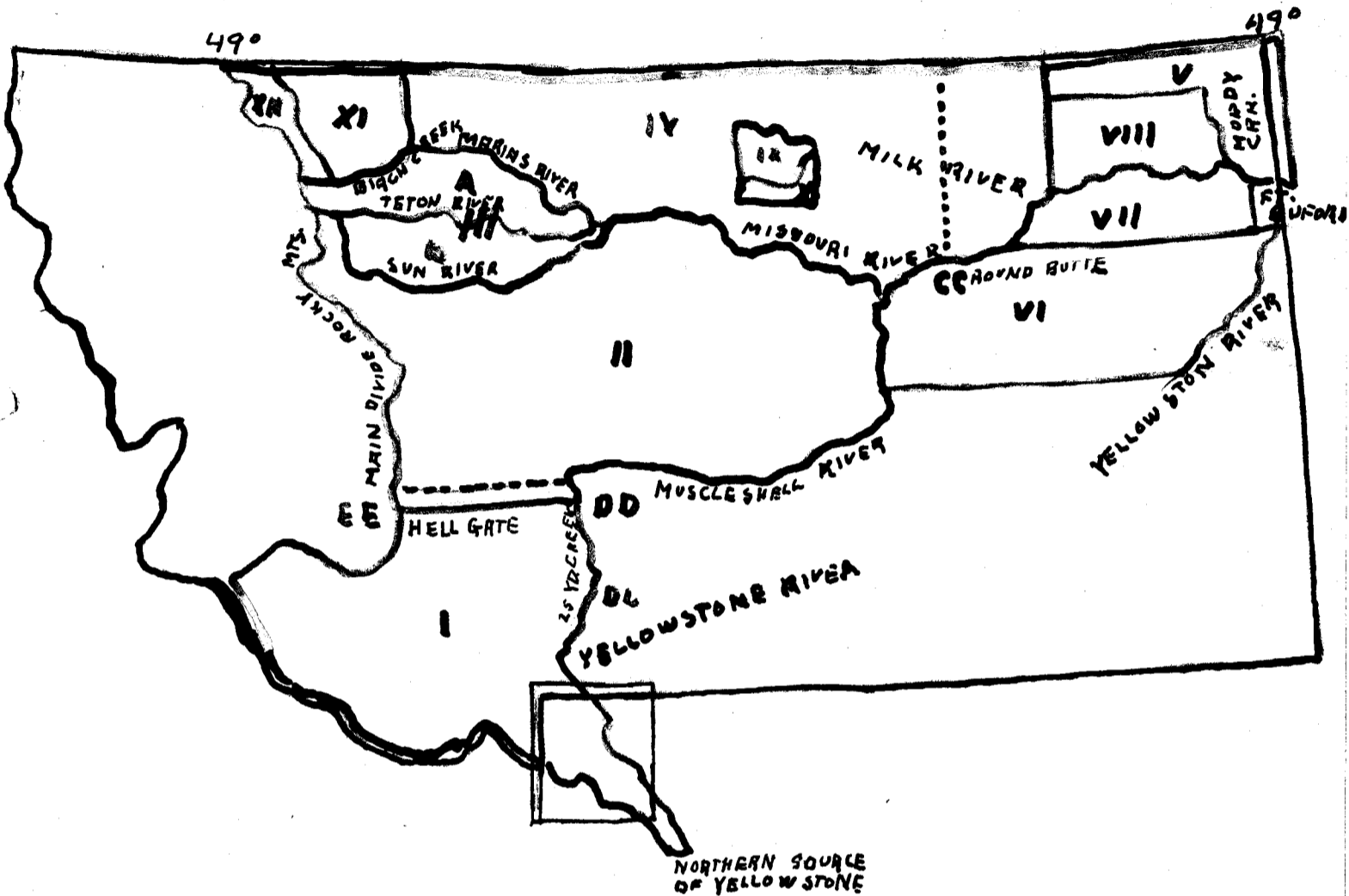


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MAP I.
KEY MAP.



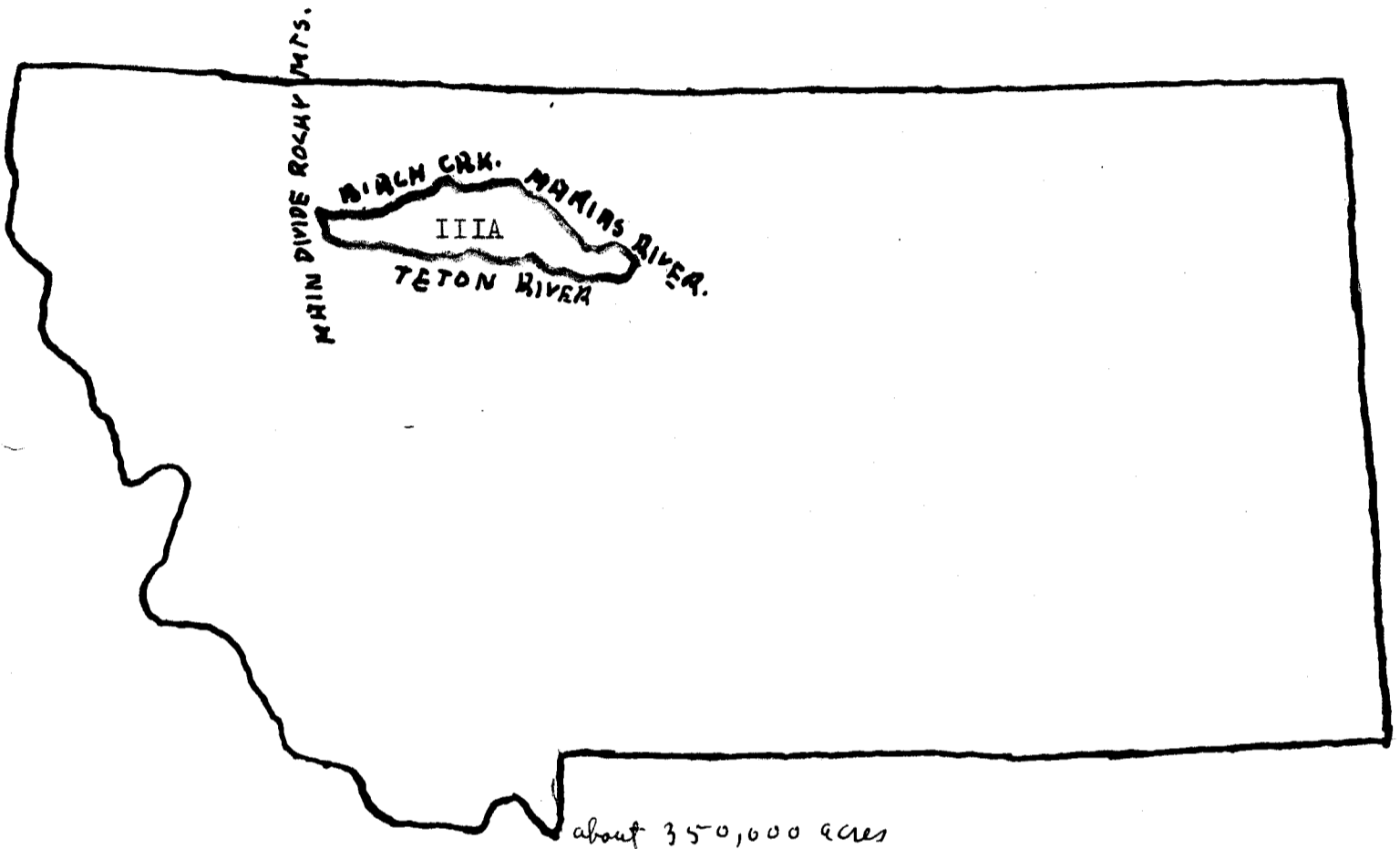
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- II. TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE ORDER JULY 5, 1873.
- IIIA. TAKEN BY ACT APRIL 15, 1874.
- IIIB. (INCLUDING I AND II) TAKEN BY UNRATIFIED TREATIES 1868.
- IV. TAKEN BY ACT MAY 1, 1888.
- V. GIVEN BY ACT APRIL 15, 1874.
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- TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE ORDER JULY 13, 1880.
- VII. GIVEN BY EXECUTIVE ORDER APRIL 13, 1875.
- TAKEN BY ACT MAY 1, 1888.
- VIII. PRESENT RESERVATION OF FORT PECK.
- IX. PRESENT RESERVATION OF FORT BELKNAP.
- X. TAKEN BY ACT JUNE 10, 1896.
- XI. PRESENT BLACKFOOT RESERVATION.
- XII. TAKEN BY ACT JUNE 10, 1896.

Note. Unratified Treaty of 1865 - had 2. upon with Blackfoot & Fort Peck. Embraces same territory as treaties of 1868.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP XIV.

CLAIM OF BLACKFEET AND GROS VENTRES.

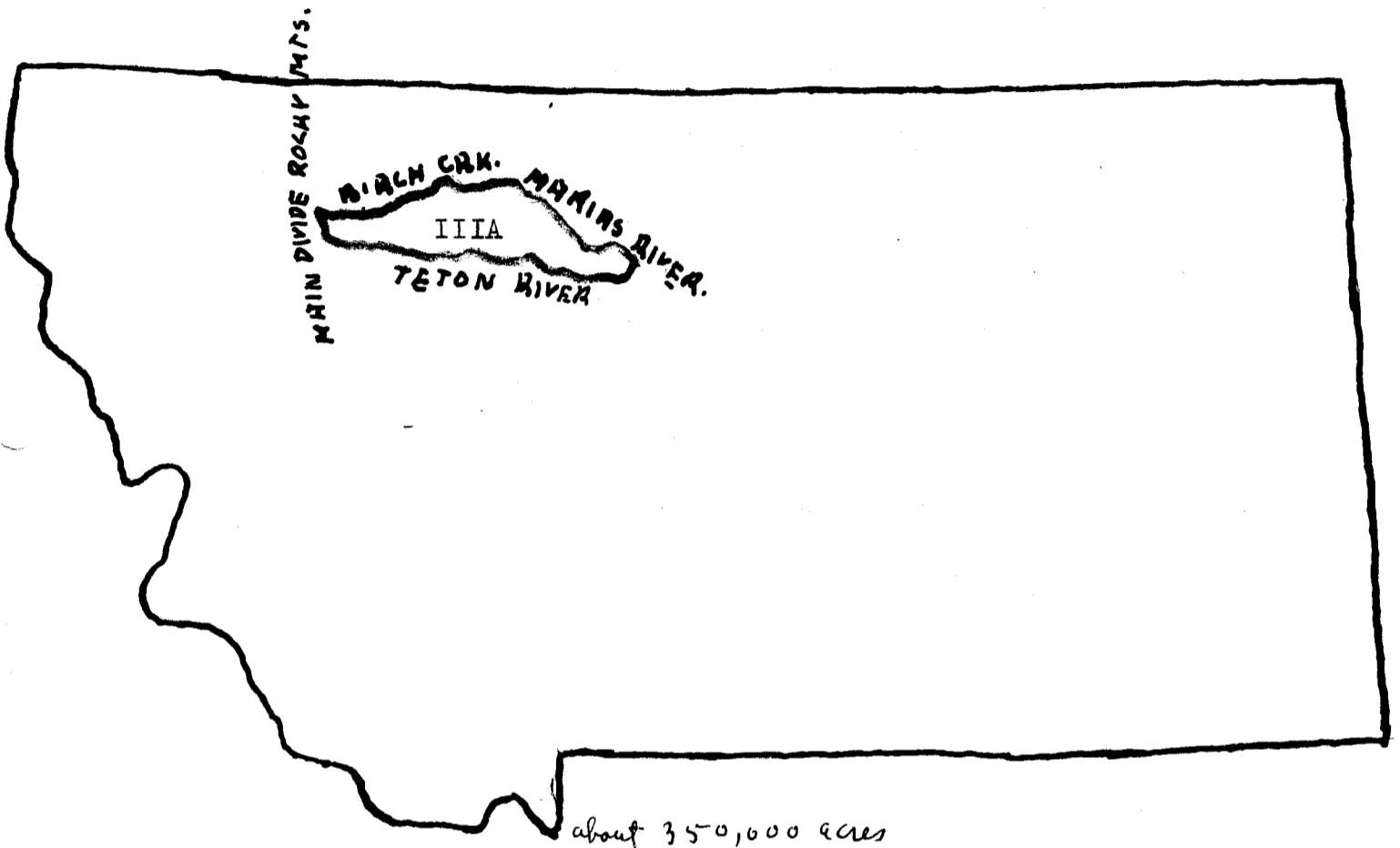


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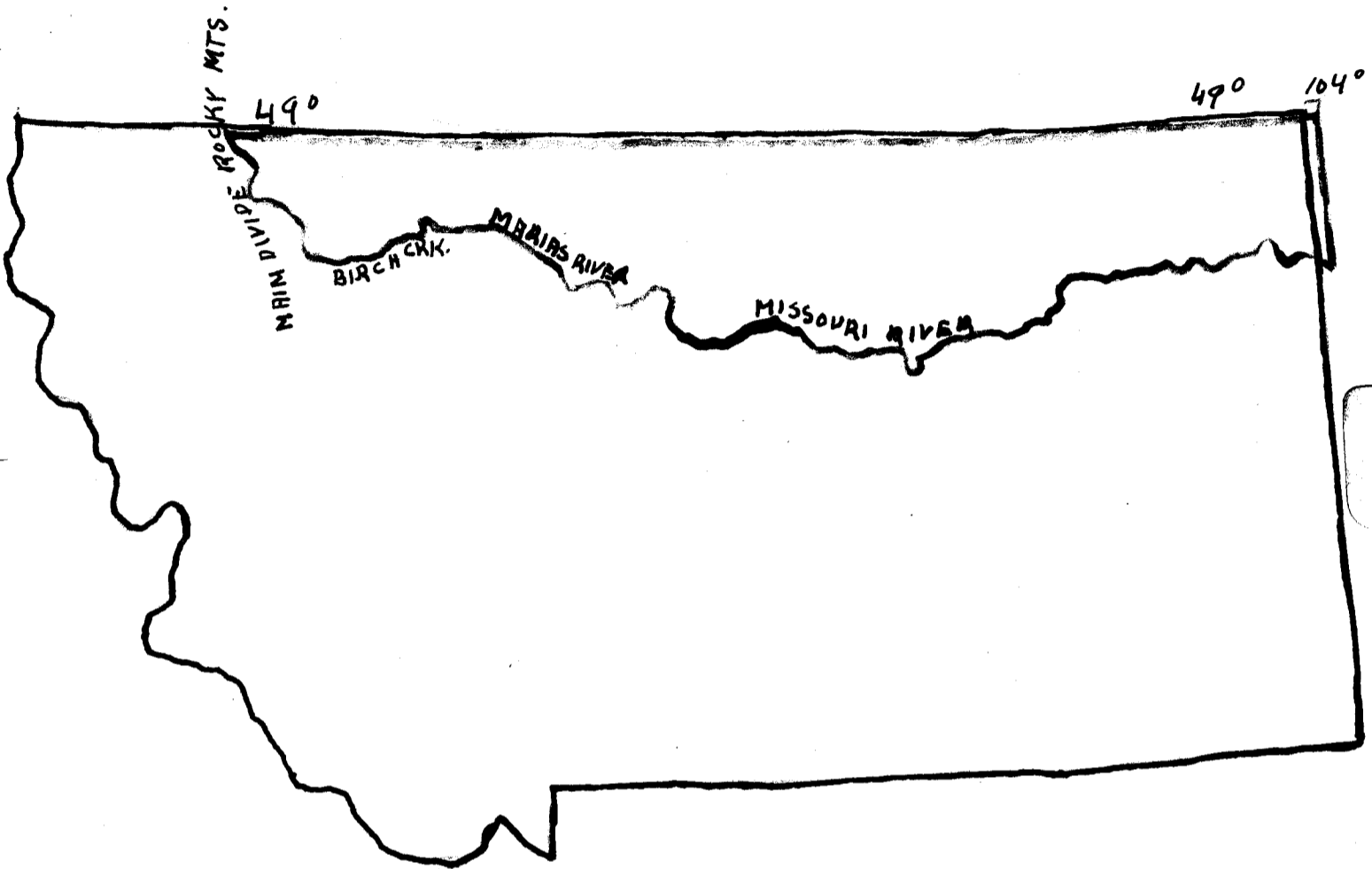


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MAP VI.

ACT OF APRIL 15, 1874.



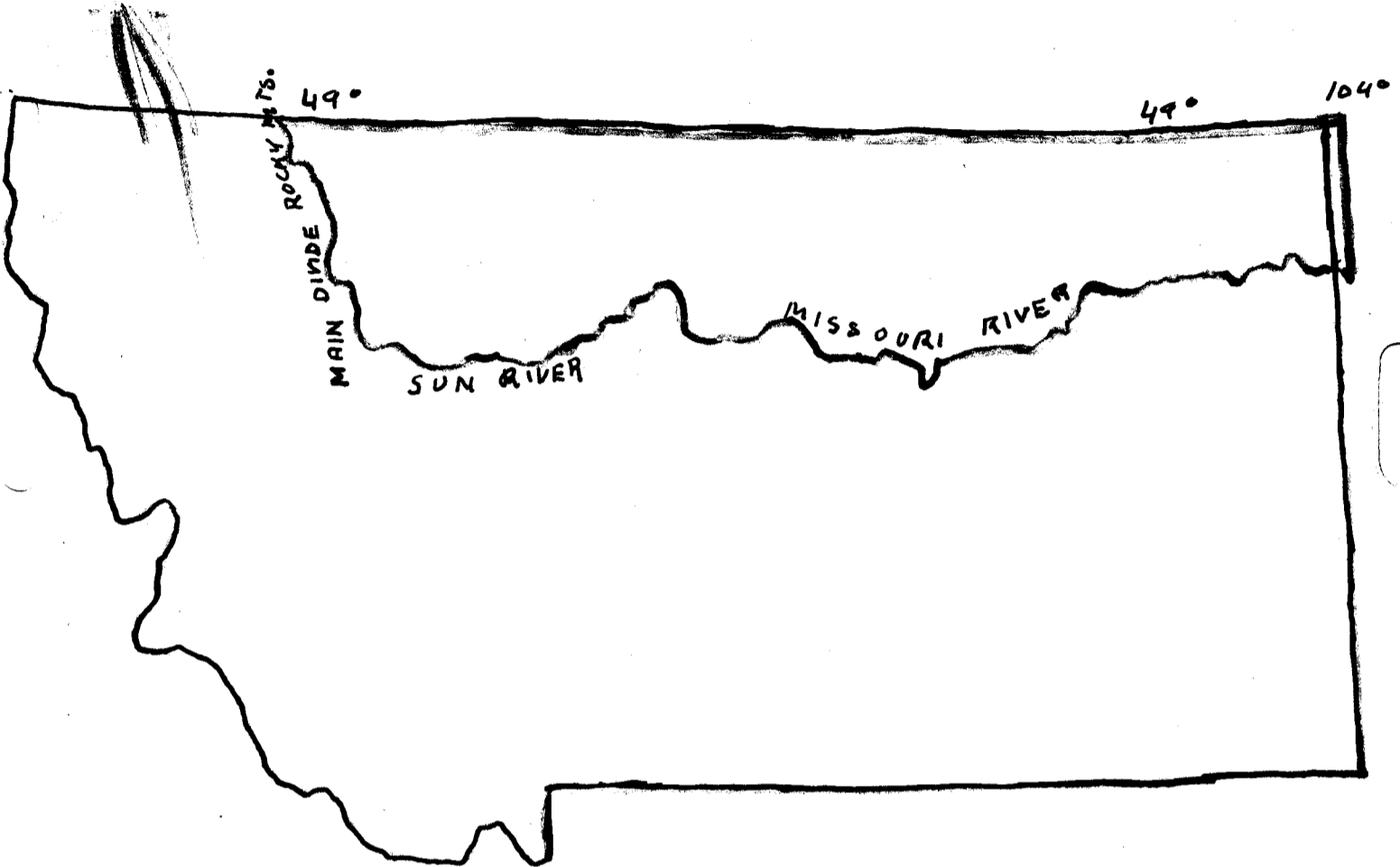
PARTIES:
TERMS:

The United States.
Took land south of Marias River and Birch Creek.
No consideration payed to Indians. No consent given
by Indians.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP V.

EXECUTIVE ORDER JULY 5, 1873.



PARTIES:
TERMS:

The United States.

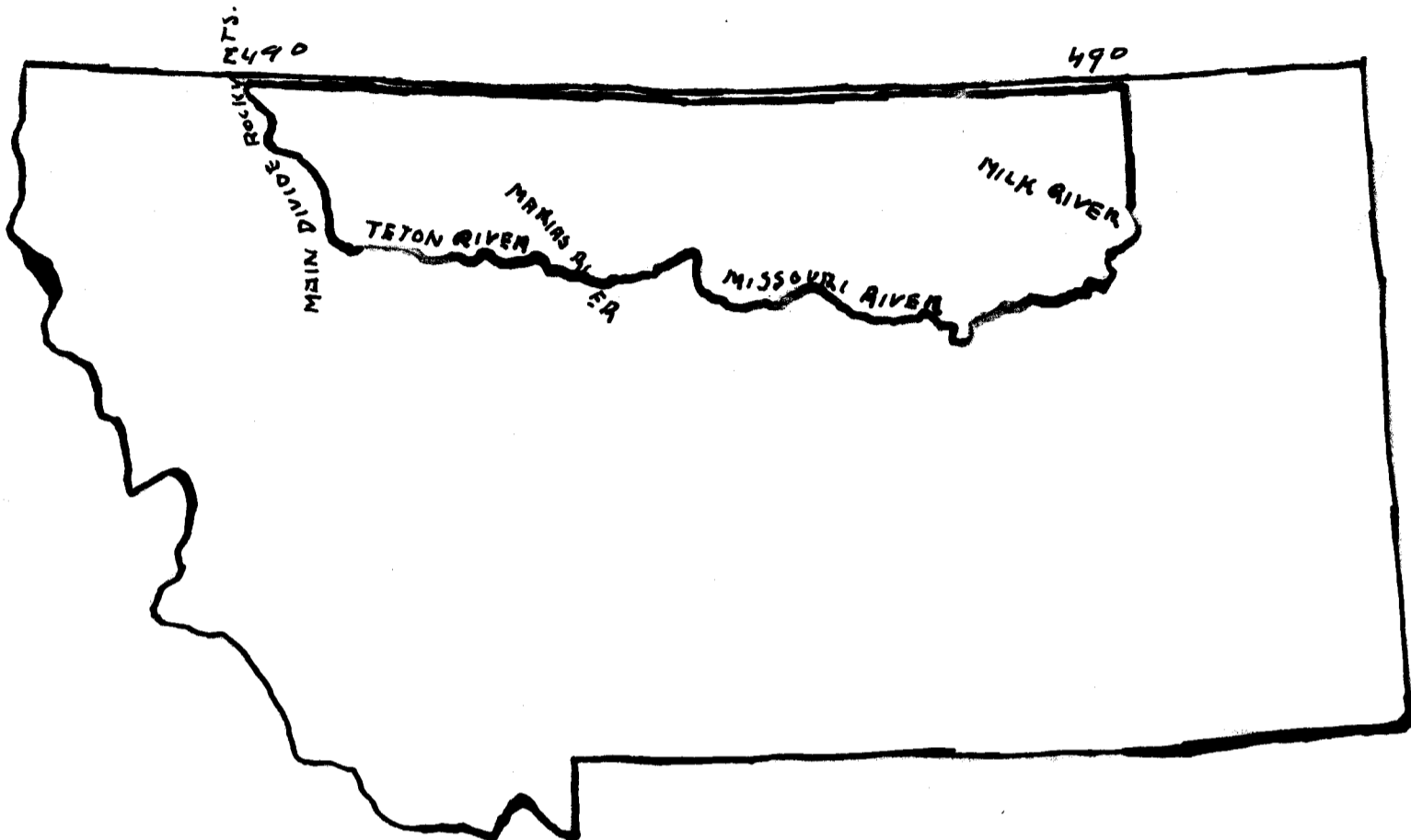
Put the River Crows in with the Blackfeet and Gros Ventre Indians. Added to the reservation of these Indians a section bounded on the west by a line drawn north from the junction of the Milk and Missouri Rivers to the forty ninth parallel, on the north by the forty ninth parallel, on the east by the one hundred and fourth meridian of west longitude, on the south by the Missouri River. Also gave back a section taken by the unratified treaty of 1868, namely, a section bounded by the Teton River on the north, the main divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west, and the Sun River on the east and south.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP IV.

UNRATIFIED TREATY 1868.

FORT HAWLEY.



PARTIES: The Gros Ventres Tribe of Indians and the United States.

TERMS: The Gros Ventres to relinquish all rights acquired by the Treaty of 1855, except, to the territory bounded on the west by the main divide of the Rocky Mountains, on the south by the Teton, Marias, and Missouri Rivers, on the east by a line drawn north from the junction of the Milk and Missouri Rivers to the forty ninth parallel, and on the north by the forty ninth parallel. For the relinquishment made they were to receive twenty six thousand dollars annually for twenty years. Treaty to run for twenty years, and the time to be figured from the date of ratification by the Senate. Treaty not to be binding on either party until ratified. *Repealed by an Act of Congress*

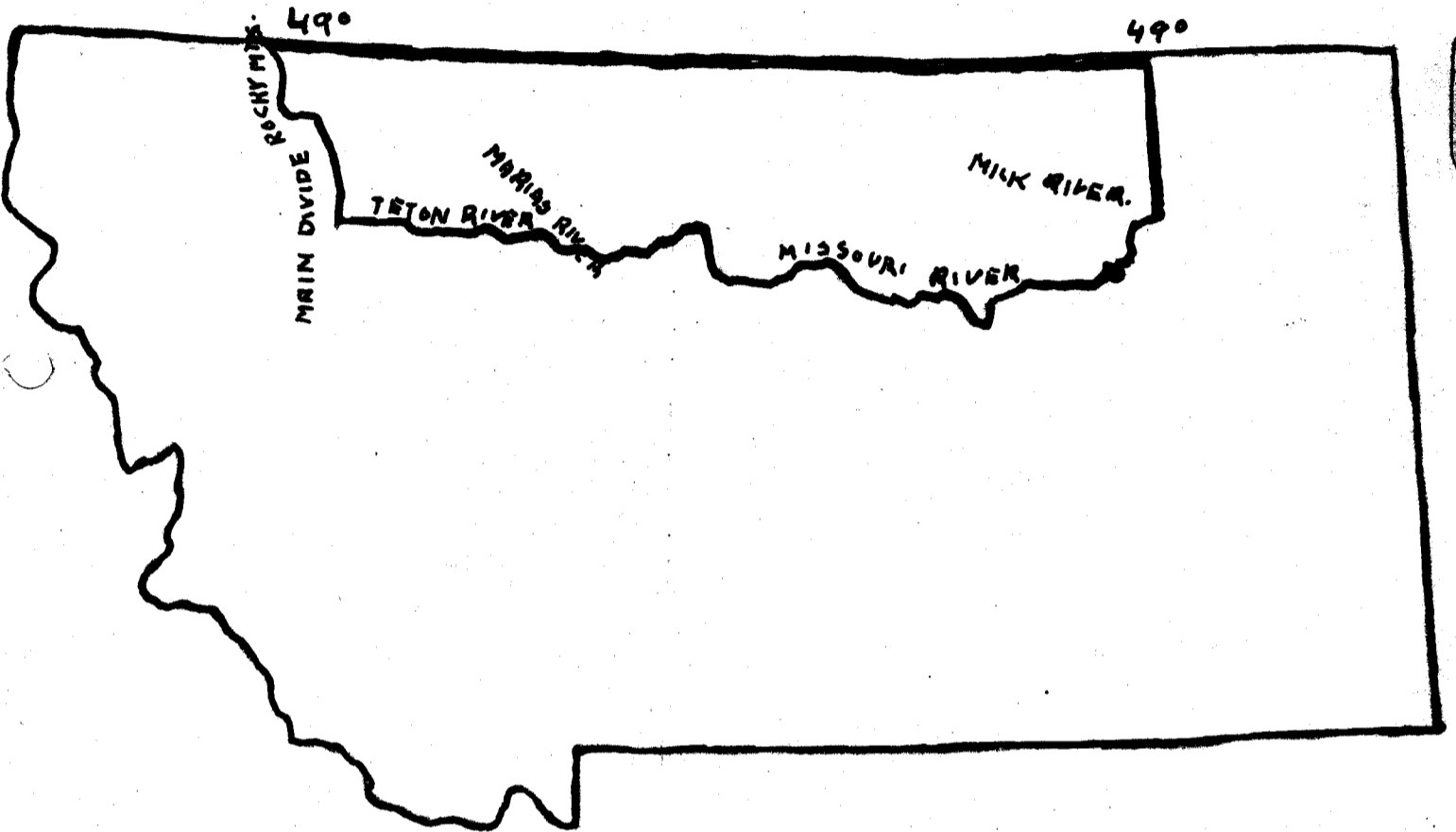
ACTION: Treaty not ratified.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP III.

UNRATIFIED TREATY 1868.

FORT BENTON/



PARTIES: Blackfoot Nation, consisting of the Blackfeet, Bloods, and Piegans, and the United States.

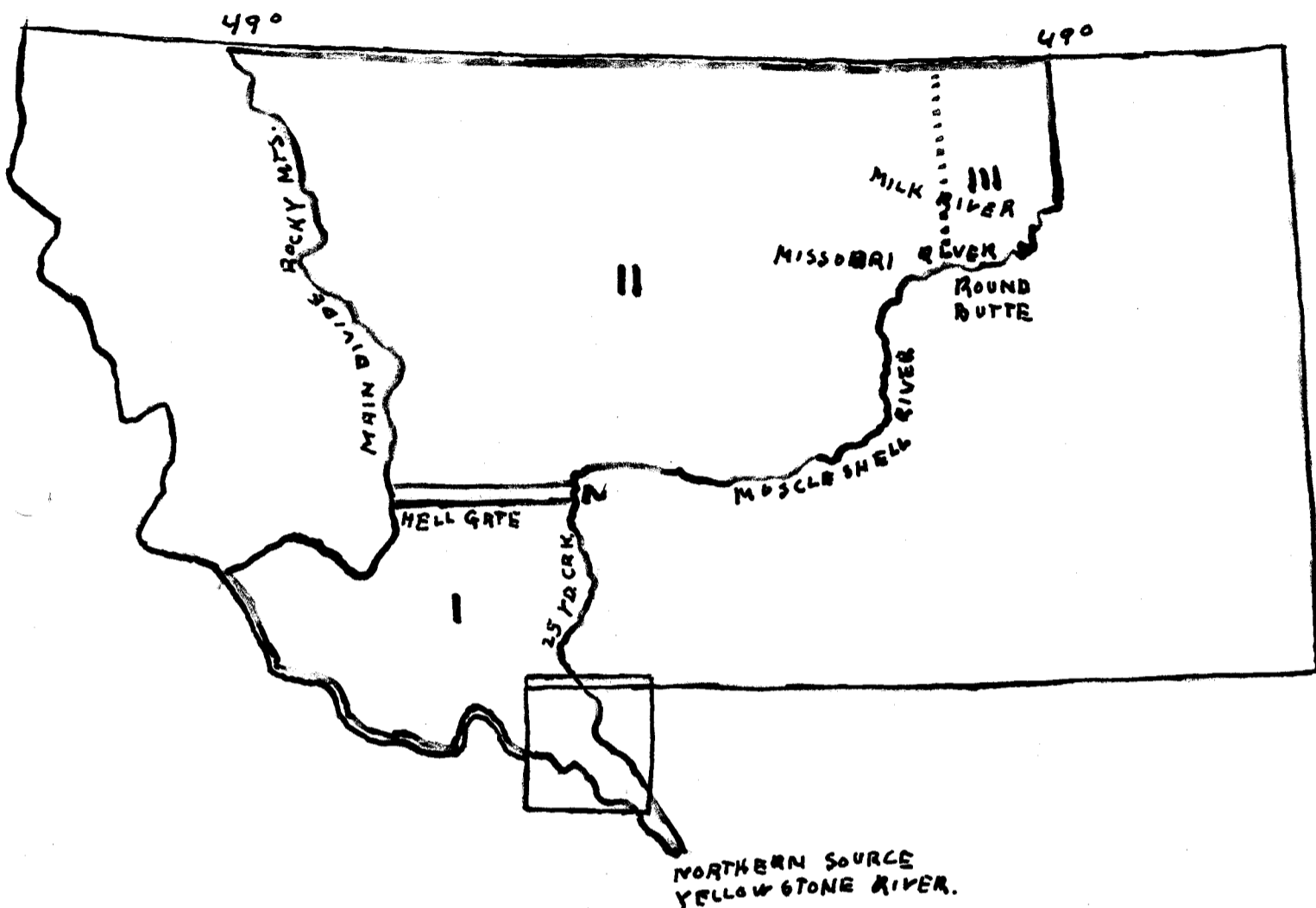
TERMS: To relinquish all rights acquired under the Stevens Treaty of 1855, except, that territory bounded on the west by the main divide of the Rocky Mountains, on the south by the Teton, Marias, and Missouri Rivers, on the east by a line drawn north from the junction of the Missouri and the Milk Rivers to the forty ninth parallel, and on the north by the forty ninth parallel; such ~~relinquishment~~ to be made by the Indians to the United States. The United States to give the Indians one million dollars, payable in twenty annual installments. Treaty to run twenty years, but the time does not start running on treaty until ~~the~~ date of its ratification by the Senate, and the treaty is not obligatory on either party until ratified. *Some towns to be included in territory reserved.*

ACTION: Treaty was not ratified. Payments were made, at irregular intervals, but three annual installments of fifty thousand dollars each, or one hundred and fifty thousand dollars has not been paid the Indians. *According to the books of the Indian Office, no appropriations under the various Indian appropriation acts, on account of this treaty, are to be found in the Statutes at Large.*

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP II.

RATIFIED TREATY OF 1855.



PARTIES. Blackfoot nation, consisting of the Piegans, Bloods, Blackfeet and Gros Ventre Tribes of Indians; Flathead Nation, consisting of the Flatheads, Kootenais, Pend d'Oreilles; The Nez Perce Tribe of Indians and the Assiniboine Tribe of Indians, on one hand, and the United States.

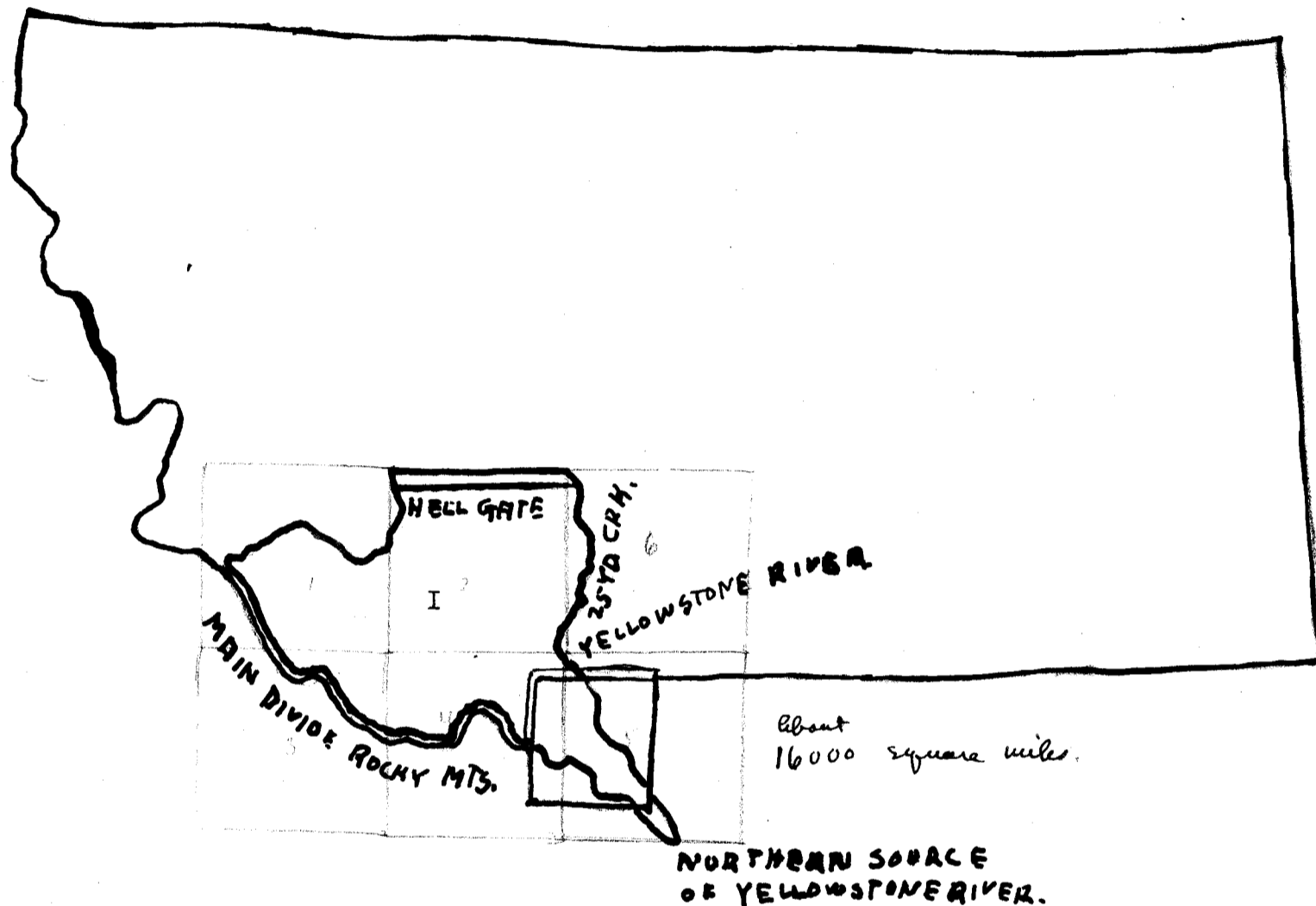
- TERMS.**
1. Fee recognized in the Blackfeet and Gros Ventres in I.
 2. A ninety nine year Hunting Lease give to all parties, except the Assiniboines, in II.
 3. ~~Hunting Lease given the Assiniboines on the Blackfeet and Gros Ventre fee, in III.~~
 4. No permanent camps to be established by any of the Indians within ten miles of the northern boundary of the Common Hunting Ground, in IV.
 5. Indians to receive not less than twenty, nor more than thirty thousand dollars in exchange for rights of way given by them to the United States, per annum.
 6. Indians to live in peace and amity with each other and with the United States.
 7. No intoxicants to be imported into Indian country.
 8. Indians not to harbor offenders against the laws of the United States.

RATIFICATION. Treaty was ratified by the Senate and proclaimed by the President in 1856.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP XIII.

CLAIM OF NEZ PERCES AND FLATHEADS.

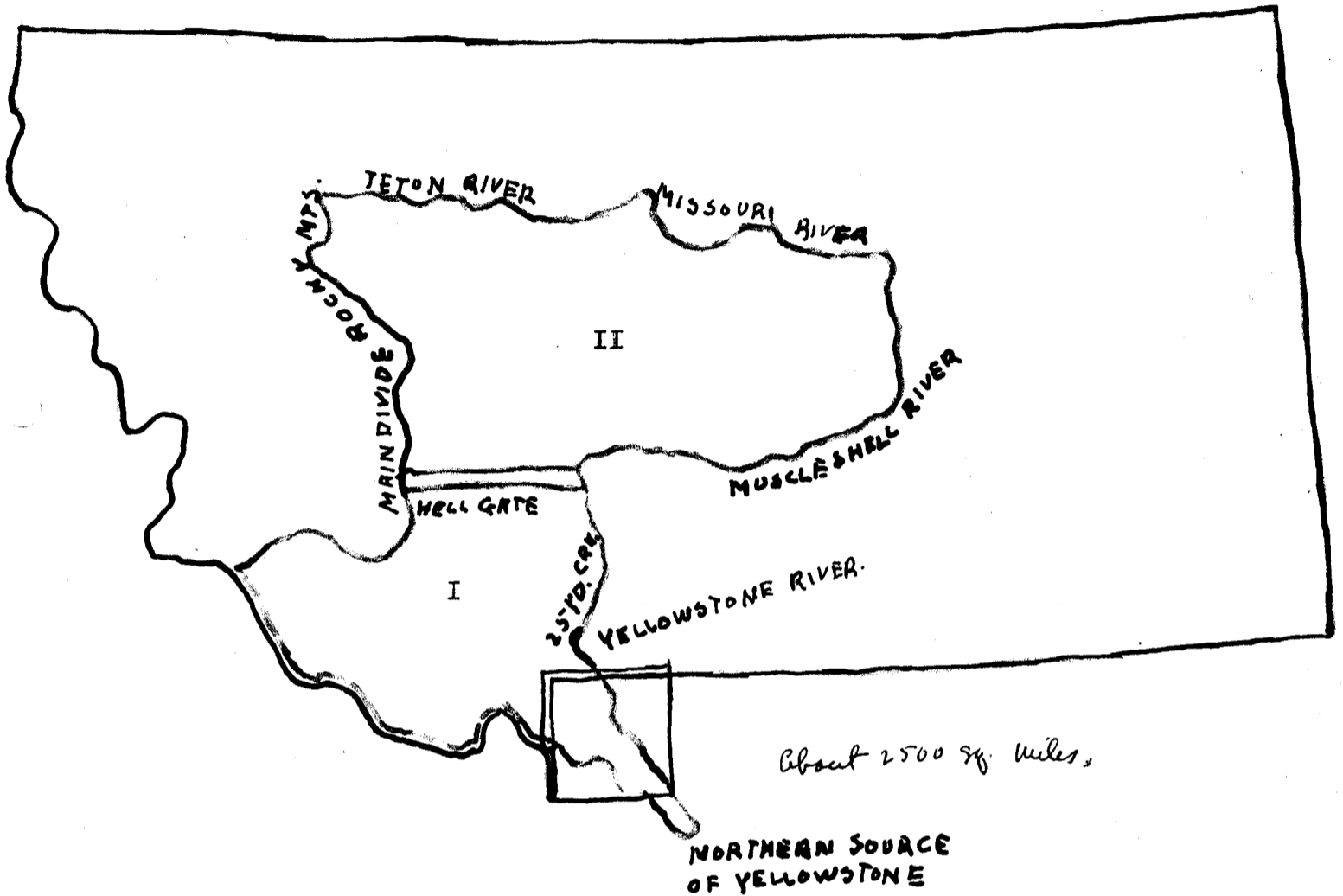


I. TITLE TO THE RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH IN THIS HUNTING GROUND FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY NINE YEARS, WHICH WAS GIVEN THE FLATHEADS AND NEZ PERCES BY THE TREATY OF 1855, HAS NEVER BEEN RELINQUISHED BY THEM.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP XII.

CLAIMED BY BLACKFEET AND GROS VENTRES.



I. COMMON HUNTING GROUND. THE TITLE TO THIS HAS NEVER BEEN PROPERLY RELINQUISHED.

II. THE TITLE TO THE FEE RECOGNIZED IN THE GROS VENTRES AND BLACKFEET WAS NEVER PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED, AS RATIFICATION WAS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ITS VALIDITY, UNDER THE XII ARTICLE OF THE TREATY, AND THE TREATY WAS NEVER RATIFIED.

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS TO BE BROUGHT.

(NUMBERS REFER TO KEY MAP)

FIRST.

IIIB(including I and II) were unlawfully taken from the Blackfeet, Bloods, Piegans, and Gros Ventres by the treaties of 1868, because,

1. The fee was recognized in these Indians by the treaty of 1855.
2. The hunting lease was recognized in them in the same treaty.
3. The treaty of 1868 was not ratified in compliance with the terms set forth in Article XII of the treaty.

Suit to recover,

1. Fair value of IIIB and II, being part of the fee.
2. Fair value of the hunting right in I.

SECOND.

If IIIB(including I and II) were lawfully taken by the treaty of 1868, then the Blackfeet, Bloods, Piegans, and Gros Ventres still have one hundred and fifty thousand dollars due them, which have not been paid under the treaty of 1868.

Suit to recover,

1. The balance due these Indians.

NOTE: The above Claims are mutually exclusive. A judgement in the one, will bar a judgement in the other.

THIRD.

The Flatheads, Kootenais, Pend d'Oreilles, and Nez Perces have an interest in the ninety nine year Hunting Lease given by the treaty of 1855, in common with the other Indians parties to that treaty. They have never relinquished their rights in the Hunting Lease, their claim has never been extinguished to exercise their privileges therein, and they have never been compensated for the loss thereof.

Suit to recover,

- 1, The fair value of the loss of these rights to the above Indians.

FOURTH.

IIIA was a part of the fee recognized as existing in the Blackfeet and Gros Ventres Indians by the treaty of 1855. This section was not taken by the unratified treaty of 1868, but was taken without the consent of the Indians by the Act of April 15, 1874.

Suit to recover,

- 1, The fair value of IIIA to these Indians, as of the date it was taken.

FIFTH.

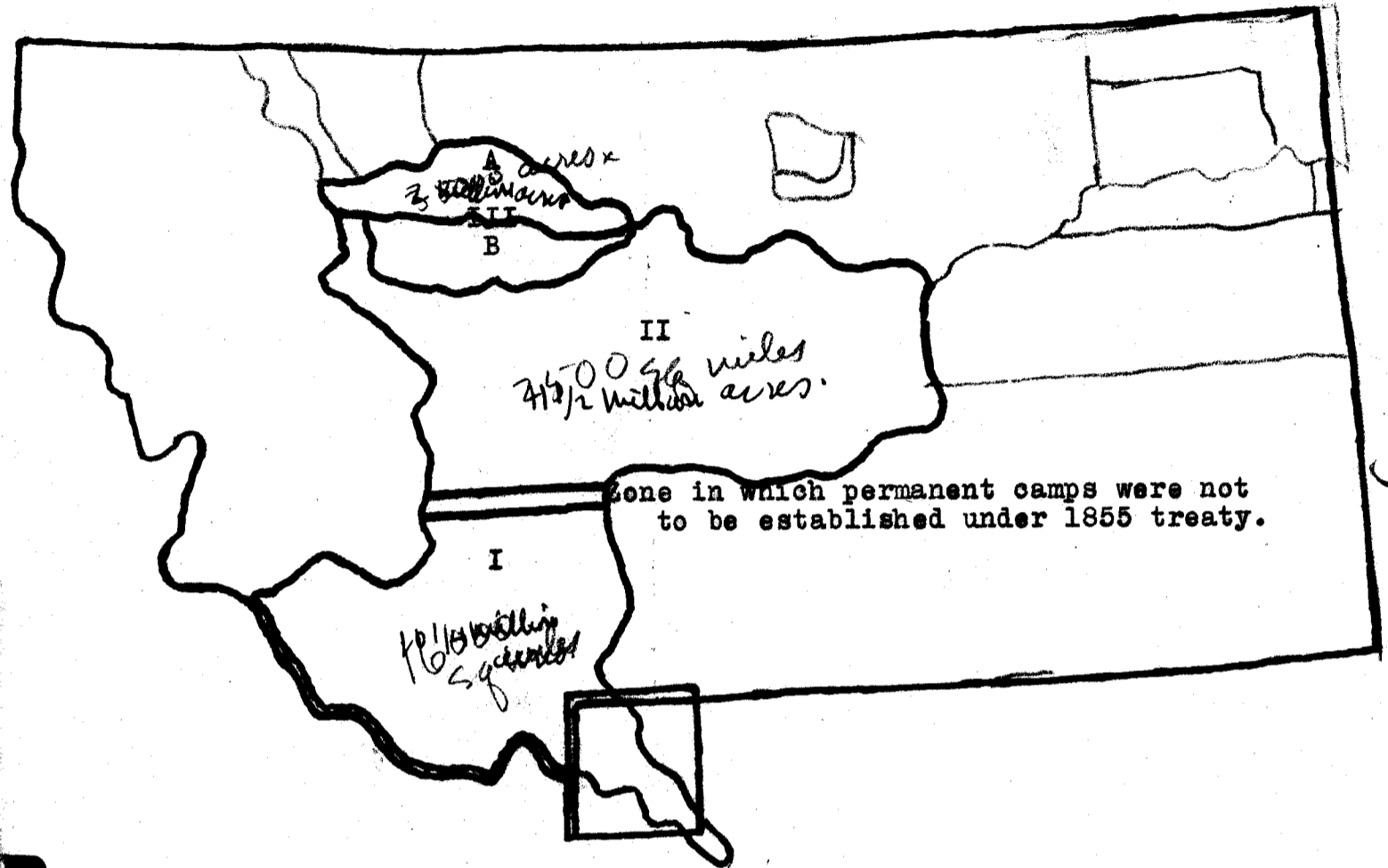
The Blackfeet and Gros Ventres Indians have had some forty thousand dollars, wrongfully charged against their tribal funds.

Suit to recover,

- 1, Forty thousand dollars.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

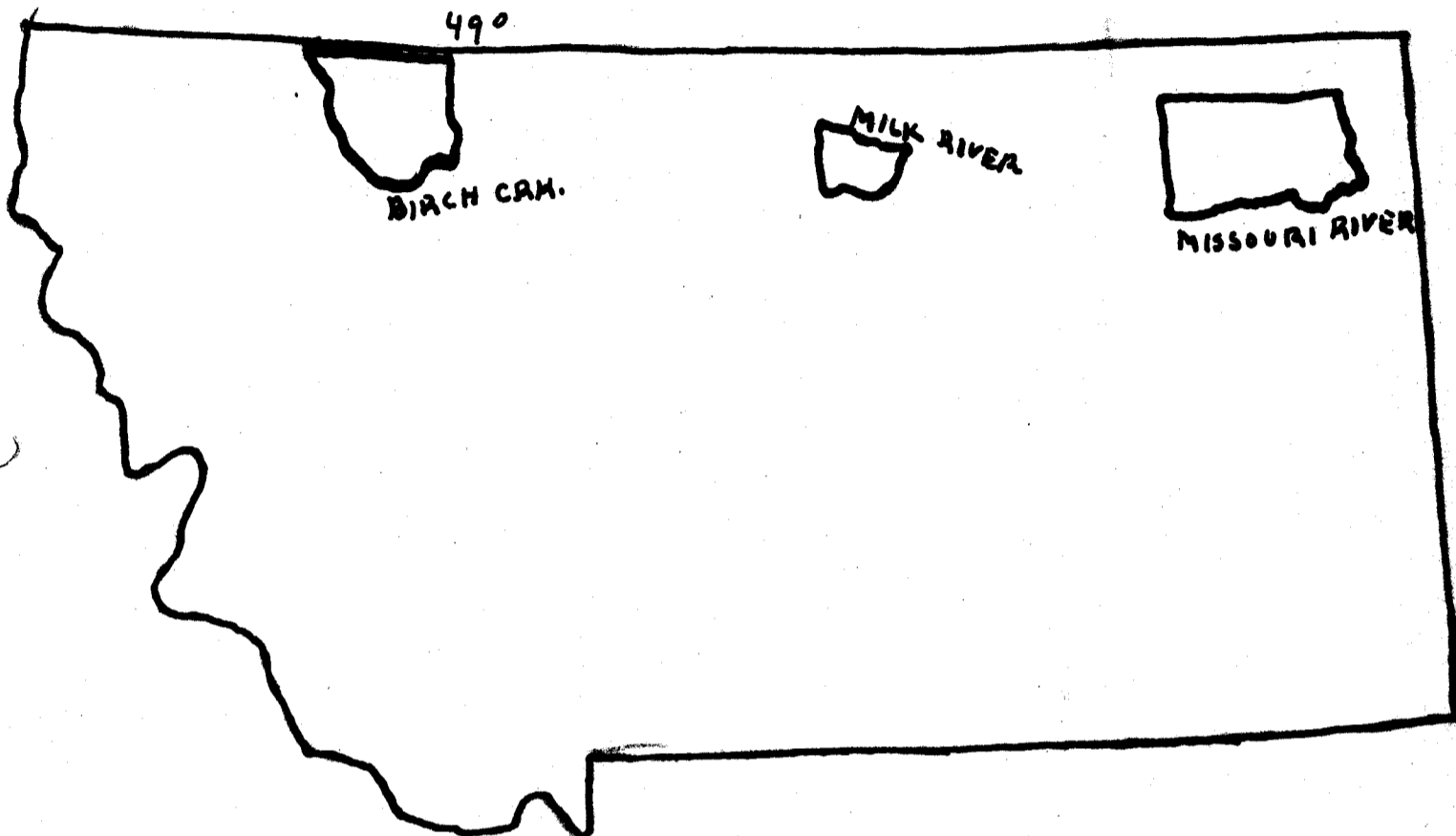
MAP ILLUSTRATING STATEMENT OF CLAIMS TO BE BROUGHT.



"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP XI.

ACT OF JUNE 10, 1896.



PARTIES:

The Indians residing on Fort Belknap, and the Indians residing on the Blackfeet Reservations, with the United States.

TERMS:

Blackfeet relinquished territory on the western limits of their present reservation, and the Gros Ventres and Assiniboines relinquished territory on the southern limits of their present reservation. In return the Blackfeet were to receive approximately one million dollars, and the Gros Ventres and Assiniboines were to receive three hundred and sixty thousand dollars. The treaty was to be ratified before it could be binding on either party.

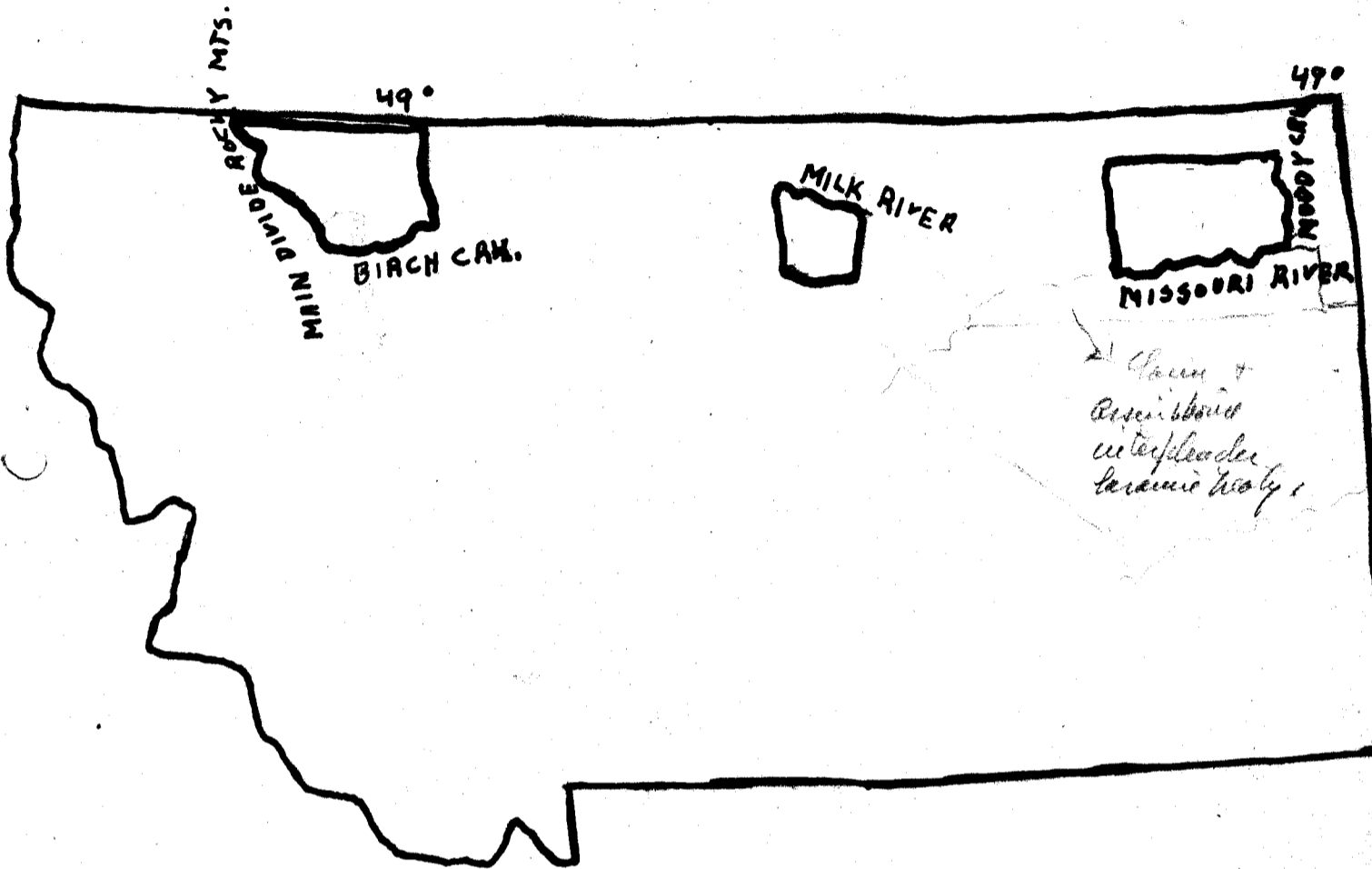
ACTION:

Treaty ratified.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP X.

ACT MAY I, 1888.



PARTIES:

Blackfoot Nation, consisting of the Blackfeet, Piegans, and Bloods, the Gros Ventre and Assiniboines of Fort Belknap, the Assiniboines and Sioux of Fort Peck, and the United States.

TERMS:

Relinquishment by these Indians of all lands held by them north of Birch Creek, the Marias and Missouri Rivers except, the approximate limits of the present reservations of Fort Peck, Fort Belknap, and Blackfeet. The Indians to receive in return the following amounts: Fort Peck Indians, \$165,000.00 a year, for ten years. Fort Belknap Indians, \$115,000.00 a year for ten years. Blackfoot Indians, \$150,000.00 a year for ten years. Treaty not binding until ratified.

ACTION:

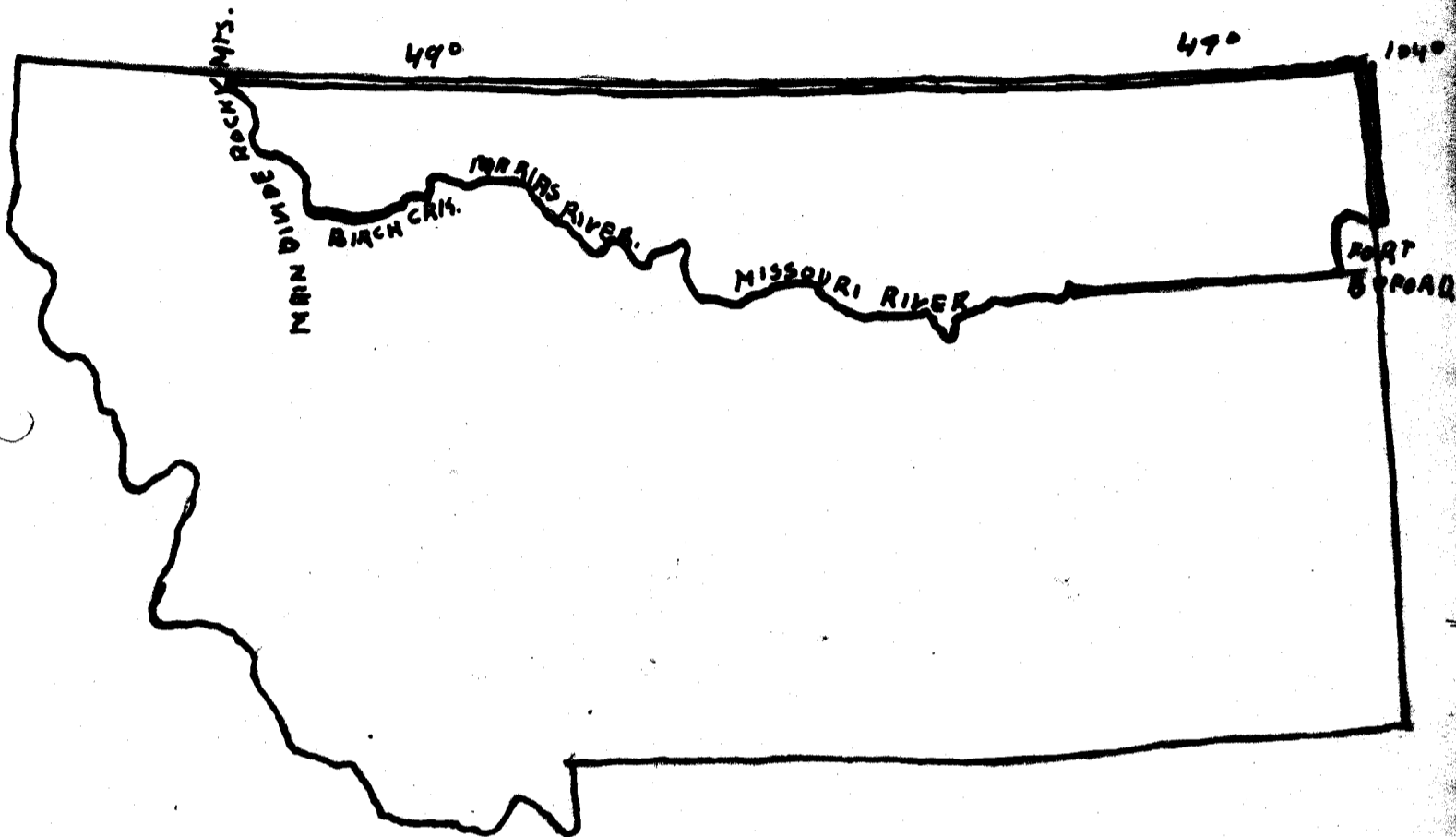
Treaty was ratified.

Note: This leaves out a strip given by Ex. O. July 13, 1880, bounded by the Missouri, and a line drawn due west from the south boundary of Fort Buford Military Reserve to the Missouri. However such territory is within the limits claimed by the Assiniboines under the Caramie Treaty.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP IX.

EXECUTIVE ORDER JULY 13, 1880.



PARTIES:
TERMS:

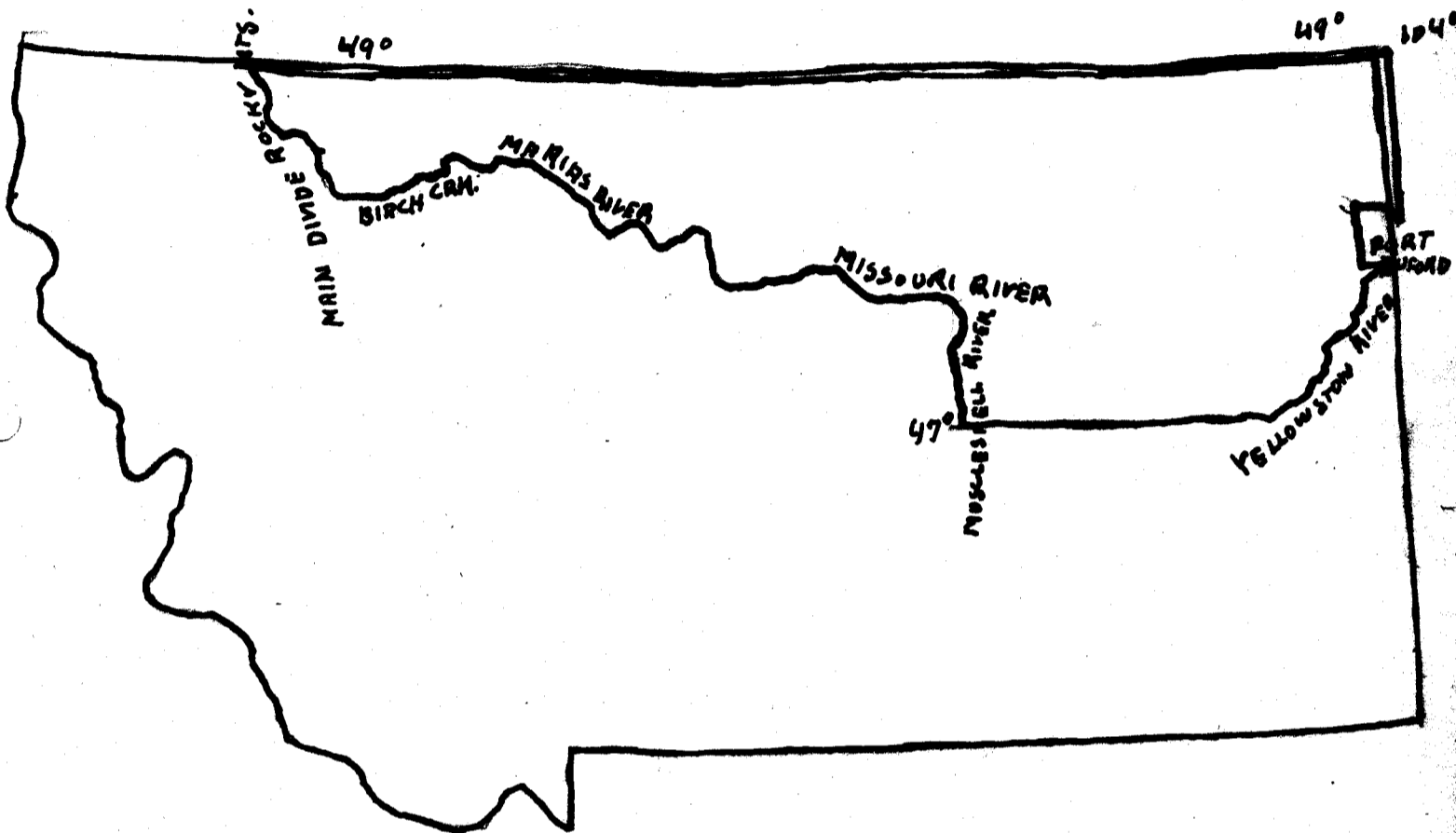
The United States.

Took away lands given by the Executive Order of April 13, 1875, except, a strip south of the Missouri River coextensive with the southern boundary of Fort Buford Military Reservation.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP VIII.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF APRIL 13, 1875.



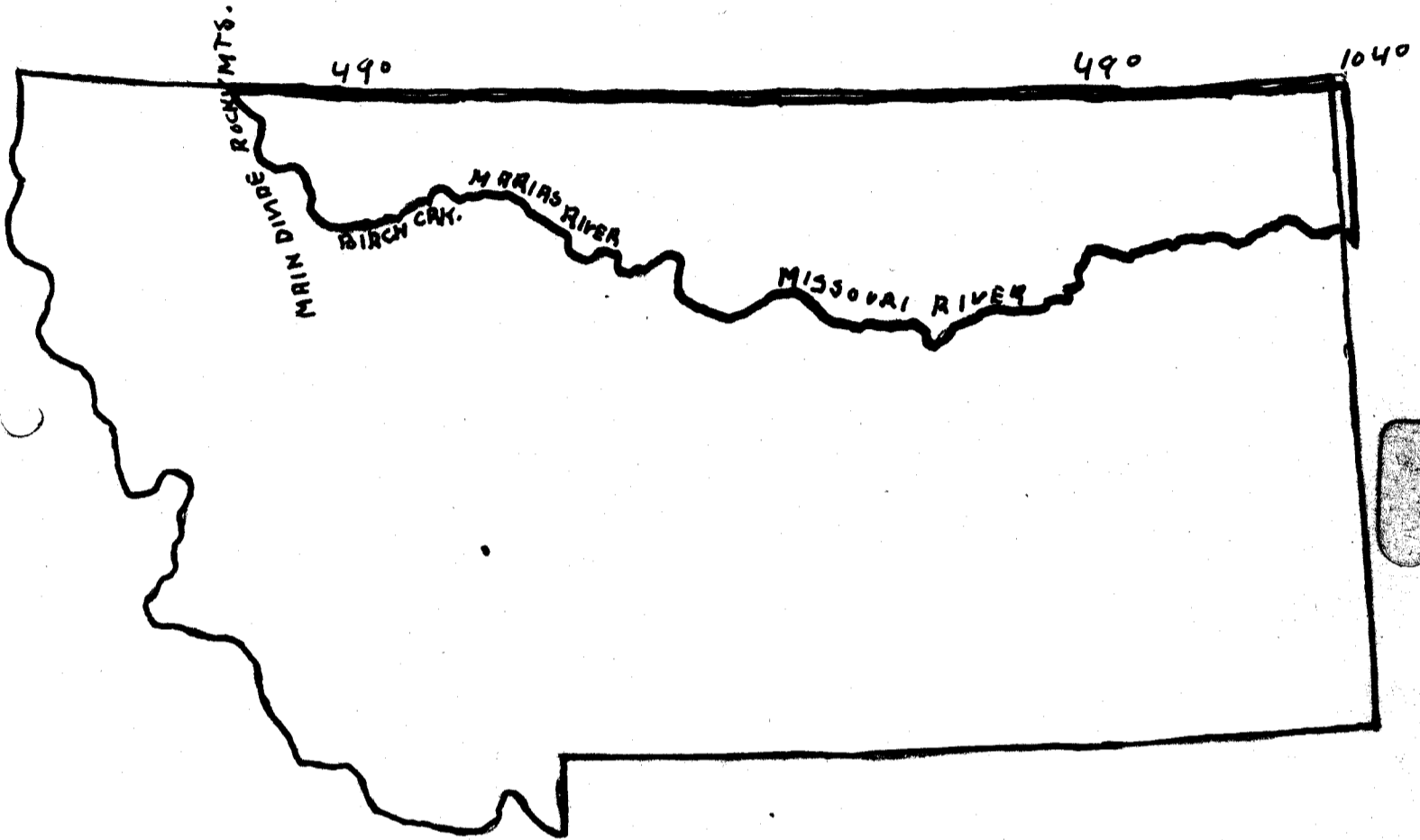
PARTIES:
TERMS:

The United States.
Gave the following tracts to the Blackfeet, Gros Ventres,
and River Crows: bounded on west and north by the
Muscleshell and Missouri Rivers, excluding Fort Buford
Military Reservation, on the east and south by the
Yellowstone River, and on the south by the forty
seventh parallel.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

MAP VII.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF AUGUST 19, 1874.



PARTIES:
TERMS:

The United States.
Opened for settlement all the lands declared to be outside the Territory of the Blackfeet, Gros Ventres, and River Crows, by Act of April 15, 1874, namely, all that country south of Birch Creek, and the Missouri and Marias Rivers.

"BLACKFOOT CLAIM."

BOUNDRIES.

- ROUND BUTTE: Stevens Map: Indian Office Files, Map 29, Tube 16. Carrington's Map, No. 11, in "Absaraka, Land of Massacre," by Mrs. Carrington. Geological Survey Library, Map 2 in "War Department Surveys for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, 1853-1854." Geological Survey Library, Map of General A.H. Terry, - File: U.S. Engineers, D IO, M 200, Map 4633. *Map attached to Indian & White in the Northwest - P. B. Palladino S. J.*
- TWENTY FIVE YARD CREEK: Stevens Map: Indian Office Files, Map 29, Tube 16. Vol. 2, Historical Society of Montana, Contributions, 1896, p. 152, Lt. Bradley's Journal, entry of May 1, 1876. Origin of name given by Bradley. This Creek now known as Shield's Creek. *So named by Capt. Clark in 1804*
- HELL GATE PASS: Stevens Map: Indian Office Files, Map 29, Tube 16. Geological Survey Library, File: U.S. Engineers, D IO, M 200, Maps 9496 and 4603, also Survey of Reynolds and Maynadier, same file, Map 8798. Description of Hell Gate: Geological Survey Library, in "War Department Surveys for a Railroad from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, 1853-1854," Vol. I, p. 43. Same Vol., origin of name given by Lt. Mullan on p. 317. See ~~Vol. I~~ part I, p. 247, same Surveys for Governor Stevens report .
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