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No. 45. Read the following letter from the Acting Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 18th August 1866, No. 1,631:—

Relative to the famine in the Districts on the Western Coast of the Bay of Bengal.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward to you the accompanying copy of a Resolution of this Government, No. 1,628, dated this day.

No. 1,628.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 18th August 1866.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNMENT.

1. The Honorable the Governor in Council has learnt with great regret that the prospects of the season in many of the Districts on the Western Coast of the Bay of Bengal continue so unfavorable that extraneous aid to a considerable amount will be required to avert serious loss of life from famine.

2. After every thing that Government can do shall have been done by the Governments of Madras and Bengal with the co-operation and under the authority of the Government of India, there will doubtless still remain a vast amount of want and distress beyond the reach of any arrangements which Government can make, and which must depend for relief on private charity; and there can be no doubt that this demand for such aid will far exceed what can be met from the local contributions of the charitable in the afflicted Districts and their immediate neighbourhood.

3. Under ordinary circumstances a public meeting of the inhabitants of Bombay would have afforded the most appropriate means of arranging a machinery for the collection and transmission of funds; but there are many obvious objections to the adoption of this course at the present moment.

4. The Governor in Council, therefore, proposes to request the gentlemen named in the margin to form themselves into a Committee for the collection of contributions, and for their transmission to those parts of the famine stricken Districts where the need of such relief may seem to be most urgent. The Committee may be requested to add to their number any gentlemen whose aid they may desire, and who may consent to assist them; and it is probable they will find many who are not permanently resident in Bombay useful and willing assistants as corresponding members.

Honorable A. Hunter.
Honorable Framjee Nusserwanjee.
Honorable Munguldass Nuthoobhoy.
Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Baronet.
Cowasjee Jehangeer Readymoney, Esq.
A. Sassoon, Esq., C. S. I.
Venaik Juggonath Sunkersett, Esq.
J. L. Lushington, Esq.
N. Spencer, Esq.

5. His Excellency in Council has reason to believe that the Chamber of Commerce have already moved in this matter. The press has energetically directed public attention to the subject, and has offered aid in the collection and transmission of funds, and some of the religious and charitable associations in the Island of Bombay, and several private persons who are always forward in such good works, have already sent aid.

6. To all these the Governor in Council would wish to convey the assurance that the action of Government is in no way intended to supersede or interfere with the charitable exertions they have already made with such praiseworthy promptitude.

7. But there can be no doubt that, after all which can be thus done by the independent efforts of the charitable, there will remain ample scope for the operation of a Central Public Committee to collect and distribute aid to the afflicted Districts.

8. Many doubtless desire to contribute who are unable to ascertain in what part of the country relief is most wanted, or how that relief may be best conveyed. To all so situated any Committee publicly appointed will be able to render valuable information and assistance.

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9. Where any special destination is indicated, the Committee will be able to remit contributions speedily and safely, and where no special object is named, they will, the Governor in Council feels assured, give a wise direction to any means of relief which may be placed at their disposal.

10. Copies of this Resolution should be published in the *Government Gazette*, and forwarded to the Governments of Bengal and Madras, to the Chambers of Commerce in Bombay and at Kurrachee, and to other public bodies and public officers, with a request that its contents may be made known to those who are likely to wish to give their aid.

F. S. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1866, No. 2,337.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Famine Relief Committee.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Famine Relief Committee.

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