

3. Your Lordship will observe from the correspondence noted in the margin,\* copies of which are transmitted with this despatch, that Her Grace's Committee and the committee of the Dublin Mansion House Fund accepted a proposal that three members of each committee should unite in forming a Joint Committee for the distribution of this grant, and that the Joint Committee so formed has been subsequently joined by three additional members representing the *New York Herald* Fund Committee, who have agreed to contribute in the proportion of one-third of the sum expended, to the objects to which the Canadian Fund may be applied.

4. Owing to the approaching departure of the Duchess of Marlborough from Ireland, Viscount Monk will henceforth take Her Grace's place on the committee.

5. My telegram of the 23rd March will already have indicated to you the general plan which it is proposed to adopt in the application of the Fund for the assistance of the distressed people, and I was gratified to receive your telegram of the 13th instant, in which you informed me, that your Government cordially approved the proposed distribution.

6. The correspondence now sent, and especially the letter from the Joint Committee of the 8th of this month, will show more precisely the direction in which it is intended that the relief should be given, viz: in the supply of seed—

2nd. In the construction of Piers and Harbors;

3rd. In providing Fishing tackle;

4th. In other reproductive works, such as drainage of land.

7. I have approved this scheme on the understanding that, whenever possible, grants should only be made in aid of local or individual contributions; except of course in special cases where the need is urgent, and it is clear that no such contributions could be obtained.

8. I beg to draw your attention to the letters dated the 17th and 18th of March, from which you will see that on learning of this contribution from Canada, a vote of thanks was passed by acclamation by the Mansion House Committee, and that the Duchess of Marlborough's Committee has requested me to convey to the Dominion Parliament the expression of their grateful thanks for their generous donation.

9. It only remains for me to request that your Lordship will convey to the Senate and House of Commons of Canada the high appreciation entertained by Her Majesty's Government of the generous liberality which they have manifested on the occasion, and of the sentiments which they have expressed in their Address.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

Governor General, The Right Honorable  
The Marquis of LORNE, K.T., G.C.M.G.  
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

*Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach to the Duchess of Marlborough and the Right Honorable Lord Mayor of Dublin.*

DOWNING STREET, 13th March, 1880.

MADAM,—

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to acquaint Your Grace and Your Lordship, that the Parliament of Canada has voted the sum of \$100,000 as a contribution towards the relief of the present distress in Ireland, and that the Government of the Dominion has requested

\* Colonial Office to Duchess of Marlborough and to Lord Mayor, 13th March.

Mansion House, 16th March.

Colonial Office to Duchess of Marlborough, 18th March.

Duchess of Marlborough to Colonial Office, 17th March.

Colonial Office to Lord Mayor, 20th March.

Lord Mayor to Colonial Office, 18th March.

Joint Committee, 8th April.