

may be deemed convenient. Whereas a few families from this district anxious of taking advantage of the Government Emigration Scheme, and as I am also a head of a family wishing to emigrate, I am instructed by others to solicit your Lordship's favour by giving the information herein stated.

(1.) If cottar families are to receive the benefits accruing from the Government Emigration Scheme.

(2.) If there is any provision made to enable emigrants to procure the common necessities of life until they are able to raise the first crop in their new homes.

(3.) If any of the money is to be given for outfitting before emigrating. An early reply to the foregoing queries will much oblige me and others.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ALEXR. BARNETSON.

No. 17.

ALEXANDER MACDONALD to Mr. MALCOLM McNEILL.

Illeray, North Uist, Lochmaddy,
June 5, 1888.

SIR,

As I understand you are the Government emigration agent for the Highlands, I beg most respectfully to offer myself and family, consisting of eight, the eldest of the family 14 years and the youngest two years. I am anxious to emigrate to British Columbia, as I have no way to support myself and family in this remote island, so I hope that you will grant me Government money to enable me to emigrate to aforesaid place. My certificates for character and ability as agricultural labourer I will send you on application.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Senior.

No. 18.

ROBERT IRVINE to the SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY.

Asta, Tingwall Parish, Shetland,
Scotland, June 6, 1888.

DEAR SIR,

BEING informed that the Government may assist agricultural emigrants to settle in America, I beg to ask if so if I may hope in getting help to leave these islands. I am 26 years of age, married, and have three children. I am the son of a crofter, have wrought on it and larger farms ever since I could do any kind of work. I know farming well, and have also some experience in sheep stock. My references are first class, but I have not sufficient means to remove, and would gladly comply with any reasonable terms to enable me to remove from Shetland. I trust you will be pleased to give my case your favourable consideration, and that I may hear from you.

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