

The Lord Mayor of Dublin to Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach.

MANSION HOUSE FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN IRELAND,
DUBLIN, March 16th, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that I this day laid before the Committee of the Dublin Mansion House Fund for the relief of the distress in Ireland, your letter of the 13th instant, relative to the allocation of the munificent grant made by the Dominion Government of Canada for relief of the distress, and that the Committee unanimously resolve to accept the proposal contained in your letter, to nominate three members who should form, with the three of Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough's Committee, a joint Committee for the disposal of the fund.

The Committee have elected me one of these three, and have authorized me to nominate the other two. I shall do so, and communicate their names to you without delay.

I shall also communicate with Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough's Committee, and the joint Committee will, no doubt, communicate with you at an early date.

I beg to convey to the Dominion Government the expression of the warm thanks of the Irish people and of this Committee for its splendid generosity.

This Committee will probably pass and forward to the Dominion Government a formal vote of thanks.

I have, etc., E. DWYER GRAY,
Lord Mayor.

The Right Hon. Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Office.

Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach to the Duchess of Marlborough.

DOWNING STREET, 18th March, 1880.

MADAM,—With reference to my letter of the 13th inst., and to the telegram which Your Grace caused to be transmitted to me on the following day, I have the honor to acquaint Your Grace, that I am informed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, that the Committee of the Dublin Mansion House Fund for the relief of distress in Ireland, have unanimously resolved to accept the proposal that three members of that Committee should unite with a similar number of members of Your Grace's Committee, in forming a joint Committee for the disposal of the grant made by the Dominion Government of Canada for the alleviation of the distress, and that His Lordship has been elected one of the three with power to nominate the two others, whose names will shortly be communicated to this Department.

I trust that it may be convenient to the joint Committee to meet as soon as possible with a view to the early distribution of the donation.

I have, etc., M. E. HICKS-BEACH.
Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough,
&c., &c., &c.

Dr. Grimshaw to the Colonial Office.

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH'S FUND FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN IRELAND,
COMMITTEE ROOMS, THE CASTLE DUBLIN, 17th March, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough to inform you that your letter of the 13th inst. (already acknowledged by telegram) was brought under the notice of Her Grace's Committee on Monday the 15th instant, when the proposal therein contained, relative to the application of the Canadian donation for the relief of distress in Ireland, was considered and highly approved of. The