

Glenn Dutchess County New York Jan 22, 1858.

Hon. Chester Butler, Maj. A. Dialuck & others a
Committee of and in behalf of the Wyoming sufferers.

Sir -

My attention has been called
to the proceedings of a meeting of the Wyoming
sufferers held at Wilkesbarre Nov. 7. 1857 - as
published in The Republican Farmer of Nov. 15 -
by a Mrs. Ropell of this place, at whose request
I write this letter -

The maiden name of this woman was
Catherine Matthieson. Her father's name was Constant
Matthieson one of the Wyoming settlers, and enlisted
early in the regular service and was killed at
Mud Fort Nov. 1787 - at which time, she his
only child was an infant some four months old,
with her mother in the settlement. They afterwards
made their escape the day before the massacre in
1778 - and found their way to this county, after having
suffered every thing but death; and here her mother
died some years ago, & she remains still among the

living; neither she nor her mother, nor otherwise
to beginning, nor did they ever obtain any part
of their property, or furniture, of which, they were
as she was informed by her mother, possessed at
the time ^{to a} considerable amount -

She is now the wife of Herman Ropick and
the mother of a large family of children - They
are in low circumstances, he being worth perhaps
\$1000 in all - He is upwards of 70 years old
and she 60 -

After reading the Memorial & proceedings
of your meeting I do not know that any thing
is to be, or ought to be done by me to further
the object of your Memorial to Congress - I have
however written a letter to the Hon. C. Litch Member
of Congress from this district requesting his attention
to the subject -

If any thing is required of me and you
will please to indicate it to me, it shall be
attended to in the most prompt manner.

Your answer to this letter will be looked for with
much anxiety by this woman - Direct your
letter to me at this office -

— and your most obedient
and humble servant —

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