

2 Maristown Place
Edinburgh 5th September 1904

Major W^m Stewart

Sir,

I have to acknowledge with much gratitude your letter of the 2nd inst. and must thank you for subscribing towards my book of Piobaireachd, also for help with title page &c of my book when you are stronger. ~~The times~~ which I will publish are as follows viz:-

- I, His Majesty King Edward VII Salute
- II, Salute For Queen Victoria
- III, W.R.H. The Duke of Connaughts' Salute
- IV, His Grace The Duke of Life's Salute
- V, The Piobaireachd Society's ~~of Scotland's~~ Salute
- VI, Lord Archibald Campbell's Salute

I must also thank you very much for your willingness to help me to get a suitable situation, and I enclose copies of my testimonials up to my entering the service of The North British Rubber Co L^d here, and there is no one could appreciate more such an act of kindness as I would should you be successful as I would, as I dearly love the Highlands of Scotland and the Piob-Mhor. I would be quite capable of looking after private correspondence also papers night and morning the very thing I would like and take a thorough interest in my duties and endeavour in every

way in my power to suit my master's requirements & wishes. As to my experience as a clerk. I have had a good training in a Solicitors Office in all kinds of work after leaving Elqui I had so great a love for the pipes and having a knowledge of playing at a gentleman's residence that I entered the Service of Capt. Moray, of Abercromby, Griefs where I wore the kilt every day for three years. I was then desirous of returning to my own work again to widen my experience and fit me for a situation of trust such as private secretary and piper or estate office work. I was only a few months in Edinburgh when I got settled in my present situation with The North British Rubber Co^ld., I am in the cash department and have been since I entered their service where the most particular work is done, as book keeper and several other important duties. I am also on the pay staff we now employ about 4000 workers and about 90 (ninety) of an office staff. There are six pay clerks and each of us for the three heaviest pay rolls pay away about £1200 to £1500 per fortnight. I have also charge of all banking transactions for the firm and as we bank large sums each day they always have a bookkeeper who is responsible for the work and who is always known at the bank. I have gained a great deal of useful experience in banking alone. As to questions mentioned in your letter.

If married or single —, married

Age 30 years, height 5 ft 10 ins.

If gaelic speaker, I am sorry to say no, as there is no gaelic spoken where I was born tho' there are hills for thousands of acres round.

Qualifications besides piping or any other work, I would be very willing to do any duties that lie in my power if required. I have already mentioned my experience in clerking

Wages. This could be arranged after if anything suitable turns up. I am not so particular about having a big wage altogether if I am comfortable and a house free and being able to live in the country.

I enclose a photo of myself which you do not require to return. As to testimonial from my present employers I would not like to ask one or apply for one till something turns up as they would make it very uncomfortable for me should they know I am not satisfied where I am.

Again thanking you for the kind interest you are taking in me, and hope that you may soon be quite strong again.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant
J. Hurkaut