

to their families among the white immigrants who are establishing themselves in the North-West Territory;

That it may please your council to obtain for the undersigned a section of land for a special reserve, perpetual and inalienable, upon which they can establish themselves in a permanent manner, and fix their families, to the exclusion of all whites, except such employees as the Government shall find proper to send there, according to the needs of the population.

3. Your petitioners would respectfully represent to your council their desire to have defined the situation and limit of the reserve above mentioned, as follows:—

Commencing at a point upon the international line, where crossed by the Pembina River; thence running west along said line 150 miles; thence at right angles, north, 50 miles; thence due east, 150 miles; thence due south, 50 miles, to point of beginning.

4. Your petitioners beg leave to state to your council that the land above described is the only one offering to the half-breeds the requisite facilities for a permanent home.

5. Considering the state of poverty in which the half-breeds are at present, that the above mentioned trail may be given to them in such a way that they can live thereon free from taxes, &c., whether for ever or for a sufficient term of years, that at the end they can pay them without detriment to their families.

They demand, for the same reason, that they will be allowed school houses, school masters and school mistresses, whose expenses shall be defrayed by the Government; also churches, and the priests of their religion.

2nd. For the sure and speedy advancement of the half-breeds, they ask to be allowed mechanics, to whom they can apply in time of need, and by whom they may be taught the various necessary arts of civilized life, as blacksmiths, carpenters, shoemakers, &c.

3rd. For the first five years of their establishment they may be given seeds according to their need.

And your petitioners will always ask, &c.

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