

## **Metis Petition of September 2, 1880**

This is a September 2, 1880 Petition from Peter LaPierre and other Metis concerning Metis land claims that subsequently goes unanswered by the government. This petition was addressed to the Marquis of Lorne, "This humble petition of Peter LaPierre, Simon Blondin, John Fisher, Alexander Fisher, John Simpson, Xavier Denomme, and others, Halfbreeds of Qu'Appelle Settlement.

To His Excellency Governor Alexander Morris.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, - The Half-breeds of the Lakes Qu'Appelle and environs, offer you to-day their homage, and submit to you the following petitions, which they present in their name and in the name of all their brethren scattered over the prairies. And beseech you to give them a favorable hearing, and to remember them in the various arrangements that the Government may make with the Indians.

They ask you, 1st, That the Government allow to the Half-breeds the right of keeping the lands which they have taken or which they may take along the River Qu'Appelle. The right of fishing in all the lakes of the above mentioned river. The right of hunting freely in the prairies west and south-west of the lakes Qu'Appelle without being arbitrarily hindered by the Indians but only in virtue of the regulations that the Indians, in concert with the Half-breeds and the Government, shall establish hereafter for the good of all. The right of trading at the Lakes and environs of the Lakes Qu'Appelle.

They ask, 2nd, That the Roman Catholic Mission may have the free and tranquil enjoyment of its possessions and participate in all the privileges and rights of the Half-breeds.

They ask, 3rd, That the Government, in concert with the Indians and the Half-breeds, do make with regard to winter quarters and Buffalo hunting laws which will be of great use to all, such as to prevent wintering too far out in the prairies, and to compel every one to start together for the chase, & c., & c.

Moreover, that the Government establish an authority composed of persons who have the confidence of the people of the place, and charged to manage the affairs of the country, make its laws, see that they are put in force and judge differences.

In all these demands the half-breeds have no intention of depriving the Indians of their rights, but merely claim the recognition and respect of their own, and are disposed to live with the Indians, as with brothers and with friends.

Hoping that these demands will be favourably received, they beg Your Excellency to accept the assurance of their profound respect for you, and of their perfect submission to your Government.

The half-breeds of Lake Qu'Appelle.  
(Signed,) AUGUSTIN BRABANT,  
BAPTISTE DAVIS,  
MICHEL DEJARLAIS,  
MICHAEL KLYINE,  
PETER LAPIERRE,

ANTOINE LAROCQUE,  
JOHN FISHER,  
ALEXANDER FISHER,  
FRANCOIS SEIGNIER,  
ALEX. SWAIN,  
PIERRE FLAMMAND,

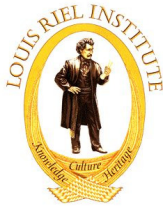
Full list of signatures:

Pierre LaPierre	William Fisher
Simon Blondin Sen.	Geo. Fisher (John's son)
John Fisher	Moise Vallee
Alexander Fisher	Charles Desjarlais
Louison Blondin	James Grant
Zacherie Blondin	Clement Pelletier
Napoleon Blondin	Antoine Larocque Sen.
Antoine Fayant Sen.	Antoine Larocque Jun.
Joseph Blouin	Jean Sinclair Jun.
Xavier Denomme	Louison Flammand
Jean Blondin	Maxime Flammand
Napoleon Hamelin	Pierre Poitras Jun.
Isaie Poitras	William Daniel
Francois Desmarais	Modeste Daniel
Samuel Turcotte	Joseph Daniel
William Fayant	Alexis McKay
Antoine Fayant Jun.	Joseph Parisien
Jean Louis Fayant	Roderick Ross
Francois St. Denis Sen.	Pierre Ross
Baptiste Robillard	Roderick Ross Jun.
Francois St. Denis Jun.	Pierre Ross
Joseph Racette	Alfred Fisher
Charles Racette Sen.	John Simpson Jun.
Toussaint Gallerneau	Andrew Klyne
Thomas LaPierre	George Fisher Sen.
Jean Bapt. Dauphinois	St. Pierre Poitras
Baptiste Laliberte	Bte. Desjarlais
Norbert Welsh	Pierre Desjarlais
Isadore Plante	Isadore Desjarlais
Jean Sinclair Sen.	Joseph Poitras
Mathias Sansregret	Joseph Pellerton Bouvette
Alex. Pellitier	Pierre Pellitier
Hilaire Boucher	Napoleon Pellitier
Edouard St. Germain	Joseph James Grant
Augustine Brabant Sen.	St. Pierre Blondin
Augustine Brabant Jun.	Ambroise Blondin
Michel Desjarlais	Stanislaus Desjarlais
Edbert Desjarlais	Joseph Racette Sen.

Michel Desjarlais  
Thos Sinclair  
Francois St. Denis Sen.  
Alexis Honore  
Cuthbert St. Denis  
Francois Morin  
Xavier Morin  
Xavier Plante  
Pierre Bonneau Sen.  
Pierre Bonneau Jun.  
Charles Bonneau  
Julien Bonneau  
Baptiste Morin  
Camille Morin  
Archy Klyne  
Theophile Klyne  
Elie Bliouin  
Gregoire Ledoux  
Pierre Fisher

Joseph Marion  
R.T. Marion  
Daniel Dumas  
Lazarus Laliberte  
Joseph Delorme  
Thomas Desjarlais  
Mathias Desjarlais  
Alex Larocque  
William Larocque  
Edward Brabant  
William Daniel Jun.  
Joseph LaPierre  
Theophile LaPierre  
Thomas Kavenaugh on behalf of  
Elisa Klyne, his wife  
Thomas Kelly, on behalf of his wife  
Veronique Klyne  
Joseph Hugomardt Ptre, O.M.I  
Louis Boucher

114 signatures (includes 2 wives listed)



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