

OBJECTIONS

on behalf of

JOHN MACKINTOSH, Farmer, Embo Mains,  
Dornoch, Proprietor of land north  
of Cnoc-an-lout, Dornoch, and  
JOHN MACKINTOSH, Junior, and  
JAMES MACKINTOSH, Embo Mains,  
Dornoch, as Occupiers of said land

to the

ROYAL BURGH of DORNOCH (Balloan  
Estate Allotments) Order, 1922.

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The Occupiers of the land proposed for allotments are both ex-service men. They are also Proprietors and Occupiers along with their Father, the said John Mackintosh, of Embo Mains Farm, which is some distance from the land proposed to be taken. Embo Mains Farm is not well supplied with water. The land proposed for allotments has a good water supply and is used as grazing for the Embo Mains Farm stock in summer when the farm supply is very low. For that reason the land proposed to be taken is absolutely essential for the proper working of Embo Mains Farm, and if it is taken for allotments the farm will be very greatly depreciated as an agricultural subject with consequent serious loss to the proprietors and occupiers. If this land is taken for allotments the stock on Embo Mains Farm will have to be disposed of. When Embo Mains Farm was bought, the proprietors and occupiers of the land at Cnoc-an-lout had in view that this park with a good water supply could be worked with the farm; otherwise they would never have purchased Embo Mains Farm.

There is no genuine demand for allotments in the Royal Burgh of Dornoch. The dwelling-houses in the Burgh have nearly all gardens of sufficient size attached. Applicants for allotments on the land proposed were advertised for and parties /



parties were urged to come forward but only nine applications were received - only two of the nine being ex-service men. Of these nine, two are understood not to be desirous of proceeding with their applications; another has already a considerable amount of land; and others have already allotments from the Highland Railway Company. All the Applicants have gardens attached to their houses.

There is other land in Dornoch near the Golf Course more suitable for allotments than the land proposed to be taken. It is factored by the Chairman of the Town Council's Allotment Committee. It has not been cropped, but has been grazed by the Hotelkeeper of the Sutherland Arms Hotel in Dornoch - who has a Farm besides - for many years past. This land was refused for allotments.

A few years ago the proprietor of the land proposed for allotments gladly gave up 12 or 13 acres of arable land at Bishopfield which has been in the occupation of his Father and his Grandfather in order that the proprietor might let it to the Town Council of Dornoch. He understood the land would be given to working men and ex-service men, who were small householders in the Burgh of Dornoch, for the purpose of keeping cows. The whole of this land was not let to the working men for whom it was intended - simply because they did not want it. The Council broke it up into five parts. Only two of the class of tenants for whom the land was meant applied for land and two parts were let to them; other two parts were let to men who had a great deal of other land in the vicinity of the Burgh, the fifth part was vacant for a long time - having been refused by several. It was advertised without success and ultimately it was let to the Town Clerk.

The proprietors of Embo Mains Farm offered the Town Council of Dornoch 14 acres of land on that Farm, or as much



of it as they wanted in the summer of 1921, but the Council made no reply to the offer. Mr George Mackintosh, Farmer, Pitgrudy, also offered to the Town Council 12 acres of his Farm for allotments instead of the land proposed to be taken. This land is only about 200 yards from the land proposed to be taken - a small field only lying between - and would be quite as suitable for allotments.

It should also be mentioned that the Chairman of the Town Council Allotments Committee is the Tenant from the Duke of Sutherland of 2 acres of land within or on the bounds of the Burgh. Only a few drills of potatoes were taken off this land by the Chairman, and it has been for some time sublet by him to a neighbouring farmer. This land is quite suitable for allotments and is of sufficient size. No hardship would be occasioned to any one if this land were taken in place of the land proposed.

In view of the very serious damage to Embo Mains Farm, which would result from the taking of the land proposed for allotments and of the fact that other land equally suitable is available - the taking of which would not occasion hardship to the present occupiers, - the proprietor of the land proposed to be taken for allotments and the Occupiers of it - both ex-service men- object to the Order.

The offer of land on Embo Mains is still open, as also, it is understood, is the offer of land on Pitgrudy. All claims for compensation competent to the Objectors are reserved.

(signed) JOHN McINTOSH.  
( " ) JOHN MacINTOSH, Junr. Sergt.  
( " ) JAMES MacINTOSH, M.C. Lieut.

9th January, 1922.