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COPY of a DESPATCH from Lord METCALFE, G.C.B., to Lord STANLEY.

My Lord,

Government House, Montreal, 20th June 1845.

ON the 28th of last Month a dreadful and extensive Fire took place in the City of Quebec, by which several Lives were sacrificed, and many of its Inhabitants afflicted with extreme Suffering and pecuniary Distress.

Subscriptions have been opened for their Relief in Quebec, Montreal, and other Places, which have been liberally contributed to; and immediately on Intelligence of the Calamity being received here, I sanctioned a Grant of 2,000*l.* from the Provincial Treasury, preliminary to taking into consideration the Propriety of affording further Aid.

I submit, herewith, the Copy of a Letter and Resolution which I have received from the General Committee appointed at Quebec for the Relief of the Sufferers, and of the Answer which I caused to be made. Being aware of the Difficulty that will be experienced by the Imperial Government in meeting such an Application, I conceived it to be proper to warn them of it, lest Hopes might be encouraged, which, if not realized, would lead to Disappointment.

I have, &c.
(Signed) METCALFE.

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Lord Metcalfe
to
Lord Stanley,
20th June 1845.

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Sir,

Quebec, 10th June 1845.

HEREWITH enclosed I have the Honour to send you, for the Purpose of being laid before his Excellency the Governor General, Copy of a Resolution adopted Yesterday at a Meeting of the General Committee for the Relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire.

I have, &c.

(Signed) E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,
Sec^y General Committee.

J. M. Higginson, Esq., Civil Secretary,
Montreal.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Committee for the Relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire, at a Meeting held in the City Council Chamber at Quebec, on the 9th June 1845.

Resolved, That an Application be made by this Committee to his Excellency the Governor General, requesting his Excellency to bring under the view of Her Majesty's Government in England the Calamity which has lately befallen this City, and to solicit Her Majesty's Government to take into consideration the Expediency of some Aid being given on the Part of the Imperial Government for the Relief of the Inhabitants of Quebec, whom this Disaster has reduced to Destitution.

A true Extract.

(Signed) E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,
Secretary.

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Sir,

Civil Secretary's Office, Montreal,
20th June 1845.

HAVING laid before the Governor General your Letter of the 10th instant, together with the Copy of a Resolution adopted at a Meeting of the Committee for the Relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire, which accompanied it, on the Subject of applying for Aid to the Imperial Government, I am directed to inform you, that the Governor General

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