

I am to add that this advance is made on condition that the private subscriptions in the hands of the Lord Provost of Glasgow, to the amount of at least 700*l.*, will be at once placed at the same account, and that the Secretary for Scotland will be responsible for the proper application of the money.

I am to state that my Lords must leave to Lord Lothian the arrangements necessary for remitting any portion of the funds to Canada, or to Mr. McNeill; but they assent to the amount (100*l.*) as the limit of the imprest to be given to Mr. McNeill.

Any unavoidable expenses incurred in connexion with this service should be charged to the general account, and included in the supplementary estimate which will have to be presented this session for repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

My Lords await the promised further communication as to the emigration Board, in connexion with which they have received a letter from the Colonial Office, copy of which is herewith sent for your information.

I am, &c.,

R. E. WELBY.

Enclosure in No. 11.

The UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to the SECRETARY
TO THE TREASURY.

SIR,

Downing Street, May 4, 1888.

I AM directed by Lord Knutsford to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, relative to the proposed Scheme of Colonisation for the Crofters and Cottars of the western highlands of Scotland, and to state, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that the Canadian Government have replied by telegraph that they "will co-operate in the scheme in the manner suggested" by Her Majesty's Government, and as they had before them the full details of the arrangements as to the appointment of the proposed Board, the words quoted above would appear to constitute an acceptance of these arrangements, which may therefore be taken to be complete in principle.

A draft Bill has been prepared by the Lord Advocate for enabling the Board to act under the provisions of the Canadian Land Laws, and was submitted by telegraph on the 3rd instant to the Governor-General, with a view of its being enacted, subject to any modifications thought necessary by the Canadian Government, by the Dominion Parliament in its present session.

I am to add that it does not appear to Lord Knutsford that any Imperial legislation is necessary, but that the actual constitution of the Board cannot be completed until the private subscribers are in a position to nominate a member.

Lord Knutsford would suggest that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury should communicate direct with the Secretary for Scotland respecting the employment of an emigration agent, and the provision of the funds necessary to enable him to carry-out the work entrusted to him.

I am, &c.,

EDWARD WINGFIELD.
