the English of Connecticut, and they will determine what the appropriate response or punishment should be. If either party disagrees with the decisions made, the English of Connecticut will have to enforce the matter.

Peace will be kept between the Mohegans and the Narragansetts as long as each behaves appropriately and orderly. Neither of the two are to shelter or hide any enemies of the English or anyone who has killed, will kill, or consents to killing any English person. The Mohegans and/or the Narragansetts (whoever has the means to do so first) are to bring to the English the Pequot Sachem, or his head. Also, as soon as possible, the Mohegans and/or Narragansetts are to remove the heads of any Pequot who has been involved in the killing of any of the English.

The remaining Pequots (200 men + their families) are to be divided up and sold to the Mohegans and the Narragansetts. One fathom of white wampum is to be paid for each adult male, one half of a fathom of white wampum for each Pequot youth, and one hand's length of white wampum for each male child. This payment is to be made to the English each year at the time of the hilling of the corn (July). The Pequots will no longer be called Pequots, but, instead, will take on the names of either Mohegan or Narragansett. The Pequots will no longer live in their homelands, and the Narragansetts and Mohegans may not live in the former Pequot territory, unless the English allow. English captives must be returned to the English of Connecticut, as well as the English of Massachusetts. These agreements must be kept by each party and if any party should break the terms of this treaty, the other two parties may join together and declare war against them, unless an agreement can be reasonably made and met.