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## M E S S A G E .

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*LORNE.*

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL transmits to the House of Commons a Copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Conveying the Thanks of Her Majesty's Government to the Parliament of Canada for the Grant of One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Aid of the Great Distress in Ireland, and enclosing copies of a Correspondence which has passed relative to the Application of the Fund.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 7th May, 1880.

(Copy.)

*Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach to the Marquis of Lorne.*

DOWNING STREET, 20th April, 1880.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 66, of the 27th of February, with a copy of an Address presented to you by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, expressing deep sympathy with the Irish laboring classes in their present great distress, and granting to Her Majesty the sum of \$100,000 in aid of the sufferers.

2. I had, previously to the receipt of this despatch, been informed by a letter from Messrs. Glynn, Mills, Currie & Co., that they were prepared to pay over an equivalent sum in British sterling as a Parliamentary gift from Canada, on account of the destitution in Ireland, and I had already placed myself in communication with Her Grace the Duchess of Marlborough, and with the Lord Mayor of Dublin in respect of the best means to be taken for applying this munificent donation to the object for which it is intended.