

No. 29.

ANGUS M'DONALD to Mr. McNEILL.

Killarney, Manitoba,
August 26, 1888.

DEAR SIR,

I WROTE this note for to thanks the Government of england for the great kindness they did for us as to sent us to this blace there is not a blace in the world better than hear. Now Sir they are all senting there kind regarts & best wishes to Mr. M'Neil as we got every thing that was prommised to us all right & More with it we are all settlet in a very good land, Dear Sir I hope you will be so kind as to do this for Me if you ever go to Stornoway on the same dudy for emigrants Men for Manitoba as to give My father family a chence of comming as I took a land for them. Mr. Scarth the head Man we hat he give Me a land for My father family & I would be very much oblitge Mr. M'Neil for giving them a chence if there is eney chence to be given My father address Alexander M'Donald Back by Stornoway Lewis.

I am Senting My best regarts to Mr. M'Neil.

I am yors Truly
(Signed) ANGUS M'DONALD
Killarney Manitoba
Section 9.5.17 Canada
North West America.

No. 30.

EXTRACT from the SCOTSMAN, Friday, October 12.
1888.

The CROFTERS COMMISSION in the LEWS.

The following is the letter sent to Sheriff Brand by the Barvas crofters, which was referred to at the end of our yesterday's report:—

Lower Barvas, Island of Lewis,
August 4, 1888.

Sheriff Brand, Chairman Royal Commission,
Lochinver.

HONOURABLE SIR,

I AM authorised to enclose this statement in order to show cause why we have been unable to pay rents and arrears for our crofts. The crofters of Barvas, in common with their fellow Lewismen throughout, are uneducated. There are about 95 per cent. of them who can neither read nor write. This is the verdict of the late lamented Sheriff Black, who was a true and upright gentleman. Consequently, we are not able to fill up the legal forms you sent us. Neither can any of the crofters at present pay a lawyer to fill them up. We are even unable to pay the small charge which the crofters' agent demanded for filling up our application forms. The case of the crofters here is hopeless. We are willing to abide by your verdict, and to do all to meet our lawful obligations after you fix our rents and wipe out our arrears. We have a few head of stirks and cattle, for which we were offered 30s. each,