

denied the rights to which he was entitled as an American citizen, and we would most respectfully petition you in your official capacity to inquire into the matter of said trial, and if said Riel has been denied his rights as an American citizen, that you will use your utmost power, with due regard to the honor and integrity of the United States, to secure him his rights.

JOHN LAMARINE,
MEDDIE SCOTT,
FRANK LOVELY,
M. R. BROWN,
W. C. SMITH,
ALPHONSE ALLAIRE,
C. E. BRUMMETT,
and fifty-eight others.

Hon. THOMAS F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State.

No. 6.

Mr. A. Choquet to Mr. Bayard.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 15, 1885. (Received October 16.)

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the petition of the French Canadians, citizens of the United States, residing in the city of Rochester, N. Y., praying for the interference of the United States Government in favor of the poor and insane Louis David Riel, now languishing in jail at Regina, Northwest Territory of Canada, under sentence of death.

I have delayed the transmission of this petition until I received an authentic copy of the certificate of naturalization of Riel, which came to me only a few days ago.

By my former personal acquaintance with Riel, and with the recent information received from reliable parties, I am convinced that Riel is now insane.

I would therefore humbly suggest that this fact be ascertained by the United States Government to prevent, in case of failure of the appeal now pending before the privy council of England, the hanging of an unfortunate insane citizen of the United States.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

AMBROSE CHOQUET,
Counselor at Law, 11 and 12 Elwood Building, Rochester, N. Y.

[Inclosure 1.]

Petition of French-Canadian citizens of the United States residing at Rochester, N. Y.

To the Hon. T. F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State of the United States:

The undersigned, citizens of the United States and of French-Canadian nationality, respectfully represent, as they are credibly informed and verily believe:

That Louis David Riel is, and was at the time of his trial, a naturalized citizen of the United States, and had for many years and up to the time of the troubles in which he became involved in Canada, resided at Montana, in the United States, where he was engaged as a teacher;