

That whilst residing there he was prevailed upon to go to Canada to intercede for the oppressed inhabitants of the Canadian northwest territory ;

That while residing temporarily there he was arraigned and indicted for high treason against Her Majesty the Queen of England ;

That during the month of July last he was put upon his trial, which resulted in his conviction and sentence of death ;

That, as your petitioners are credibly informed, his trial was not only not impartial, but that he was deprived of giving evidence which might have shown him entirely innocent of the offense of which he was accused ;

That under the then existing political excitement in Canada, resulting in a measure from questions bearing upon the rights of the people for whom he was contending, he was deprived of the means of making his best defense, and that his trial was unfair, partial, and unjust ;

That, as your petitioners are advised and believe, the court before whom he was tried was without jurisdiction, and that his conviction was unsupported by the evidence and contrary to law.

Your petitioners therefore ask such interposition on the part of the United States Government as may seem reasonable and just for the relief and protection of one of its adopted citizens, now languishing under the sentence of death by a foreign court.

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1885.

A. E. MANSEAU,
PIERRE GAGNIER,
LOUIS G. LA FONTAINE,
and sixty-six others.

[Inclosure 2.]

Copy of the naturalization certificate of Louis David Riel.

In the United States district court of the third judicial district of the Territory of Montana.

Present, Hon. D. S. Wade, judge.

In the matter of the application of Louis David Riel, an alien, to become a citizen of the United States of America.

In open court, March term, A. D. 1883, this 16th day of March, A. D. 1883, as yet of said term.

It appearing to the satisfaction of this court, by the oaths of E. L. Merrill and Lem Jerome, citizens of the United States of America, witnesses for that purpose, first duly sworn and examined, that Louis David Riel, a native of Canada, has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States five years at least, last past, and within the Territory of Montana for one year last past ; and that during all of said five years' time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same ; and it also appearing to the court, by competent evidence, that the said applicant has heretofore, and more than two years since, and in due form of law, declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States : and having now here, before this court, taken an oath that he will support the Constitution of the United States of America, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, it is therefore ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that the said Louis David Riel be, and he is hereby, admitted and declared to be a citizen of the United States of America.

D. S. WADE,
Judge.

Signature: LOUIS DAVID RIEL.

Office of the clerk of the United States district court of the third judicial district of the Territory of Montana, ss :

I, B. H. Tatem, clerk of the United States district court of the third judicial district of the Territory of Montana, said court being a court of record having common law jurisdiction and a clerk and seal, do certify that the above is a true copy of the