

May 30, 1870

To His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

1 We Seventy-three Principal Indians of Portage la Prairie think well to send to you, a statement of resolutions passed by us, at a council held here today, May 30, 1870.

2 We this day, and for the future, or until such a time, that a treaty be made with us, are determined to stand by what we pass at this council. It is true that the Settlers do not look at us in the light they ought to---at this time, we are thinking a great deal of how they have treated us and how they are treating us at the present.

3 Why we think so much at the present time, is, because they come about searching our tents, and carrying away our people to other lands, when we think they have no business with us at all.

4 We 73 in all, at this council agree that if any of our people are taken prisoners again, as they have been taken prisoners before, we are determined to stand up for our own rights. We resolve at this council that if any of our people are taken by force from shall be paid to us the sum of five pounds Sterling for doing so. Also for everyday that he is detained, we require for him the sum of one pound (£) per day-or if he should be imprisoned, we demand the sum of five pounds per day for every day he is retained in gaol.

5 Why we pass these resolutions at our council held today is because that we never have yet, seen or received anything for the land and the woods that belong to us, and the settlers use to enrich themselves. We might not have felt so hard at the present at the usage we have rec'd of late, had we ever rec'd any remuneration for the said lands and woods that rightly belong to us. So we feel fully justified in passing these laws amongst ourselves and for our own protection.

6 We feel sorry to have to express these resolutions at our Council to-day but stern necessity compels us to do so. We always thought and wished to be friendly with you (the settlers) but can now see that you look upon us as children and we feel that you are treating us the same. What was said last fall by the Governor we still remember it all.

7 We were promised by Governor Archibald that we should be treated with in early this spring and that there should be a law for the white man and a law for us, and that we should assist in making that law.

Respect  
General Council  
to Council  
no morder  
no stealing  
no covetous

Signed,  
Yellow Quill X his mark  
lei-te-pee-tung X his mark  
Moose X his mark

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before, we are determined to stand up for our own rights.

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Signed Yellow<sup>his</sup> + Lull<sup>Ch</sup>  
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Resolutions of  
Injunctions at  
Portage.

Tei se. pee sung.  
his  
+  
mark.

Moosose  
his  
+  
Mark.

his  
Shoosoub  
Mark.

Yema Lull  
Chief of the band

Canada and Ontario