

Your Sub-Committee named yesterday to consider the subject of the details of a system to be recommended to the General Relief Committee for the disbursement of the funds at its disposal, beg leave to submit the conclusions to which they have arrived, in the shape of a Report, such as they would respectfully suggest your body should make to the General Relief Committee.

The whole respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN HOLMES,  
L. H. LAFONTAINE,  
CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN.

It was then ordered to call a General Meeting of the Relief Committee for the next day at 3 o'clock, P.M., to submit to it the Report, and that a certain number of copies be printed for distribution at the meeting.

His Honor the Mayor stated that in consequence of his numerous duties it would be impossible for him to give attention to the minute duties of Treasurer, and begged to move

That a Sub-Treasurer be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the remittances, make deposits, and otherwise serve the Committee; and further, that all monies handed in be deposited daily in the Chartered Banks of this City, and be drawn out only upon the signature of the Treasurer and of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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A meeting of the General Committee took place on the 16th July, at which Mr. Holmes stated that having taken up and considered Mr. Cartier's Resolution of the last General Meeting, the Executive Committee had proposed, and he begged leave now to submit for the approval of the meeting the suggestions contained in the Report which was then laid before the Meeting.

In obedience to the order of reference made to the Executive Committee, at the last meeting of the General Relief Committee, requiring them to report the details of a system to be adopted for the disbursement of such funds as should be placed at the disposal of your Body, the Executive Committee beg leave to submit the

#### FIRST REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The sufferers by the late fire may be stated to be of three classes; the first, comprising those whose means (with or without recourse to such loans as they may be able, by the offer of adequate security, to effect) are sufficient to enable them to rebuild, in the manner and of the materials requisite for the future safety of the city, the whole or any considerable part of their destroyed buildings; the second, those whose remaining means are not adequate to this; and the third, those who are in want of the necessaries of life. In other words, there is, first, a class who, whatever their losses, are not reduced to absolute poverty, or distress, properly so called; secondly, a class who are; and thirdly, a class whose distress amounts to destitution.

The first of these classes, the Executive Committee take it for granted, cannot be held to have any claim upon the funds at the disposal of your Body. The Loan Fund, contemplated by the fourth of the resolutions, passed at the public meeting of the 10th instant, is obviously the only proper means of aiding such persons falling within this class as may require aid at all. Any grant to them from a Charitable Relief Fund, would be a misapplication of such Fund.