

The details of the board and the remuneration of the emigration agent, &c. will therefore form the subject of a later communication. The following arrangements have, however, in the meantime been carried out to meet the wishes of the Government:—

The Secretary for Scotland has at once despatched Mr. McNeill of the Board of Supervision to the Lews, where he now is, for the purpose of sending out 25 families from that district to Canada, if possible, in the course of next week; and arrangements have also been made at Glasgow with the emigration officer of the Canadian Government and with the Allan line of steamers, acting in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to render Mr. McNeill every assistance on his arrival there with the emigrants.

It has also been arranged with the Lord Provost of Glasgow that the private subscriptions, which at present amount to 700*l.*, will, on request, be placed with any named banker to the account of the Secretary for Scotland.

The Secretary for Scotland is therefore of opinion, subject to their Lordships' approval, that the best course would be that the private subscriptions should be paid into the account (in the books of the "Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer") of the Secretary for Scotland (Crofter and Cottar Colonisation Scheme), and that their Lordships should authorise the money to be advanced by the Treasury to be paid in a like manner *pari passu* with the private subscriptions.

If their Lordships are agreeable to this arrangement, the Lord Provost will be requested to pay in the 700*l.* now in his hands, the proportion payable by the Treasury being 3,500*l.*

It must of course be borne in mind that the greater portion of this money will ultimately have to be remitted to Canada, because only about one-third of the sum advanced to each family will be required for their passage money and petty advances.

The Secretary for Scotland thinks, however, that it may be better to lodge the money in the manner proposed, and that arrangements can be made to remit the necessary amount to Canada in due course.

As regards Mr. McNeill's personal expenses, it is necessary that he should have an immediate imprest for, say, 100*l.*, in order that he may be able to pay any petty expenses or to make any small advances to the emigrants.

The Secretary for Scotland will leave it to their Lordships as to the manner in which this imprest shall be transmitted to Mr. McNeill, whether through this Department or direct to Mr. McNeill (at Lews Hotel, Stornoway).

I am to add that Mr. McNeill has been directed to render an account of all his disbursements, whether on account of his personal expenses or on account of the advances to the emigrants, direct to the Secretary for Scotland, who will, if their Lordships so desire, hold himself responsible for the proper conduct of the business until the proposed board is legally constituted and has got into working order.

I am, &c.,
WM. C. DUNBAR.

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

SIR,

Treasury Chambers, May 10, 1888.

WITH reference to Mr. Dunbar's letter of the 8th instant, as to the arrangements necessary in connexion with the Crofter and Cottar Colonisation Scheme, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of the Marquis of Lothian, that their Lordships have authorised an advance of 3,500*l.* from the Civil Contingencies Fund to the account (in the books of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer) of the Secretary for Scotland (Crofter and Cottar Colonisation Scheme).