

I beg you 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, &c.,

(Signed)

E. DWYER GRAY,

Lord Mayor.

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

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

DOWNING STREET, 18th March, 1880.

MADAM, -With reference to my letter of the 13th instant, 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, &c.,

(Signed)

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough.
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

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 instant (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 Committee nominated Her Grace as one of the persons to co-operate in the distribution of the fund, and requested her to select two colleagues. Her Grace selected Colonel Gerald R. Dease and myself to act with her in the matter, and we trust we shall be able in conjunction with representatives of the Mansion House Committee, to carry out your views. The matter has been considered by the Mansion House Committee, and we believe they are likely to arrive at a favorable conclusion.

I am directed further to request that you will be good enough to convey to the Dominion Parliament of Canada, the grateful thanks of Her Grace's Committee for