

*Municipal Constitution for the Government of the Mosquito Reservation.*

Article 1. The official name of the Government shall be The Municipal Authority for the Government of the Mosquito Reservation.

Art. 2. The boundaries of the said Reservation are and shall be as fixed and set forth in the IInd Article of the Treaty of Managua, dated the 28th January, 1860, as follows :

*[Here the Article is copied in full.]*

Art. 3. The Municipal Authority shall be invested in and consist of the the General Council and an Executive Council.

Art. 4. That, conformably with an Act of the Mosquito Council dated October 1846, entitled An Act conforming the establishment of the laws of England and the common laws, as well as the Statute Law of England, as the same are now known and acknowledged, the same shall be, and are hereby made, the laws of the Municipal Authority of the Mosquito Reservation, so far as the same can be made applicable to the present and future position, circumstances and form of authority, and when the same shall not be inconsistent and at variance with the sovereignty of Nicaragua.

Art. 5. The General Council shall be appointed by the Hereditary Chief of Mosquito, upon the recommendation of the people of the Mosquito Reservation, assembled in public Convention, and shall hold their office five years from the date of appointment ; and said Council shall consist of forty-one persons besides the hereditary Chief of Mosquito.

Art. 6. That all male persons residing within the Mosquito Reservation for a period of three years next preceding their appointment, being of lawful

age, and possessing property in real and personal estate to the value of 250 dollars, shall be eligible to serve as a member of the General Council.

Art. 7. The Executive Council shall be elected by the General Council upon its first regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall consist of the presiding officers of the General Council, and seventeen other persons who shall serve for a period of five years following their election.

Art. 8. That all male persons of the age of 25 years, and who are natives of Mosquito, and have resided within the Mosquito Reservation five years next preceding their election, and who can read and write, and who shall be possessed of property, real and personal, within the Mosquito Reservation, of the value of 500 dollars, shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Executive Council.

Art. 9. The hereditary Chief of Mosquito shall hold and possess, in virtue of his authority as Chief of his nation, the superior Executive office of Chief and President of the General Council.

Art. 10. The General Council, after their appointment, shall be severally sworn into office. The duties, power, and authority of the said Council shall be as follows: To make, form, and adopt a Constitution; enact and pass laws and regulations necessary and lawful for the Municipal Authority of the Mosquito Reservation; to elect a Vice-President and a Secretary; and appoint any and all other officer or officers that may at any time be found necessary to carry into effect the Constitution and laws and regulations of the Municipal Authority; to elect the Executive Council; and to fill all vacancies occurring in its own body during its continuance.

Art. 11. The Executive Council shall, after their election by the General Council, severally take an oath of office. The duties, power, and authority of the Executive Council shall be as follows:

They shall possess the sole and entire executive power of the Municipal Authority of the Mosquito Reservation.

They shall hold in their executive capacity the Seal of the Municipal Authority.

They shall regulate the receipt, collection, and expenditure of the finances, taxes, and revenues of the Municipal Authority.

They shall possess power to appoint offices and officers they may find necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the Municipal Authority.

They shall possess power to constitute Courts of Justice, and appoint the Judges and Local Magistrates, and other officers of said Courts.

They shall possess the power to regulate the occupation of the public lands, and the disposition of the productions thereof; and in fact they shall possess and enjoy every power that an Executive Government shall possess to enable it to carry into effect the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the Municipal Authority of the Mosquito Reservation.

Art. 12. The presiding officers of the General Council shall, *ex officio*, be the presiding officers of the Executive Council, and exercise the duties thereof, and be members of said Executive Council; and the Secretary of the General Council shall be the Secretary of the Executive Council.

Art. 13. All and every person of lawful age residing within the Mosquito Reservation, as well as all real and personal estate, situate, lying, and being within the said Reservation, shall be subject to taxation for the support of the Municipal Authority of the Mosquito Reservation, its Constitution, laws, and regulations, in such manner and form as the General or Executive Council may hereafter order and direct.

Done at the Council Chamber at Bluefields, 13th September, A.D. 1861.

GEORGE A. FREDERICK,  
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