

To

The Minister of Food Control for Great
Britain

Sir

We, the Provost, Magistrates and Council
of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch, Sutherland,
for ourselves, and as representing, and for behoof
of the Householders and other Inhabitants of
the Royal Burgh, - beg respectfully to state:-

1. That within two miles of this Town
there lies the considerable Fishing Village
of Ennisk, all the able bodied men of
which, except those in His Majesty's
Service, are engaged in white Sea Fishing
along this Coast, through the year.
2. That before the present war, and for
some time since its commencement, their
catches of Fish were regularly offered for
sale, and were readily purchased in this
Town and neighbourhood.
3. That for several months past no Fresh Fish
has been sold or offered for sale from
said Village, in this Town.
4. That although frequent complaints have
been made to their Fishermen as to this,
and

and requests made to them to offer a part
at least of their catches of fish for sale in
the Town, they refuse to do so, and they sell
their catches to Fish Curers or Agents from
the South, or send their catches direct to
Southern Markets.

5. That owing to the irregularity of Supplies
of necessary foods; and for some months
x intermittent, and past the almost total absence of such
articles of food as Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Bacon,
Ham, and frequently of Butcher meat
in the shops in Town, the Inhabitants
are under the necessity of consuming
a greater quantity of less nourishing
Food than usual, which is detrimental
to the health of the people, and more
especially to ^{that of} the young.

We therefore pray the Ministry of
Food Control to cause early Enquiry
to be made as to the irregularity
of said supplies of necessary articles
of Food to the merchants in this Borough,
and to remedy this defect, - and also
to make an Order on the Fishermen
and Fishwomen of Embs to offer for
Sale.

sale as they were formerly in the
habit of doing in this Town and its
neighbourhood before the War, a
reasonable portion of their catches
of Fresh Fish, at such prices as the
Ministry of Food ^{& Control} may fix
we are

Sir

Your most obedient Servants
In name of the Town Council

The Council Room
Darnoch, Sutherland

18th 19th February 1918