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Alistair Carmichael M.P.
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

Thank you for your letter of 20 November.

I don't seem to have made myself clear and for that I apologise. This is not a matter of international law, neither is it a matter for argument – our domestic courts have spoken.

My email of 11 November pointed out that the Lerwick Sheriff Court accepted as the Crown's evidence that Shetland is part of Scotland, Brian Smith's magazine article *'When Did Orkney and Shetland Become Part of Scotland?'*. This document contains no shred of proof on the subject – indeed, does not profess to provide proof, subtitled as it is, *'A contribution to the debate'*. The Sheriff's decision that he had jurisdiction was supported at appeal by four law lords, so we can be confident that this is the Crown's position. In other words, the authority of Scotland and the UK in Shetland rests on a magazine article.

I asked how you reconcile that with your position as an M.P. and as Secretary of State for Scotland. Are you happy with the idea that your position seems to be based solely on The Word of Brian?

Despite over ten years of research, as far as I can see there is no evidence that Shetland is lawfully part of Scotland, only a long and strongly held presumption, but a mere presumption nevertheless. I would expect that due diligence on your part would require, especially when you are aware there may be some doubt, that you have solid proof before taking up office.

I appreciate that your having taken an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen makes it difficult for you to even contemplate the possibility that Shetland may not lawfully be part of Scotland, but, in the absence of any proof, you must ask yourself whether or not you are inadvertently being drawn into a fraud of the greatest magnitude. This is a difficult matter to contemplate, but when the Crown itself is unable to show the courts any proof that Shetland is part of Scotland, clearly there are serious questions to be asked and answered.

I await your comments.

Regards,

Stuart Hill

# The Sovereign Nation of Shetland

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26 November, 2013

RECORDED DELIVERY
NUMBER AH618500238GB

The Secretary of State for Scotland
Alistair Carmichael M.P.
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**

Notice to Agent is notice to Principal. Notice to Principal is notice to Agent.

On behalf of the sovereign people of Shetland, The Sovereign Nation of Shetland hereby claims allodial title of all land within two hundred miles of any point on any Shetland island above the sea, or to the median line between Shetland* and another state, whichever is the greater.

Such claim includes all land above as well as below the water. Such claim extends below the land surface as far as man can reach with any kind of equipment and above the land surface to the outer edge of the atmosphere. Such claim includes all mineral and other rights connected with the land.

If you know of any other valid claim to these rights by Scotland or the United Kingdom, you are required to notify such claim and the basis upon which it is made within 30 days of your receipt of this notice. If any such valid claim exists it will be easy for you to produce it. Failure to do so will have three consequences:

1) It will negate any claim Scotland or the United Kingdom may produce in the future.
2) It will place you under personal bar or estoppel, preventing you from denying the above claim in future.
3) The public will be notified of your failure to respond and the implications of their ownership of allodial title.

Any of these callings not answered will be founded upon.

Sincerely,

Stuart: Hill, Sovereign without the states of Scotland or the United Kingdom.

*The term 'Shetland' means all those lands and islands currently presumed to be part of the United Kingdom or Scotland north of latitude 59 degrees 25 minutes North.

Copies: The Prime Minister, UK; The First Minister, Scotland.

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An Oifis na h-Albainn

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London SW1A 2AU

Website: www.gov.uk/scotland-office

Our ref: OR 13/3442

7 January 2014

Stuart Hill,
Official residence,
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Shetland,
UK

Dear Mr Hill,

Thank you for your letter of 26 November to the Secretary of State for Scotland. I have been asked to reply on the Secretary of State's behalf.

The Government cannot accept the terms of your letter. Shetland is part of the United Kingdom, and your claim to the land around Shetland is contested.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Egner

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9 January, 2014

RECORDED DELIVERY
NUMBER AH618500272GB

The Secretary of State for Scotland
Scotland Office
Dover House
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London SW1A 2AU

7 JANUARY

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

**NOTICE OF FAULT AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

Notice to Agent is notice to Principal. Notice to Principal is notice to Agent.

We have received a reply dated 7 February to our Notice of Claim to allodial title, sent on your behalf from the Scotland Office, for which we thank you. It arrived well outside the time limit imposed by the Notice of Claim, but we are willing, in the interests of goodwill to overlook that in view of the fact that we were unable to track the original receipt of postage.

Beyond saying that our claim is 'contested', the letter makes no claim, but does connect our claim with the nebulous assertion that Shetland is part of the United Kingdom.

We think you must be unaware that this matter has already been settled in the courts. At a hearing in case No. LE 11000312 on 16 August 2011, jurisdiction of the court was challenged on the basis that Shetland is not part of Scotland. The Crown produced no proof to the contrary, relying instead on a magazine article by local archivist Brian Smith entitled *When did Orkney and Shetland become Part of Scotland? – A contribution to the debate.* Said article does not pretend to offer any proof, but alleged sheriff Graham Napier decided the court had jurisdiction anyway. His decision was supported at appeal by Lords Wheatley, Eassie, Carloway and Bonomy. The Crown's clear and openly stated position, upheld by the highest figures in the judiciary, is that it relies on 'The Word of Brian' for its authority in Shetland.

We do not think you should expect us to take this seriously as a claim that could be maintained at any domestic court, let alone at an international level.

You have made no substantive response to our Notice of Claim for the allodial title of Shetland dated 27/11/13 and are therefore in a position of fault. Our claim stands unchallenged. As a measure of our goodwill, we offer you a further seven days from your receipt of this letter to cure your fault. Should you fail to make a substantive response within that time, the consequences referred to in our Notice of Claim will come into effect.

Any of these callings not answered will be founded upon.

Sincerely,

Stuart: Hill, Sovereign without the states of Scotland or the United Kingdom.

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14 January, 2014

RECORDED DELIVERY
NUMBER AH618500309GB

The Secretary of State for Scotland
Scotland Office
Dover House
Whitehall
London SW1A 2AU

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

**RE: NOTICE OF FAULT AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

Notice to Agent is notice to Principal. Notice to Principal is notice to Agent.

Further to our 9 January Notice of Fault, we make the following observations on your letter of 7 January ref OR 13/3442, in particular the phrase "Shetland is part of the United Kingdom and your claim to the land around Shetland is contested", which, for such a short sentence, reveals a wealth of meaning.

1. "Shetland is part of the United Kingdom". As I pointed out in my Notice of Fault. the Crown was unable to come up with any proof to back this assertion when challenged in court and the judiciary are united around the laughable notion that the authority of Scotland and the UK relies on The Word of Brian.
2. "Shetland is part of the United Kingdom **and** your claim to the land around Shetland is contested". With this phrase you acknowledge that our possession of allodial title will negate any claim that Shetland is part of the United Kingdom. By conflating these two statements you make clear that you intend to contest our claim on the basis that Shetland is part of the United Kingdom. The courts have shown that the United Kingdom is no longer in a position to assert that Shetland is part of Scotland, so the question is already settled in our favour.
3. "your claim to the land **around** Shetland is contested". You differentiate between the land-mass of Shetland and "the land around Shetland", by which you presumably mean the seabed; this phrase admitting of no other interpretation. Our claim, of course, extends for 200 miles in all directions and includes the land-mass.
4. "your claim to **the land around Shetland** is contested". We can therefore safely presume that you do not contest our claim to the land-mass of Shetland. That would indeed be an unprecedented claim, allodial title in the land never having been appropriated by the Crown. All that is left for you to attempt to uphold is the Crown's transparently spurious claim to the seabed.

If you believe we are mistaken in any of these statements, kindly let us know your reasons within seven days of your receipt of this letter, failing which we will be entitled to presume their veracity and you will be subject to personal bar preventing your future denial.

Any of these callings not answered will be founded upon.

Sincerely,

Stuart: Hill, Sovereign without the states of Scotland or the United Kingdom.

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30 ~~February~~ JAN, 2014

RECORDED DELIVERY
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The Secretary of State for Scotland
Scotland Office
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London SW1A 2AU

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

**NOTICE OF DEFAULT**

Notice to Agent is notice to Principal. Notice to Principal is notice to Agent.

You have made no substantive reply to our Notice of Fault dated 9 January 2014 and no reply whatsoever to our following letter of 14 January 2014. We have been abundantly generous in our granting of time allowed for reply, but you have not contested our claim.

In accordance with our claim dated 27 November 2013, it is therefore hereby recorded that you do not contest the claim therein and that allodial title of the whole of Shetland and the seabed out to 200 miles from any point on the shore of any of the islands or to the median line between Shetland and another state belongs to the sovereign people of Shetland.

Any claim you may raise in future is negated by this Notice.

This Notice places you under personal bar or estoppel preventing you in future from denying you have no claim.

The public will be notified of your failure to respond and the implications thereof.

Sincerely,

Stuart: Hill, Sovereign without the states of Scotland or the United Kingdom.

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Our ref: OR 14/3489

6 February 2014

Stuart Hill,
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UK

Mr Hill,

We have received your letters of 9 and 14 January, as well as your most recent letter which is dated 30 February 2014. We have noted their contents, but do not agree to your terms or with your claims.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Egner

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14 February, 2014

RECORDED DELIVERY
NUMBER AH618500391GB

The Secretary of State for Scotland
Scotland Office
Dover House
Whitehall
London SW1A 2AU

Dear Ms. Egner,

**Re: NOTICE OF DEFAULT**

Notice to Agent is notice to Principal. Notice to Principal is notice to Agent.

We have received your letter dated 6 February. We apologise for the typing error on ours dated 30 February. It should of course have been dated 30 January.

You are out of time. The purpose of the Notice of Default was to advise you that your agreement to our terms and claims had already been obtained by tacit procuration. We showed abundant good will in the length of time to reply and it should have been a simple matter for you to provide the information had it existed. As we pointed out in our previous correspondence, all callings not answered will be founded upon.

Our claims and our terms stand unopposed and cannot now be contested.

Sincerely,

Stuart: Hill, Sovereign without the states of Scotland or the United Kingdom.