

the burthen of it should fall alike upon the whole of its inhabitants; and that as it respects the latter, that as the majority of them are not Episcopalians, it is not just that monies which were intended for the relief of their necessities, should be expended in the construction of a splendid edifice for the public worship of God, when a building in every way adequate for the purpose may be erected for a reasonable sum—and towards which they would have acquiesced in the appropriation of £5000 or even £6000.

That upon a review of all the circumstances—if it should be found that the decision of the government as to the appropriation of one half of the amount raised under the Queen's letter is irrevocable, then they are of opinion that a memorial to her Majesty's government may, with great justice and propriety, be made, the prayer of which should be that her most gracious Majesty may be pleased to direct the immediate distribution of the remaining funds at the disposal of the government, with especial reference to that class of the sufferers which has either not been considered at all, or to whom the award given has fallen far short of relieving them from their pressing necessities. In this view of the matter the Committee feel themselves fortified by the concurrently expressed opinions of the noble Earl at the head of the Colonial Department, and his Excellency Sir John Harvey, the late head of the Executive here.