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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following letter from His Grace the Duke of BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, dated Government House, Madras, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1877, together with a letter from Mr. MUNSIE, Officiating Honorary Secretary to the General Committee, Madras Famine, dated Madras, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1877, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1878.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
MADRAS, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1877, enclosing Draft for Rupees 1,719.6.4 towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

I beg to convey to you, and through you to the residents at Hongkong, my best thanks for the sympathy felt, and the aid extended towards the suffering poor of this Presidency.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS.

His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, Esq.,  
*Governor of Hongkong.*

## THE MADRAS FAMINE, 1877.

GENERAL COMMITTEE,  
MADRAS, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 1877.

Honble. J. POPE HENNESSY,  
*Governor of Hongkong,*  
Hongkong.

YOUR HONOR,—I am directed by the Committee of the above Fund to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, to the address of His Grace the Duke of BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, Governor of Madras, enclosing a Draft for Rupees 1,719.6.4 for the above Fund, being proceeds of a concert given by Members of the German Club, &c., and an Amateur Dramatic Performance by the Sailors of H. M.'s Ship *Audacious*, for which I beg to thank you in the name of the Committee.

I remain,

Your Honor's most obedient Servant,

W. W. MUNSIE,  
*Offg. Hon. Secretary.*