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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
15th October 1867.*

No. 172. Read the following letter from H. J. JOURDAIN, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Mauritius Relief Fund, to His Excellency the Governor of Madras; dated Port Louis, Mauritius, 4th September 1867.

I have the honor to inform you that, at a Meeting of the Committee named by His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly to take charge of and distribute the funds generously forwarded by the London Committee of the Mauritius Relief Fund, in aid of the sufferers by the sad epidemic which has lately caused such ravages in

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this Colony, it was resolved to make an earnest appeal, both in India and Australia, for further assistance towards relieving the destitution and misery which prevails here to a very great extent.

2. Owing to the extraordinarily protracted prevalence of this virulent fever, the resources of private and public charity in the Colony are all but exhausted, and the funds received from England barely suffice for the immediate wants of many thousands whom the fever has reduced to an almost incredible state of destitution and misery, and amongst whom the fever, though now happily less fatal in its results, still lingers with great persistency.

3. Upwards of 33,000 persons have perished, being nearly one-tenth of the total population of the Island, whilst in the town of Port Louis alone the deaths number nearly 20,000, or a fourth part of the population. It may be unnecessary to remind you that, from this Colony, in happier times, have emanated spontaneous subscriptions for the relief of distress in all parts, including the Indian Relief Fund, Lancashire Cotton Famine Relief Fund, and others, whilst this is the first occasion, though oft times sorely tried before, that this community is forced to appeal to the general public for the assistance which is so urgently needed.

4. I am desired by the Committee to request you kindly to give publicity and your kind patronage to this appeal, and, in conclusion, would merely add that assistance in the way of clothing or provisions will be as gratefully accepted as pecuniary aid.

5. Subscriptions to the Mauritius Relief Fund will be received at all the branches of the Oriental Bank Corporation. Rice or other supplies may be shipped direct to the Mauritius Committee, Port Louis.

No. 173. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1867, No. 1286.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be published in the *Port Saint George Gazette*, and communicated to the several local Newspapers.

(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT
Chief Secretary.

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most obedient servant.

Mary J. Gardiner

Honorary Secretary.

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W. J. Burroughs.

W. J.

Secretary
Treasury

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