

pecuniary aid we cannot move from home with our families.

We are, &c.,
 (Signed) KENNETH MACKINTOSH.
 FINLAY MACRAE.
 JOHN MACLENNAN.
 LEWIS MACLENNAN.
 MURDO GRANT.
 HUGH ROSS.

No. 22.

ROBERT IRVINE to the UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

Asta, Tingwall Parish, Shetland,
 September 19, 1888.

SIR,
 REFERRING to my letter and your kind reply some time ago, may I hope you will excuse me again writing you in view of the fact that I am informed that early application may be necessary, provided the Government grant assistance to emigrants to America next spring. I am most anxious to remove, having no chance here, and trust you will be pleased to keep this, my application, in view, and, if possible, be pleased to assist me and my family to remove to Manitoba or other likely place. I have no excuse other than my anxiety to do better and enable me to support myself and family in a quarter where I could earn a home.

I am, &c.,
 (Signed) for ROBERT IRVINE,
 R. S.

No. 23.

ROBERT IRVINE to Mr. McNEILL.

Asta, Tingwall Parish, Shetland,
 September 29, 1888.

DEAR SIR,

I BEG to write you to ask if you would be pleased to say whether you could consider my case, and assist me to emigrate to Manitoba. I applied a few months since to the Secretary for Scotland, and was informed that Government assistance was stopped for this year; may I hope in getting a chance in spring. I am the son of a crofter, 26 years of age, and just now employed on a farm here. I am married and have three children, and would be most anxious, if possible, to find a home of my own in a place where I could, even after a time, make a living. I have good certificates, am healthy, willing, and able to work, but here I have no chance and no prospect of soon getting a croft. Please help me if you can.

I am, &c.,
 (Signed) ROBT. IRVINE,
 J. W. S.
