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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND,
WHITEHALL, December 26, 1888.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the Colonisation in the Dominion of Canada of Crofters and Cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland; in words and to the effect following, viz. :—

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith,

To Our right trusty and entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor Schomberg Henry, Marquis of Lothian, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Our Secretary for Scotland (or Our Secretary for Scotland for the time being;

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Charles Tupper, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, High Commissioner in London for Our Dominion of Canada (or the High Commissioner in London for Our Dominion of Canada for the time being);

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir James King, Baronet, Lord Provost of Our City of Glasgow (or the Lord Provost of Our City of Glasgow for the time being); and

Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Skinner, Esquire, one of the Directors of the North-West Land Company of Canada; Greeting!

Whereas a fund has been raised for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the colonisation in Our Dominion of Canada of crofters and cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland: And whereas it is expedient to establish a Board of Commissioners for the promotion of the said colonisation scheme, and the administration of the said fund;

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint you, the said Schomberg Henry, Marquis of Lothian (or Our Secretary for Scotland for the time being), you, the said Sir Charles Tupper (or the High Commissioner in London for Our Dominion of Canada for the time being), you, the said Sir James King (or the Lord Provost of Our City of Glasgow for the time being), and you, the said Thomas Skinner, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

And for the better enabling you to carry out the purposes of this Our Commission, We do hereby authorise and empower you, by means of your agents or otherwise howsoever, in such manner as you shall deem most expedient from time to time,

- (1.) To proceed in the selection of families from the said districts, and their settlement in the Dominion of Canada:
- (2.) To provide from the funds at your disposal such advances to the settlers as may be necessary, and to undertake the collection of instalments of capital and interest in repayment of the same: