

was on the side of England an abandonment and a profanation of her duties of suzerain. And, since the history of her domination proves, in an irrecusable manner, the fact that she has been guilty of such a criminal abandonment, I avail myself of it. I invoke that international treason, which she has nourished the culpable growth from 1670 to 1849. I denounce the system of robbery in which she has persisted during one hundred and seventy-nine years. I declare that England has long ago forfeited all her rights to govern the North-west.

I declare my country free from her yoke and her tyranny, supplicating God, whom I adore most reverently, to sustain me and to sustain my declaration ; I pray mankind to help me as much as circumstances will permit, as much as Providence will enable it to do so.

LOUIS DAVID RIEL.

RIEL'S LETTER TO THE "IRISH WORLD."

AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE.

To the Citizens of the United States of America :

FELLOW-MEN :—The outside world has heard but little of my people since the beginning of this war in the North-west Territory, and that little has been related by agents and apologists of the bloodthirsty British Empire. As of old, England's infernal machination of FALSEHOOD has been employed to defame our character, to misrepresent our motives, and to brand our soldiers