

Metis Petition to Join Treaty Four

On September 7, 1876, 30 Metis at Fort Walsh submitted a petition, on behalf of the Metis of the four districts of Assiniboia to join Treaty 4.

To.

Inspectr. J.M. Walsh
N.W.M.Police
Agent for Supt. Gen'l. Indian Affairs
Cypress Hills
N.W. Ty.

Sir:

We the undersigned Half Breeds offer you to day our homage and submit to you the following petition which we present in our names and the names of all our brothers scattered over the Prairie in the 4 districts and we beseech you to give us a favorable hearing.

We ask you first (1)st

That the Government allow us to relinquish our land claims which we understand the Government has granted in the province of Manitoba and in relinquishing such claims that we be admitted into No. 4 Treaty and to reserve the same distribution of annuity money as the Indian and to be treated in Common the same as the Indian is, with the exception that we be privileged to select our own chief.

Secondly (2")

We further respectfully state that never have asked nor yet received the title to said claims.

Thirdly (3)

We further add that we are Half Breeds of the Cree and Saulteaux Tribes, and that we have lived from childhood upon the prairie and adopted the customs of the Indians.

Sincerely trusting this will meet with your favorable consideration we most respectfully subscribe ourselves Her Majesty's most loyal subjects.

September 7, 1876

Signatures,
Ditendu,
This Seventh day
of Sept. 1876,
by J. M. P. P.
M. M. L. C.

Joseph ^{his} Ducharme
_{mark}

Alex. ^{his} Gardy
_{mark}

Pierre ^{his} Cueny
_{mark}

Louis ^{his} Militaire,
_{mark}

Joseph ^{his} Parisien,
_{mark}

Alex. ^{his} Gariepy,
_{mark}

Francois ^{his} Lafontaine
_{mark}

Ernest ^{his} Edou
_{mark}

Joseph ^{his} Lamour,
_{mark}

John ^{his} Wells
_{mark}

Samuel ^{his} Ledoux
_{mark}

Joseph ^{his} Amiot
_{mark}

Pierre ^{his} Serulle
_{mark}

Joseph ^{his} Amiot
_{mark}

Francois ^{his} Amiot
_{mark}

Louis ^{his} Amiot,
_{mark}

Balthaz. ^{his} Belgarde
_{mark}

Gilbert ^{his} Belgarde,
_{mark}

Cyril ^{his} Amelin,
_{mark}

Jean ^{his} Garet
_{mark}

Jarvis ^{his} Poir,
_{mark}

Louis ^{his} St. Odeau, Sr.
_{mark}

Louison ^{his} St. Odeau,
_{mark}

Thompson ^{his} Favel
_{mark}

Louis ^{his} Leveille
_{mark}

Moise ^{his} Edou
_{mark}

Alexis ^{his} Peltier
_{mark}

Balthaz. ^{his} Peltier
_{mark}

Monastier ^{his} Grieroy
_{mark}

Balthaz. ^{his} Le Rocoux
_{mark}

Signatures

Joseph Ducharme
Alex Gardy
Pierre Every
Joseph Amiot
Francois Amiot Jr.
Louis Amiot
Basptiste Belgarde
Gilbert Belgarde
C Amelin
Jean Charet
Xavier Dion
Louis De Coteau Sr.
Louison De Coteau
Humphrey Favel
Louis Leveille
Moise Adam
Alexis Peltier
Baptiste Peltier
Bonaventure Gariepy
Baptiste La Rocque
Louis Militaire
Joseph Parisien
Alex Gariepy
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