

No. 3.

The SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY to the UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, April 12, 1888.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had before them the proposals for a scheme of colonisation for the crofters and cottars of the congested districts of the western highlands and islands, as set forth in the memorandum which accompanied your letter of yesterday's date, and they desire me to signify their assent thereto, subject to the condition that Parliament shall be asked to vote the proposed advance of 10,000*l*.

I have, &c.,

W. L. JACKSON.

No. 4.

The UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to the UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

SIR,

Downing Street, April 16, 1888.

I AM directed by Lord Knutsford to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, transmitting three copies of a scheme of colonisation for the crofters and cottars of the congested districts of the western highlands and islands of Scotland, and requesting that his Lordship should obtain, if possible, the concurrence of the Government of Canada in the proposals contained in the scheme.

In reply I am to forward to you, for the information of the Marquis of Lothian, the accompanying copy of a Despatch which has been addressed to the Governor-General of Canada on the subject.

I am, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD.

11 April 1888.

Enclosure in No. 4.

LORD KNUTSFORD to the MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE.

(Canada.)

(No. 106.)

MY LORD,

Downing Street, April 11, 1888.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, for the consideration of your Ministers, a copy of a colonisation scheme which has been approved by Her Majesty's Government. The matter is one to which Her Majesty's Government attach great importance, as it is very desirable, and indeed necessary, that some plan should be speedily carried into effect for relieving the congested districts of the western highlands.

2. It will be observed that every assistance has been promised by the principal land companies and by the officers of the Canadian Pacific Railway; and I earnestly hope that your Government will give their sanction to the scheme, and agree (1) to appoint one member of the proposed board as suggested in paragraph 2; (2) to give the free grants of land as suggested in paragraph 6, and to render such assistance as is also there referred to, through the High Commissioner in London and through their emigration agents in Canada; and (3) to procure such legislation as may be necessary to constitute the board a corporation capable of suing and being sued, and to vest in it such other powers as may be necessary to enable it to give full working effect to the scheme.

3. It will be seen that no pecuniary liability will attach to the Canadian Government, and that the duty of collecting the instalments of capital and interest will rest on the proposed board and not on the Dominion officers, and I trust therefore that your Government will not see any objection to