

1 and 2 Geo. IV, and it has not been proved that Lake Puant is part of the territories of Great Britain. It is proved to be without the limits of the Hudson's Bay Territory and it does not appear that the authority of British laws or government ever extended to Lake Puant or its immediate neighbourhood.

It has, indeed, been proved that Cadien was the hired interpreter of the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Normand, but assuming that he was born of a foreign woman in a foreign country, it cannot be pretended that his being the hired servant of British merchants made him a British subject: A Chinese employed as interpreter or servant to the British merchants at Canton would still be a subject of the Celestial, not of the British Empire.

In, respectfully, submitting my doubts to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, the principal object I have in view is to acquit my own conscience, and I am not without hope that my observations may be of some use to the Representative of my Sovereign in the arduous task of administering justice in mercy.

I have &c.,

Signed, VALLIERES DE ST. REAL,
Resident Judge.

Colonel Rowan, Civil Secretary,
Montreal.

Letter of Catholic Clergy to His Excellency asking for a further respite:

Three Rivers, 13th April, 1838.

Sir,—We have learnt, with pain, from your letter to one of us, the Reverend Thomas Cooke of the 11th instant, in answer to the petition signed by us and several of the inhabitants of Three Rivers, that His Excellency the administrator of the Government, has come to the conclusion that the case of Baptiste Cadien, now lying under sentence of death for murder, is not one in which the Executive Government can interfere.

We had hoped that the opinion of the two Honorable Judges before whom and the Honorable the Chief Justice of Montreal, the unfortunate man was tried, that serious doubts

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