

attributes to the excitement of the moment, the partial disobedience of these Orders, evinced by the Salute fired by Militia Artillerymen on the departure of His Royal Highness from St. John, he desires to assure those Companies by whom those Orders were obeyed, that their absence on this occasion is attributed solely to their sense of discipline, and to their desire to shew that in their Military capacity they can be trusted to obey Orders.

By Command.

R. HAYNE, *Lt. Col.*  
*Ad. Gen. of Militia.*

### INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The following Letter, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the President of the Indian Famine Relief Fund Committee, is published by His Excellency's command for general information. Any Congregational or other Subscriptions in favour of the Indian Famine Relief Fund will, if transmitted to me, be forwarded by His Excellency to the Bank of England, to the credit of that Fund.

S. L. TILLEY.

Secretary's Office, 27th May, 1861.

*Mansion House, London, 29th April, 1861.*

SIR,—It has become my duty as President of the London Committee of the Indian Famine Relief Fund, to appeal through Your Excellency to the inhabitants of the Colony over which you preside, on behalf of our suffering fellow subjects in India.

Every great effort of National Charity has hitherto been promptly and liberally responded to by our countrymen abroad, and their hearty co-operation was never more needed than on the present occasion.

I will not dwell on the painful details of sufferings which have already become too familiar through the Newspapers; the entire population of the Province which has been stricken with famine has been variously estimated; but it is believed that, out of that population, there are from a million and a half to two millions of men, women, and children, between whom and death (to use the forcible expression of the Calcutta Relief Committee) nothing stands but the helping hand of charity. The most recent accounts also give reason to fear that the area of the Famine is widening, and that large districts in other parts of India may be included in it. As the rains commence in June, and the harvest is reaped towards the end of October, there can be no abatement of the distress until the beginning of Winter; and even then the means of the people will be so exhausted that most of them will want further assistance to enable them to resume their ordinary occupations.

The Government of India is doing all in its power, and it is estimated that the cost to the Public Treasury of the remissions of Revenue and of employing and relieving the destitute, will not be less than £4,000,000 (four millions of pounds) Sterling; but it is a well ascertained fact, that a large starving population cannot be kept alive merely by the agency of the Government, without the active assistance of private benevolence.

Something more than the mere support of life will, however, I am persuaded, be aimed at. Such an opportunity has perhaps never before occurred of exhibiting the true character of Christianity to the Nations of the East. Delhi, which was the focus of the great Mutiny, is also the centre of the Famine, and of the measures adopted for its relief; and the almoners of our bounty are the survivors of those whose extermination was lately attempted. Who can say what effect the application of the blessed principle of returning good for evil on such a scale and under such striking circumstances as these, may have in softening the hearts of the people and inclining them to Christianity and Christian rule.

It may reasonably be hoped that this will be the last of the long series of Indian Famines. The various means of improvement now in progress, such as Railways, Canals, irrigation, freehold tenure, the settlement of Europeans, the re-organization of the Police, the Codification of the Laws, a more efficient administration of Justice, and more than all perhaps, the spread of general education and of missionary teaching, will soon inaugurate a new era. What is now wanted is to prevent the people from being swept away by a desolating famine before this good time arrives.

Besides Contributions from persons of all classes in India, about £90,000 (ninety thousand pounds) have been already subscribed in this country (including a munificent donation of £500 from Her Majesty,) and additional sums are daily received; but the largest amount that can be obtained will be wanted to sustain human life, and to restore human health, and the means of independent support in the afflicted districts.

The circumstances also obviously require that assistance should not only be liberally, but promptly given. All sums entrusted to the Committee over which I have the honor to preside will be immediately remitted to the Relief Committees in India.

Earnestly recommending this beneficent object to Your Excellency's early and serious attention,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM CUBETT, MAYOR.

His Excellency

The Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, &c. &c. &c.

### ERRATA.

#### BYE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

No. 222 For Rufus Cole, read *Patrick Riordan*, in aid of a Public Landing at Sprague & Soules, \$48.

No. 239. C. Stewart & M. M'Naughton, to off balance, &c., for \$237.84, read \$327.84.

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CROWN LAND OFFICE, June 5, 1861.

THE undermentioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction on Tuesday the second day of July next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeably to the Regulations of 22nd April 1861, and no sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the Crown for previous purchases.

(Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licences applied for previous to the applications for the purchase of the Land.)

(Lots described in the advertisement as for "Actual Settlement" are subject to all the conditions of the Labour Act.)

(No person is allowed to hold more than one hundred acres payable by instalments.)

(In all cases of competition, the purchaser must immediately pay the purchase money, or else the Land will be again forthwith offered for sale at the upset price, excluding bids from the defaulter, but the purchaser may pay by instalments if he be otherwise entitled to that privilege.)

(Upset price on "Reserved Tracts," sixty five cents per acre, other Tracts sixty cents per acre, except where otherwise mentioned.)

#### RESTIGOUCHE.

By Deputy Sadler, at Dalhousie.

100 acres, lot 156, block 8, Jaquet River, John Laviolett.

100 acres, lot 129, block 9, Durham, Wm. Doyle; \$2 survey.

87 acres, lot 142, block 1, Durham, S. Firlot.

100 acres, west of 33 block 1, Colborne, James Marquoil.

100 acres, lot 35, block 1, Colborne, Poster M'Intyre.

100 acres, lot 67, block 2, east of Louison River, John M'Millan.

#### GLOUCESTER.

By Deputy M Manus, at Bathurst.

30 acres, lot 9 south, block 13, Tattigouche, Joseph Kent, improved by applicant.

100 acres, lot X, Dunlop, John Ferguson, improved by applicant.

By Deputy Buttimer.

118 acres, lot 78, block 41, New Bandon, Francis Scott.

66 acres, lot B, Innishannon, Thomas Good.

100 acres, lot G, Innishannon south, Edw. Good.

50 acres, lot 25, Canobie, John Taylor.

140 acres, lot X, Canobie, Wm. Scott.

137 acres, lot Y, Canobie, E. Jennings.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND.

By Deputy Parker, at Newcastle.

50 acres, lot 48, block A, Nelson, Wm. Hosford.

100 acres, lot 16, block 47, Northesk, James Reynolds.

#### KENT.

By Deputy Douglas, at Buctouche.

100 acres, lot 72, Township three, Ezra Gesner.

100 acres, lot 90, Township three, Malcomb Gesner.

100 acres, lot 91, Township three, Abraham Gesner.

100 acres, lot 92, Township three, William Gesner.

15 acres, on lot 58, block 5, Wellington, John P. Arseno, imp'd by applicant

197 acres, lot 112, Louisburg, Terrance Curran.

197 acres, lot 113, Louisburg, Terrance Curran.

200 acres, lot 114, Louisburg, Terrance Curran.

171 acres, lot 115, Louisburg, Terrance Curran.

By Deputy Little, at Richibucto.

50 acres, lot 214, block 103, west of South Branch Nicholas, Eusebe Bouchie.

58 acres, lot 112, block L, Bass River, Edward Walker, Junior.

118 acres, lot A, block L, Bass River, William Wilson.

93 acres, lot 203, block M, Coal Branch, George Irving, Junior.