

FILE 33/6 - IRISH FAMINE (1847-1850)

- 1 Dr Slattery, Archbishop of Cashel, Thurles to Murray acknowledging receipt of Murray's letter of 27 Feb., and a letter of credit for £220.17.6 of the Roman money sent by Cardinal Franzoni to Murray. He will distribute it through the suffragan Bishops of his Province according to the instructions of the Cardinal Prefect. 28 Feb. 1847.
- 2 Same to same, acknowledging Murray's of 12 March with a letter of credit for £26.15.0. 14 Mar. 1847.
- 3 Same to same, acknowledging receipt of bank order for £1 1.12.0 which the Rev. R. Chapman of Talacu directed to him and for which he is very grateful. The duties of this work will bear hard on me but they must be gone through. 28 Mar. 1 847.

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- 4 Letter from the Secretary to the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, who is absent, re moneys received (£431 odd) for famine relief to be divided among the two Archbishops. Fr Synott has not yet handed over the Protestant's share of the Melbourne subscription, as promised. 17 Apr. 1847.
- 5 Same to same, enclosing cheque from Quebec for £525; asks to have their share returned as usual. 24 Apr. 1847.
- 6 Dr Slattery, Thurles to Murray acknowledging receipt of the remaining half notes for £25. Tells Murray to keep all the trinkets himself and get what price he can for them. The 'old Colonel' must be mistaken, he was never at school in Kerry or anywhere else out of Tipperary town until he went to Trinity College. 20 Apr. 1847.
- 7 Letter signed by five Committee members of an Albany, New York Committee for famine relief, re food they are shipping for famine relief. Letter is addressed to Dr Croll, Archbishop of Armagh. They are sending 200 barrels of corn meal through the Quakers Pim and Bewley, 27 Apr. 1847.
- 8 Printed notice in French by the Bishop of Verdun to his flock, urging them to contribute to famine relief in Ireland. 19 May 1847.
- 9 Enclosed with 6 above. Encyclical of Pius IX, in French, to all the prelates of the world asking for help for Irish famine victims. 25 Mar. 1847.
- 10 Dr Slattery, Thurles to Murray. On his return from a month's Visitations he received from Dr Meyler through the National Bank a letter of credit for £113.13.7. Asks for instructions as to how it should be distributed. 4 Aug. 1847.
- 11 Same to same. Acknowledges receipt of bank order for £500 which together with the former sum of £113.13.7 shall be distributed according to the wants of the Province of Minister. 22 Aug. 1847.
- 12 Same to same acknowledging receipt of a letter of credit for £400 from various parts of the Continent, which he will distribute as before to the Bishops of this Province. 3 Oct. 1847.

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- 13 List of numbers of deaths from starvation and famine compiled by Thomas Synnott deputed by Murray to look after famine relief funds. Deaths from starvation up to 25 September 1847, 22,241; from diseases consequent on starvation, 51,884. He gives statistics for 19 counties. 21 Oct. 1847.
- 14 Dr Slattery, Thurles to Murray, acknowledging receipt of a letter of credit for £500. Discusses the work of Proslytizers in Kerry. He read of the death of Gayer of Dingle but someone else will start up in his place. The people are in a worse state than they were last year. He comments on the inadequacies of outdoor relief. In the meantime Extermination goes on under the protection of Law. "Oh that I for once could fly from this wretched country into some solitude where I might at all events die in peace". 5 Feb. 1848.
- 15 Same to same acknowledging receipt of a bank order for £350. The Catholic Pastor of Rheindorf in the Rhenish Provinces wrote to him last week offering the loan of money for famine relief. 12 Apr. 1848.
- 16 Dr Feeney, Bishop of Killala, to Murray (from Ballina) thanking him for £230 for famine relief in his diocese. 13 Apr. 1848.
- 17 Fr Michael Linright, Castletownbere, to Murray; thanking him for £15 for the poor of his parish; protesting against proselytizing going on and enclosing a letter from Mr Reddington, with his protest. He asks Murray to read and forward same. A "bevy of Parsons are going hourly from house to house distributing tracts and calumniating our religion". 14 June 1848.
- 18 Fr Fitzmaurice Clifden, to Synnott, thanking Murray for £25 for famine relief of two united and one adjoining parishes; for a year they got no aid from the Commission set up; he asks Murray to plead their case. Proselytism is rampant; 13 bible readers under command of a bankrupt landlord are doing great mischief and getting all the funds of the British Association and changing bad Catholics into good hypocrites.
- 19 Fr Keogh (Mayo) and Fr Keane (Galway), to Fr Synnott. Keogh has had to fly from his parish, but it is from the frying pan into the fire for they in Galway are equally destitute. 3 July 1848.

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- 20 Dr Slattery, Thurles to Murray acknowledging receipt of second half of £20 note. He is completely stricken down by his own personal difficulties together with the deplorable condition of his unhappy people. Seeks a more suitable and energetic successor. 6 Mar. 1849.
- 21 Fr O'Reilly, Bangor Erris to Murray thanking for money and reporting proselytism. 13 Mar. 1849.
- 22 H. Haddington, Whitehall to Murray. The Commissioners of H. M.'s Treasury send £3,200 for famine relief following the request from the four Archbishops at Thurles Synod. 19 Sept. 1850.

### *POOR LA W GUARDIANS IN KERRY DURING THE FAMINE:*

- 23 Copy of letter from Constable Sheehy, Ballyduff, Co. Kerry to Head Constable McCarthy, reporting that Fr O'Flaherty denounced Kerry Supple and Richard Dalton from the altar as 'ruffian agents' and corrupt Poor Law Guardians who were depriving the people of their rations; He also notified the people of three parishes to meet him. Mrs Supple and her daughters left Mass early in fear and Mr Supple asked for police protection for the night. 27 Dec. 1847.
- 24 John McCarthy, 2nd Head Constable, Listowel to H. Hawkshaw, Co. Inspector of police, forwarding the preceding and repeating instructions writer gave re protecting Mr Supple and his property. 27 Dec. 1847.
- 25 Pierce Crosbie, Ballyheigue Castle to Sir Wm Somerville. As the only resident landed proprietor in his district he reports on the Ballyduff incident so that Somerville can inform the Lord Lieutenant; if this continues no one will act as Poor Law Guardians. 30 Dec. 1847.
- 26 Thomas Reddington, Dublin Castle to Sir Wm Somerville or to Pierce Crosbie (addressee not given). The Lord Lieutenant received his letter; he regrets the incident and is having it investigated. 8 Jan. 1848.
- 27 Paper signed by Lord Listowel at end of a letter from O. Moriarty to J. M. Malone, describes the Ballyduff incident and Fr O'Flaherty's threat to lead a protesting crowd to the Listowel Board of Guardians. 31 Dec. 1847.

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- 40 Reddington to Egan. The Lord Lieutenant thanks Egan for his prompt attention to the matter which His Excellency thought it his duty to bring to Egan's notice. 28 Jan. 1848.
- 41 Mary Dolphin, Danesfort, Loughrea, Co. Galvway to Murray. The population in her area are in great distress; some of them starving; she asks for whatever help Murray can give. He will remember her from former acquaintance. 29 Mar.
- 42 J. M. Fitzmaurice, Cheltenham, England to Murray. Encloses £61, proceeds of a raffle for an autograph letter and agate rosary beads presented by the Pope to be raffled for the relief of Irish famine victims. 1847.
- 43 Letter LJTI the Lord Lieutenant's Office,Phoer"x Park, Dublin to Murray re 'affairs of the Fleet'; reviving the Indian Relief Fund; and helping Murray's Famine Relief Committee (Irish Famine),c. 1848-49.
- 44Sir Edmund Vavasour, Hayelwood, England to Murray enclosing a donation for famine relief in Ireland. Dr Briggs was in Connaught and saw for himself the terrible sufferings of the people. 26 Dec.
- 45 Elizabeth Caton, London to Murray enclosing £10 for famine relief and another £1 0 from her sister Lady Wellesley. She gives news of the health of her sister and the Marquis (formerly Lord Lieutenant in Ireland). She and her sister will never forget Murray's kindness to them both. 3 June.
- 46 A. Connell, Exchange Street, Dublin to Murray re the Famine Relief Fund distribution in city parishes and the advisability of issuing a circular letter to the clergy who could advise their parishioners who could apply and the procedure to be followed.

## ADDENDA

- 47 Copy of printed appeal of Pope Pius IX to the bishops of the world asking for alms for the victims of the famine in Ireland and prayers that the famine may end. 25 Mar. 1847.
- 48 Printed copy of a letter from Pope Pius IX to the archbishops and bishops of Ireland (authenticated by Murray), acknowledging their letter of thanks for the relief he sent during the famine. 18 Feb.1848.

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49 Second copy of same.

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