

THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF SUTHERLAND,

DORNOCH.

Sir, Police Station House, Tongue.

With reference to the above Police House, I beg to report the following complaints and defects for your consideration for repairs and improvements.

Both Bedrooms.

There are holes in the floor of both bedrooms caused by woodworm and dry rot and the flooring needs replacing. Owing to sloping ceiling, I am unable to put the wardrobe in either room and have to leave it in the porch.

Stairs.

The timber is rotting with dry rot and woodworm. Owing to a sharp bend which is on this very narrow and dangerous stairway, a large piece of furniture just cannot be taken up into a bedroom.

Living Room.

There are flagstones on this floor which are damp and have large spaces between them, and any floor covering which is laid is ruined.

The only cooking appliance supplied is a Heather Stove which frequently gives off smoke, and the fire bricks at the back and side of the fire are broken and cracked. This stove is absolutely useless for cooking purposes. It is rather primitive for any woman to have to try and cook on an open fire in 1961.

In this apartment there is also water entering the house and seeping down the gable wall on to an electrical plug. This is very dangerous and has been reported previously. Water also seeps in through the wall at the window.

Kitchenette.

This apartment is really just a back porch and there is very little room for cooking or doing washing in it. There is only one sink unit installed and it is in a very bad condition being broken and badly chipped and one sink is insufficient for washing clothes.

One of the panes of glass, approximately 18" square, in the window is broken and requires replacing.

There is very little cupboard space in this apartment for storing food and kitchen utensils, and indeed there is little or no cupboard space throughout the house.

There is a hole in the wall above the door to the living room caused by bad workmanship in leading pipes, etc. through the wall, and the kitchenette is very unhygienic as it is situated next to the toilet.

Bathroom. /



### Bathroom.

The lavatory pan is cracked and would appear to be leaking as the floor covering around it is very wet underneath. The toilet seat is broken and there is no snib on the window.

Furthermore, the waste water from the kitchenette sink and bathroom wash-hand basin comes back up through the drainage pipe into the bath and causes a bad smell.

### Windows.

The only windows on which both sashes open and close properly are the windows in the sitting room and living room. All other windows in the house require repairing.

### Water Stop-Cock.

There is no water stop-cock in the house for draining the boiler or the hot and cold water tanks in the event of a burst pipe. Consequently, if this were to happen, the whole of the house would be flooded and my furniture ruined.

### Decoration.

The house requires redecoration both inside and outside.

### Paths and Fencing.

There is no path to the office or the house, and in wet weather the ground becomes a sea of mud, and the floor of the house cannot be kept properly clean as this mud sticks to your footwear and is carried into the house.

New fencing is required around the garden as the present fence posts are rotten and the wire rusted. The fence is not stock proof and on occasions I have had to chase sheep out of the garden.

Police Station,  
TONGUE.

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