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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The following Letters are published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1878.

LONDON MISSION,
SHANGHAI, 4th April, 1878.

To His Excellency

GOVERNOR POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G.

SIR,—It was with feelings of unfeigned and special thankfulness, that we received notice of a vote by Your Excellency in the Hongkong Legislature of \$10,000, on account of the China Famine Relief Fund.

We have also observed that the vote was sustained by the Secretary of State, and we could not but rejoice at the munificent grant of the Hongkong Government under the auspices of Your Excellency.

The letters we are receiving from the North continue to be of the same distressing character as before, aggravated only by the onward course of time.

Her Majesty's Consul at Tientsin, who is one of the Chairmen in our Committee there, has just written me that the appearance of things is worse than ever, the spring crops are totally destroyed, and nothing but the most gloomy prospects are before the starving millions. There are rumours also of a serious rising in Shansi and Honan, which is only to be expected in the circumstances, and the Government is utterly paralyzed by the condition of things. Large supplies of food are at their command, but altogether inadequate to meet the wants of the case, while the means of conveyance are alike unequal to the severity of the situation.

The Committees formed at our instance in Tientsin and Peking are entering vigorously on the work of relief, from the funds we have been able to send them and means have been forwarded to Shansi where we hope good and efficient service is being done.

All our funds are exhausted at this point, having been either sent North by our Treasurer, or supplied to the Catholic Missionaries here for that purpose in answer to their application.

In view of this, I take the liberty of writing your Excellency, to inquire if the vote you so kindly passed in Hongkong can be conveniently sent by remittance to our Treasurer, F. W. LEMARCHAND, Esquire, Agra Bank.

We have received from England nearly Tls. 30,000, and about an equal sum from other quarters. Our hope was that the so-called China indemnity in the hands of the U. S. Government, or rather the balance of it amounting to \$150,000 with interest thereon for the last twenty years, would be accorded to us for this benevolent object—the salvation of the millions now starving in China. But our appeals have remained unanswered to the present time. Should they be listened to, and this large sum come into our hands, the honour and credit attaching to it would be heralded far and wide, and be a means of blessing in the highest sense.

As it is, we are dependent on the sympathy and aid of friends at home and abroad, and we are thankful that these have been granted greatly beyond our expectation.

If Your Excellency can meet our request, by making the arrangements necessary for the transmission of the above vote, our Committee will feel greatly obliged.

I am,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

WM. MUIRHEAD,
*Honorary Secretary,
China Famine Relief Fund.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, 9th April, 1878.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I have the pleasure of informing you that I have paid \$5,000 to the Treasurer of the European Committee in Hongkong for the China Famine Fund, and \$5,000 to the Treasurer of the Native Committee.

I am happy to say that both Committees have received considerable sums from munificent donors in this Colony, a result due in no small degree to the publication of your former letter in the Hongkong Gazette and our local papers, and to the other authentic statements you and the Members of the Shanghai Committee have, from time to time, put before the public.

Believe me,

Reverend Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Reverend WM. MUIRHEAD,
*Honorary Secretary,
China Famine Relief Fund,
Shanghai.*

No. 72.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Examiners who conducted the recent Examination of Candidates for the Mastership of the Anglo-Chinese Elementary School at Wong-nai Ch'ung, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1878.

1. A Competitive Examination was held, in accordance with Notification No. 57 in *Government Gazette* of 30th March, 1878, at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, the 2nd April, at the Government Central School.

2. By order of H. E. the Governor, the examination was conducted by the Acting Inspector of Schools and the Acting Head-master of the Government Central School. The Acting Second and Fourth Masters of the Central School gave their assistance in supervising the Candidates whilst writing out their papers. Two of the Chinese Masters of the Central School assisted the Examiners in judging the Chinese Reading and oral Chinese Explanation. The Chinese Assistant Masters of the Central School were present, for their own instruction, during the examination of the Candidates in practical teaching, for which purpose a class of 50 boys was put through English Reading and Dictation exercises by the Candidates.

3. Seven Candidates, all present or former scholars of the Government Central School, presented themselves for examination. Arranging them in the order in which the examiners would now class them on the basis of the results of the examination, their names are as follows:—

	Age in 1878.	Years at Chinese Studies.	Years at English Studies.
(a.) Ch'an Man Kwong,	20	7	7
(b.) Li Fuk-ts'ün,	18	5	5
(c.) T'ám Sz-chiú,	20	7	5
(d.) Ch'an A-hing,	23	5	8
(e.) Ho Tung,	18	5	6
(f.) Chiú Chi-ming,	21	7	6
(g.) Lái Sham-kiú,	29	7	5