

their generous donation towards the assistance of the distressed in Ireland, and to thank you for the confidence you have reposed in them by permitting them to take part in the constitution of a body for the application of the fund.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. W. GRIMSHAW,  
*Joint Hon. Secretary.*

The Right Hon. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, M.P.,  
Colonial Office, London.

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

DOWNING STREET, 20th March, 1880.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 16th instant, informing me that the Committee of the Dublin Mansion House Fund for the relief of distress in Ireland had unanimously resolved to accept the proposal that three members of that Committee should unite with a similar number of members of the Duchess of Marlborough'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 your Lordship had been elected one of the three with power to nominate the two others, whose names would shortly be communicated to me.

I have since been informed that the Committee for the distribution of the Duchess of Marlborough's Fund have nominated Her Grace as one of the members of the Joint Committee requesting her to select two colleagues, and that Her Grace has accordingly selected Colonel Gerald R. Dease and Mr. T. W. Grimshaw for this purpose.

I trust that the Joint Committee may be able to meet at a very early date.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

(Copy.)

*The Lord Mayor of Dublin to the Colonial Office.*

MANSION HOUSE FUND FOR THE  
RELIEF OF DISTRESS IN IRELAND,  
DUBLIN, 18th March, 1880.

SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 16th inst., I beg to say that I have nominated Mr. Thomas Pim, jun., and Mr. G. B. Dillon, sen., to act with me on the Joint Committee for the distribution of the sum voted by the Government of Canada for the relief of the distress in Ireland. The Mansion House Committee to-day passed with acclamation a vote of thanks to the Dominion Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

E. DWYER GRAY,  
*Lord Mayor.*

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