



LOWER FORT GARRY, RED RIVER SETTLEMENT,  
DECEMBER 9, 1869.

To all whom it may Concern—

By certain printed papers of late put in circulation by the French party, communication with the Lieutenant-Governor is indicated with a view to laying before him alleged rights on the part of those now in arms.

I THINK that course very desirable, and that it would lead to good results.

UNDER the belief that the party in arms are sincere in their desire for peace, and feeling that to abandon for the present the call on the loyal to arms, would, in view of such communication, relieve the situation of much embarrassment, and so contribute to bring about peace and save the country from what will otherwise end in ruin and desolation, I now call on and order the loyal party in the North-West Territories to cease further action under the appeal to arms made by me; and I call on the French party to satisfy the people of their sincerity in wishing for a peaceful ending of these troubles by sending a deputation to the Lieutenant-Governor at Pembina without unnecessary delay.

GIVEN under my hand at the Lower Fort Garry this 9th day of December, 1869.

J. S. DENNIS,  
*Lieutenant and Conservator of the Peace  
in and for the North-West Territories.*

Note from John Stoughton Dennis, civil servant  
from Canada, to the Red River Settlement,  
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