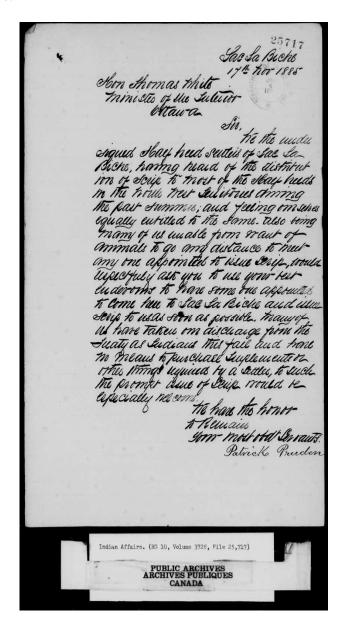
Metis of Peeayis Band Petition to Leave Treaty

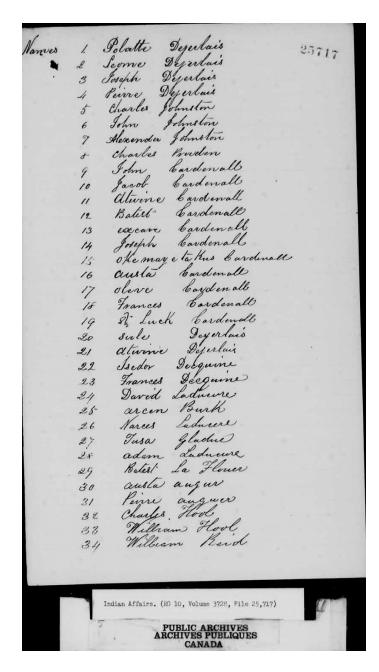
On November 27, 1885 at Lac la Biche, the Metis of Peeayis Band asked to withdraw from treaty under the provision that the Half Breed Commission not deduct annuities previously paid to them. Chief *Peeaysis* signed Treaty No. 6 in 1876. Patrick Pruden wrote the petition's covering letter. Fifty-seven Half Breed heads of families applied; see the list that follows.



Patrick Pruden. (b. 1842)

Patrick Pruden was born on January 17, 1842 the son of Arthur Pruden and Charlotte Small. His father was a chief trader at Carlton House and Patrick also worked for the HBC. Patrick married Elizabeth Bruneau the daughter of Michel Bruneau and Catherine

Ladouceur in 1864 at Lac la Biche. They had thirteen children. Patrick died on June 14, 1921.



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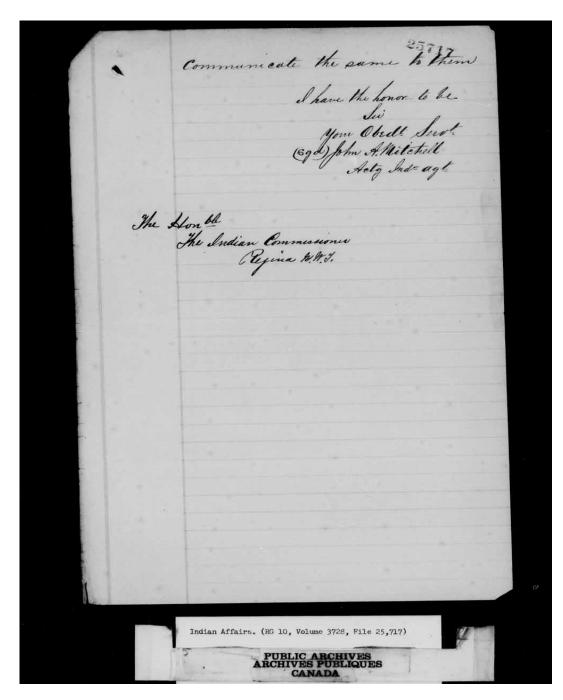
It is clear from the Indian Agent's letter that follows that these families were induced to leave treaty by Deputy Commissioner Hayter Reed in order to produce cost savings for Indian Affairs.

Indian Office Victoria B.M. J. 1265 I beg to report that or my arrival at Lac la Biche. Commencing the payment annuity monies at that I called together the Half breed Commo. members of Tecaysis Band and in to me assist Commissioner Red and endorsed by him in a letter dated Edmonton 13th October 1883 I offered them the opportunity of with-Treaty under the provision of Section 14 of Indian act of 1880 Alter some toplanations were made they agreed to with draw. but only on Condition that the deduction made by the Half-- breed Commissioner from Treaty Halfbreids in the Edmontor District for amount of amount not be made from them my Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3728, File 25,717) PUBLIC ARCHIVES ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES CANADA

My interpretations of the 4th Section of Chap 27-47 " Victoria. leading me to undustand that such was the intention of the Department. I have accepted their withdrawals on the under - Standing that the Condition which they althoch should be acceded On the Strength of your telegram to Mr. Reled at Edmonton I have promised that Scrip will be issued them at as early a date as it is possible to appoint Commissioners to do the work at their request of enclose a petition Signed by seven Halfbreeds heads of families. resident lat Lacla Biche prayin that the Scrip to which theyare entitled be granted without further dellay I have to request that you will Kindly forward the same to the Honorable the Minister of the Interior to whom it is derected for his consideration The

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 3728, File 25,717)

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