

"Special Committee could be appointed to undertake the distribu-
 "tion of this fund, subject to certain general rules, which their
 "local experience would enable them to frame, and which they
 "would doubtless be willing to submit for my previous concurren-
 "ce. Such a committee might, it appears to me, consist of six
 "members—three selected from the Committee appointed to advise
 "with your Grace in the distribution of the fund over which you
 "preside, and three from the Committee which co-operates with the
 "Lord Mayor of Dublin in the disposal of the Mansion House
 "Fund. I do not desire in any way to limit the proposals which,
 "after full consideration of the circumstances, a body constituted
 "as I have suggested might be disposed to make; but I may
 "observe generally that I think it would be satisfactory to Canada,
 "as well as to Ireland, if this money were so applied as not only
 "to relieve the immediate necessities of the moment, but also to
 "secure some lasting benefit to the people, by works of a reproduc-
 "tive character.

"Assistance to fishermen for the purchase of boats and nets,
 "grants towards providing the contributions required from the
 "localities interested in order to secure the construction of fishing
 "piers and harbours, or gifts of seed to distressed persons who may
 "be unable to obtain it under the provisions of the recent Act,
 "are instances of the mode in which it occurs to me that this
 "donation might be expended, and which I mention for your Grace's
 "consideration.

"I have addressed a similar letter to the Lord Mayor of
 "Dublin, and I should be obliged by your early reply, as the
 "Canadian donation is now ready for expenditure.

"I have the honour to be, Madam,

"Your Grace's most obedient and humble servant,

"M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

"HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH."

The subject was brought immediately by Her Grace, and by the
 Lord Mayor before their respective Committees. The Marlborough
 Committee requested that Her Grace, and such two members of
 Her Committee as she should select should represent them, and
 the Lord Mayor was similarly appointed by the Mansion House
 Committee, and a like power of selection given to him. A Joint
 Committee, consisting of Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough,