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As before stated, many landlords are willing to co-operate most liberally, even to the extent of foregoing to those desirous of emigrating, all arrears of rent, releasing them from all engagements for houses or land, and in some instances offering grants of money to provide outfits. The ruling power in these parts appears to be commanded by the clergy of the Free Church of Scotland. Large numbers would leave if the movement were headed by a popular clergyman. Repeatedly my attention was called to this, and I have no doubt of its correctness; but knowing that it was a matter you could not encourage, I merely refer to it now as one of the incidents of my journey.

I have, &c., JOHN MORRISON.

I. E. Featherston, Esq., Agent-General for New Zealand.

List of Persons to be sent out to the Province of Otago, and particulars concerning them.

Mary Murchison and family, $7\frac{1}{2}$ adults, Kishorn.* Passages are provided for all in "Hydaspes." Martha Murchison and family, $5\frac{1}{2}$ adults, Ardnorff.* Passages are provided for all in "Hydaspes." Angus Macdonnell and family, Loch Carron. This individual is reported to be dead. Information could not be ascertained about children.

Donald Campbell and family, Isle of Skye. Said to reside about nine miles from Portree; was written to, but no answer received.

John McRae and sisters, Loch Alsh. Decline to go on account of father being bedridden.

John McRae and sisters, Ardnorff. Will not go.

Donald McRae and family, Ardnorff.* Passages provided for them in "Hydaspes."

John McKerlech and family. Could not be seen.

Jane McKerlech. Won't leave her father.

Grace McKay and Catherine McKay. In service in England.

John Finlayson and family, Ardnorff. Would not decide to go.

Donald Finlayson and family, Loch Alsh. Will never go; family in various parts.

Mr. Seaton is furnished with above particulars, and instructed to communicate with those who have not replied to the communications sent to them.

^{*} For these families passages were provided before receipt of the list.