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J. Sutherland, to G.F. McCorquodale Esq.,

I am exceedingly written from Bessiemouth 21 July 1921, as he has been a source of great trouble but he had good testimonials, and I was left with only himself to treat with, and I must say I was impressed with him at our interview.

Dear Sir,

BADANLOCH

Yours faithfully,

I wired you this morning before leaving Dornoch that I had arranged with Macdonald the Gardener to clear out on 30th instant, but it all but beat me. It took me two hours to persuade him and then only after substantial inducement. I think he must be going queer, and in support of this theory, when I reached Badanloch yesterday I found his wife and son had both left him. He knew his wife went to his daughter in Kirkwall, but he imagined his son had only gone to Kinbrace Station to see his Mother on the train. Cameron, the Garden boy, however, knew the son went to Kirkwall too. I gathered that the wife and son were trying to persuade him to accept the offer I made in a letter, to clear out, but he defied them, and even let the Keeper and others know that he meant to keep possession of the house till 28th September, no matter what happened.

This attitude he at once took up with me, and point blank refused to quit on any consideration. He said he had no house to go to and no work, and would get none before March next.

Finding it impossible to move him, I left him for an hour to ponder matters over.

When I went back I found him in his house very agitated. He was heaving heavy sighs, and was very restless, going constantly to the door to see if his son was coming back. I then told him I understood his son had gone to Kirkwall with his Mother, and this seemed to settle him somewhat. Still he stuck at going out of the house, promising he would give no annoyance to Mrs Wood, the Gardener, or anyone else.

My patience becoming exhausted, I told him he must go as it would utterly spoil Mrs Wood's season at Badanloch to have him about the place. I had to use threats which I knew I could not enforce and they appeared to have some effect. He at length asked me what he would get, so I invited him to make up his account, and add to it what additional consideration he would take to go. What he asked came roughly to £30 more than his account, and I closed with him for roughly £25 more.



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Dear Sir,

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I wired you (Signed) J. Sutherland in Dornoch that I had arranged with MacDonald the Gardener to clear out on 30th instant, but it all but beat me. It took me two hours to persuade him and then only after substantial inducement. I think he must be going queer, and in support of this theory, when I reached Badanloch yesterday I found his wife and son had both left him. He knew his wife went to his daughter in Kirkwall, but he imagined his son had only gone to Kinbrace Station to see his Mother on the train. Cameron, the Garden boy, however, knew the son went to Kirkwall too. I gathered that the wife and son were trying to persuade him to accept the offer I made in a letter, to clear out, but he defied them, and even let the keeper and others know that he meant to keep possession of the house till 28th September, no matter what happened.

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