

Transcript of 2627.97

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South Bonar
17 Dec 1900

Sir Kenneth I Matheson Bart
of Lochalsh

Sir,

I humbly beg to acknowledge your kind and esteemed letter of the 15th Inst. My father tells me that it was the late worthy Sir Alexander who started him when a young lad in business here, built the house &c &c for him and he now feels happy that Sir Kenneth is taking an interest in me. He has now entered on the promised time of life three score years and ten, and his wish is that he would see me, my mother & younger members of the family in possession of Lower Gledfield while he is before us. He says that the land in Lower Gledfield is very indifferent and impoverished and Ross continuing there to the end of his lease will make it of less value. He wants me to say that he is most grateful to Sir Kenneth for his great kindness to me and the rest of us. May I ask Sir Kenneth to kindly reconsider the purchase price of the whole, the land is very poor and a great many risks connected with it owing to the continual flooding of the river Carron. My father says that Mr Maclean spent over the value of our holding in repairing the embankment of the river Carron & that it will soon require another heavy repair. If Sir Kenneth would make a 20 years purchase for the whole viz. £2000, the matter would be settled, we would take George Ross over as Tenant, he would require, owing to your abatement to him, to cancel in writing any claim against you or us for water &c at the end of his lease, also that we would have it in our power to remove the United Free Church Minister from the land he holds which I presume is a yearly holding. I do hope Sir Kenneth will take into consideration the deterioration of the Land and will kindly agree to let us have the whole for £2000, which my father is prepared to hand over to Sir Kenneth on me having his favourable reply.

If Sir Kenneth was at Duncraig I would take a run there and explain myself better than I can do in writing. [*preceding sentence scored out with wavy pencil lines but still legible*]

I remain Sir

Your most obedient & obliged servant

Andrew Anderson

I need not say more but that I am

I am indeed [*preceding 3 words scored out*]exceedingly sorry to be troubling Sir Kenneth so much with my letter but if you [*preceding word scored out*]at Duncraig I would take a run there & explain myself better than I can do in writing.