

CHINA FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

The following letter has been received from His Excellency TING-YAT-CH'ÉUNG.

TING, H. I. Ch. M. Vice-President of the Board of War, Governor of Fuhkien and adjoining Regions, Admiral, and Superintendent of Revenue,

to

HENNESSY, H. B. M. Imperially appointed Governor of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Commander-in-Chief, wearing the decoration of the third rank (C.M.G.)

The writer respectfully states that he has long looked forward (to meet) the light of your countenance with deep and ardent desire. Now he has received from the Committee of the Hongkong Relief Fund, Mr. WAI-T'ING-FU, Mr. LEUNG-HOK-SH'AU, Mr. WONG-KWAN-T'ONG, Mr. O-MAN-SHAI, Mr. KÒ-CH'Ò-HÉUNG and Mr. HÜ-WAI-SHAN, a letter informing him that your Excellency has contributed on account of the famine raging since last year in Shan-si and other provinces five thousand dollars and that accordingly those gentlemen forwarded that sum to Shan-si to be accounted for. This is sufficient to shew your Excellency's delight in virtue, in acts of charity relieving distress and cherishing compassion for fellow creatures without distinction of place or nationality. I shall always remember it. However I have as Governor forwarded a letter to the Foreign Office that thanks be expressed to the Ambassador of your honoured nation residing in Peking, but beyond this I wished at the same time to anticipate the universal gratitude felt.

Accept my best wishes for your unlimited happiness.

The writer's card is enclosed.

The tenth day of the third moon, (April 11th).

Card referred to:—

TING (Surname).

YAT
CH'ÉUNG } (Name).

Postscript.—I (the Governor TING YAT CH'ÉUNG) have frequently had the pleasure of receiving letters from the gentry of Hongkong to the effect that your Excellency ever since your arrival in Hongkong showed a deep interest in the people, your benevolent and governmental acts being too numerous to recount; and further that in the present year you went in person to the Tung Wa Hospital to admonish and urge to good measures, a thing which had not been done by any of the Officers who came to this country. I (the Governor) have had still further information in those letters which likewise I shall ever cherish the remembrance of. Perhaps I may some day have an opportunity to come to Hongkong when I would in person solicit your instructions and thereby enlarge my understanding and knowledge.

I send this expressly to wish your Excellency prosperity.

No. 2.

PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] J. POPE HENNESSY.

By His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas by a Proclamation bearing date the 24th day of August, 1868, and numbered 11, it was notified that if any person should give such information, evidence or assistance as that any Kidnapper, Decoy, or Child Stealer be thereby convicted and flogged, (or being a Woman should be convicted only), then such person should receive a reward of \$20 from the Colonial Treasury:

And whereas it is considered desirable to annul such notification and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, so as to allow the amount of the reward to be determined according to the special circumstances of each case: It is hereby notified, that the above recited notification is hereby annulled, and that from this date a reward will be given of such amount as, having due regard to all the circumstances, shall be considered reasonable and proper for any information, evidence or assistance as may lead to the conviction of any person guilty of decoying, stealing or kidnapping children.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

at Victoria, Hongkong, this 28th Day of May, 1878.