

Lordship's power to extend to them. Your petitioners therefore pray that your Lordship will favourably consider our case, and we earnestly await your Lordship's decision.

And shall ever remain your Lordship's humble and grateful servants.

(Signed) E. C. MACRURY,
Appointed to represent 40 emigrants.

No. 11.

Mr. ANGUS M. MACDONALD to the SECRETARY FOR
SCOTLAND.

Aird Public School, Stornoway,
April 9, 1888.

MY LORD,

I AM requested by several fishermen who are desirous to emigrate to British Columbia to ask your Lordship for particulars.

1st. Has the Government appointed a local agent for emigration to the above Colony? If not, through whom would the negotiation be transacted?

2nd. What assistance is the Government prepared to give to families who are willing to go?

As several families in the township of Sheshader, parish of Stornoway (at whose request I now write), are desirous to emigrate at as early a date as possible, is the Government prepared to give immediate assistance?

Nothing is known by the poor fishermen here regarding the scheme of emigration to British Columbia beyond what has recently appeared in the papers, and were the matter brought more prominently before their notice it is certain that many would take advantage of it.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) ANGUS M. MACDONALD.

No. 12.

JAMES SINCLAIR to the SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

Lingland, Clyth,
Lybster, Caithness,
April 20, 1888,

MY LORD,

I AM very willing to emigrate to Columbia as the fishing is almost a failure, and I do not see that the herring fishing will improve for some time. I have been always of opinion that the "Government Emigration Scheme for Crofters" would be ready by this time. I believe that you are willing to do all you can for the crofters. You have already done a great deal. Would you let me know when will the Government give an opportunity to the crofters to go to Columbia. I am willing to go, and able to work on sea or land.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES SINCLAIR.