And the Lords appoint this Act of Sederunt to be inserted in the Books of Sederunt.

J. L. Clyde,
I.P.D.

Edinburgh,
4th December 1956.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Act of Sederunt but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Act of Sederunt, in conformity with the Valuation timetable referred to in section 13 and the 2nd Schedule of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956(a) and with sections 24 and 25 and Schedules 4th and 5th thereof, amends the date by which stated cases in regard to lands and heritages entered in the supplementary valuation roll shall be lodged with the Lands Valuation Appeal Court, and prescribes the date by which appeals to said Court in regard to lands and heritages occupied by a Gas Board shall be disposed of.

CROFTERS, COTTARS AND SMALL LANDHOLDERS, SCOTLAND

1956 No. 1124 (S. 52)

The Crofters Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme, 1956

Made - - - -	19*th July*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	30*th July*, 1956
Coming into Operation	31*st July*, 1956

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (1) of section 22 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act, 1955(b), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf and after consultation with the Crofters Commission and with the approval of the Treasury, I hereby make the following scheme:—

Citation, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as the Crofters Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of July, 1956.

2.—(1) In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"crofter" includes any grazings committee appointed under subsection (1) of section 24 of the Act and in the application of this scheme to a grazings committee any reference to a croft shall be construed as a reference to the common grazings for the management of which the committee is responsible;

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 60.

(b) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 21.

"operation" means any of the operations specified in the first column of the Schedule to this scheme;

"the Act" means the Crofters (Scotland) Act, 1955;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies to the interpretation of this scheme as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Grants to be made

3. Subject to the provisions of this scheme, the Secretary of State may make a grant to a crofter in respect of the labour and materials required for any operation carried out by him for the purpose of aiding and developing the agricultural production of his croft.

Application for Grant

4. A crofter who desires to obtain a grant under this scheme shall make an application therefor in such form as the Secretary of State may direct and shall furnish such information in regard to the operation which he proposes to carry out as the Secretary of State may require.

5. Upon receiving such an application and after making such enquiries as he thinks fit, the Secretary of State shall decide whether to make a grant or not, and, where he decides to make a grant, shall, in notifying his decision to the applicant, make an offer of a grant subject to such conditions as to the nature of the operation, the manner in, and the means by, which it is to be carried out as the Secretary of State may deem necessary for properly aiding or developing agricultural production on the croft, and the operation shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State and within such time as may be specified by him.

Claims

6. When the operation in respect of which the grant is offered has been carried out, the applicant shall make a claim for the grant in such form as the Secretary of State may direct and shall afford to the Secretary of State or his duly authorised officer all such facilities as are reasonably necessary to enable the Secretary of State to satisfy himself that the conditions subject to which the grant has been offered have been duly complied with.

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the two next succeeding paragraphs the amount of any such grant as aforesaid shall

(*a*) not exceed a sum equal to that percentage of the approved cost of the operation in respect of which it is to be made set out opposite that operation in the second column of the Schedule to this scheme, and

(*b*) be abated by the amount of any other grant, subsidy or payment made or falling to be made in respect of that operation under any Act or any other scheme or instrument providing for payment of monies out of the Exchequer.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(2) For the purpose of this Article "approved cost" shall mean the aggregate of

(*a*) the expenditure reasonably incurred by the applicant in providing the materials required for the purpose of the carrying out of the relevant operation, and

(*b*) such sum as the Secretary of State may deem it reasonable to allow in respect of the labour necessary for that purpose.

(3) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that any condition subject to which a grant has been offered has not been complied with by the applicant in carrying out the relevant operation, the Secretary of State may either withhold payment of the grant or may make a grant in respect of that operation of such lesser amount as he may in all the circumstances of the case consider reasonable.

Payment of Grant

8. Upon a grant becoming payable in accordance with the provisions of this scheme, the Secretary of State shall make payment of it to the applicant who shall not have power to assign his right to payment of it or to require it to be paid to any other person.

9. Where any condition subject to which a grant has been made falls to be complied with by the applicant after the date upon which it has been made and the Secretary of State is satisfied at any time thereafter that that condition is not being complied with, he may recover the amount of the grant from the applicant in like manner as if it were a debt due by the applicant to him.

10.—(1) The Secretary of State hereby appoints the Crofters Commission to be his agents for the purpose of the administration of any grant applied for or made under this scheme:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as enabling the Crofters Commission to make payment of any such grant.

(2) In carrying out their functions as agents of the Secretary of State under this scheme, the Crofters Commission shall have the like powers, rights and duties as are conferred by it upon the Secretary of State.

James Stuart,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

19th July, 1956.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.

We approve,

Gerald Wills,
Harwood Harrison,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

19th July, 1956.

SCHEDULE

	Rate of Grant
1. Cropping of marginal land	85 per cent.
2. Regeneration of rough grazings	85 „
3. Direct reseeding of land	85 „
4. Reclamation of land	85 „
5. Provision of pit silos	85 „
6. Provision of temporary cattle pens and shelters	85 „
7. Provision or improvement of roads, bridges or boat slips for agricultural purposes	75 „
8. Provision of water supplies	75 „
9. Drainage	66⅔ „
10. Provision of fencing	66⅔ „
11. Provision of fanks and dippers	66⅔ „
12. Planting of shelter belts	50 „
13. Provision of electrical equipment for agricultural purposes	50 „
14. Bracken cutting	50 „
15. Removal of whins, gorse, bushes, scrub, stumps, roots, boulders or other like obstructions to cultivation ...	50 „

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the scheme, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This scheme, made with the approval of Treasury under Section 22 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act, 1955, provides that the Secretary of State may make grants to crofters in the seven crofting counties in Scotland, subject to certain defined conditions, in respect of specified operations carried out by them for the purpose of aiding and developing agricultural production on their crofts.

1956 No. 775 (S. 37)

The Crofters etc. Building Grants (Scotland) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	25*th May*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	30*th May*, 1956
Coming into Operation	31*st May*, 1956

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (4) of section 22 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act, 1955(**a**), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation, Commencement and Interpretation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Crofters etc. Building Grants (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of May, 1956.

(**a**) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 21.