

EXHIBIT No. 18

[Translation]

Saint-Antoine, April 9th., 1885.

To the Half-breeds and Indians of Fort Bataille and vicinity.

Since we wrote to you, important things have occurred. The police attacked us. We met them. ~~God has given us a victory.~~ Thirty Half-breeds and five Crees stood the fight against one hundred and twenty men. After fighting during thirty-eight or forty minutes, the enemy took flight.

Bless God with us for the success that he has had the charity to give us. Rise up. Face the police. If possible, if it is not done yet, take Fort Bataille. Destroy it. Save all the provisions and goods and come and join us. You are in sufficient numbers to send us a detachment forty or fifty strong.

All that you do, do it for the sake of God Almighty, under the keeping of Jesus-Christ, the Holy Virgin, St. Joseph and St. Jean-Baptiste.

Be convinced that Faith works wonders.

LOUIS "DAVID" RIEL, *Exovede.*

PIERRE PARENTEAU,
CHARLES TROTTIER,
BTE. BOUCHER,
PIERRE HENRY,
ANT. JOBIN,

DONALD ROSS,
PIERRE GARIÉPY,
DAMASE CARRIÈRE,
M. LÉPINE,
P. H. GARNOT, *secretary.*

EXHIBIT No. 19.

Major General Frederick Middleton,

General,—I have received only to-day yours of the 13th instant. My council are dispersed, I wish you would let them quiet and free. I hear that presently you are absent. Would I go to Batoche, who is going to receive me? I will go to fulfil God's will.

LOUIS "DAVID" RIEL, *Exovede.*

15th May, 1885.

EXHIBIT No. 20.

Duck Lake, March, 27th, 1885.

TO MAJOR CROZIER, COMMANDING OFFICER FORT CARLTON.

Sir,—A calamity has fallen upon the country yesterday, you are responsible for it before God and men.

Your men cannot claim that their intentions were peaceable since they were bringing along cannons. And they fired many shots first.

God has been pleased to grant us the victory, and as our movement is to save our lives, our victory is good, and we offer it to the Almighty.

Major, we are Christians in war as in peace. We write in the name of God and of humanity to come and take away your dead whom we respect. Come and take them tomorrow before noon.