



## The Sovereign Nation of Shetland

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27 November, 2013

RECORDED DELIVERY  
NUMBER AH618500255GB

The First Minister  
Alex Salmond  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP

Dear Mr. Salmond,

### 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 Secretary of State for Scotland; The Prime Minister Minister, UK.



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9 January, 2014

RECORDED DELIVERY  
NUMBER AH618500290GB

The First Minister  
Alex Salmond  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP

Dear Mr. Salmond,

### NOTICE OF FAULT

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

You have made no response to our Notice of Claim for the allodial title of Shetland dated 27/11/13 and received by you on 28/11/13. You 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.



Mr Stuart Hill  
Odraquoy  
Cunningsburgh  
SHETLAND  
ZE2 9HA



Our ref: 2014/0039456  
20 January 2015

Dear Mr Hill

Thank you for your letter of 27 November to Scottish Ministers.

The Scottish Government's position remains as set out in previous correspondence to you.

Yours sincerely



Ewan WG Stuart





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*For*  
30 February, 2014

RECORDED DELIVERY  
NUMBER AH618500357GB

The First Minister  
Alex Salmond  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP

Dear Mr. Salmond,

### 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.



By email

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Your ref:  
Our ref:  
11 February 2014

Dear Mr Hill

Thank you for your correspondence of 9th, 10th and 30th January.

The Shetland Islands have been part of Scotland for over 540 years, since 1470 – long before the Treaty of Union. Shetland's position as part of Scotland was, as a matter of law, supported by the Court of Session in 2012 in a case with which you will be familiar. It therefore follows that the Scottish Government does not regard your recent letters as having any legal effect.

Shetland is a much-valued part of Scotland and their geographical, historical, cultural and economic specificities have been, and will continue to be, respected by the Scottish Government. That is why, following the First Minister's Lerwick Declaration in July 2013, the Scottish Government, along with Shetland Islands Council, Orkney Islands Council and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, have established a Ministerial Working Group to discuss opportunities for the islands authorities following the Independence referendum in September. The Scottish Government is actively engaging with the islands authorities across a wide range of areas including marine resources, renewable energy and public sector reform.

Yours sincerely

Jessica Roscoe



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20 February, 2014

BY EMAIL WITH READ RECEIPT REQUEST

Strategy and Communications Directorate  
Elections and Constitutional Division

[Jessica.roscoe@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Jessica.roscoe@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Dear Ms. Roscoe,

## Re: NOTICE OF DEFAULT

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

Thank you for your letter of 11 February received by email.

You are out of time to make any denial of our claim. You are now subject to personal bar preventing your denial. This is an important issue, and we have been generous to a fault in ensuring you had adequate time to make an answer. If you had a valid claim, it can have presented no difficulty for you to present it. Instead, all you have given is vague assertions with no backup.

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

However, I will respond to your points, if only to point out that they have no bearing on the matter.

I presume you refer in your second paragraph to the case *Royal Bank of Scotland v. Stuart Hill*. Although Lord Pentland found in favour of the bank, careful inspection of his judgement will reveal that I challenged the jurisdiction of the court. That challenge was made before the hearing and should have been the first matter to be dealt with. As you will probably know, once jurisdiction is challenged, the court cannot proceed until it hears evidence of its jurisdiction from the pursuer. Lord Pentland decided in his wisdom to ignore that fundamental requirement, thereby making everything he did subsequently *ultra vires*. Furthermore, the bank made no attempt to present evidence of jurisdiction. Lord Pentland deals with this fundamental error almost as an afterthought in his judgement and constructs an argument on behalf of the pursuer – a blatant abandonment of his duty of impartiality. His decision is clearly void, but one can understand his difficulty. No matter how strong the argument, the political pressure involved would never allow him to admit that Shetland is not part of Scotland.

Meanwhile, the whole of the judiciary, from sheriff to Appeal Court judges, is united around the Crown's assertion that its authority is proven by a 2011 magazine article. (Case LE11000312). You will forgive my mirth, but these and other cases leave one in no doubt of the desperation felt at being exposed.

Your final paragraph is irrelevant to the matter. While Shetland would be of undoubted value to Scotland, neither you, nor the UK government has been able to

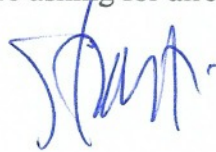


show any proof that you have any legitimate powers here. The best the Lord Chancellor can come up with is that we (have been duped to) pay taxes and send representatives to parliament. That can soon be remedied.

Local councillors are bound by their declaration under Scottish legislation and cannot contemplate even the possibility that Shetland is not part of Scotland. They are obviously flattered to be involved in something so important-sounding as a 'Ministerial Workgroup' and your ministers will find it worth their while to massage egos to ensure awkward questions are not posed. I'm sure our representatives 'forgot' to enquire whether the powers they are asking for actually belong to those they are asking.

If Shetland is not part of Scotland, and I have seen no proof to the contrary, all the powers they are asking for already belong to Shetland and they betray their electorate.

Sincerely,



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

Reminder sent to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon in February 2021. See below.
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26 February 2021

The First Minister  
Nicola Sturgeon  
St. Andrew's House  
Regent Road  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3DG

**By Royal Mail Signed For Service  
No. WM565359480GB**

Dear Madam,

**Allodial Claim for Shetland**

Before commencing action, we felt it only right to give you the opportunity to comment on the enclosed Notice of Claim, which remains unrebutted.

By my hand and seal

The man commonly known as Stuart: Hill, Sovereign by my own right and Acting First Minister.

