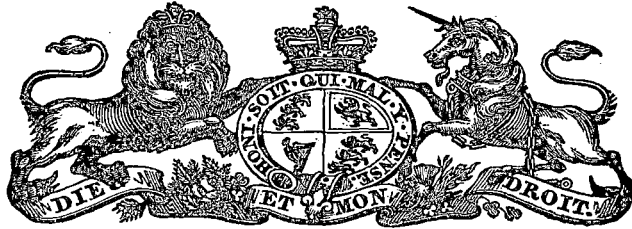


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ST. LUKE'S RAGGED SCHOOL.

CORRESPONDENCE.

*Return to an Order of the House, 11th October, 1877. (Mr. Gellibrand.)*

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Fysh, and ordered by the House to be printed,  
October 17, 1877.



*Barrack Square, 15th March, 1876.*

SIR,

I BEG to call the attention of the Government to the Resolution conveyed in a Message to the Legislative Council by Dr. Butler and Mr. Gray from the House of Assembly (as printed in the accompanying paper), viz., "That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £50 to be placed on the Estimates in aid of St. Luke's Ragged School, Macquarie-street, Hobart Town;" and to enquire respectfully if it is the intention of the Government to act upon that resolution by appropriating the amount for the object specified?

I believe the Government has already acted upon the resolution conveyed to the Legislative Council, in the same manner and at the same time, to "grant £100 to supply Exhibitions to girls from the primary schools under the Board of Education to superior schools;" and I submit that the poor children attending St. Luke's Ragged School have a stronger claim, inasmuch as many of them have not only to be taught, but to be supplied with books, &c., and even clothing.

In case the Government should be favourable to this appropriation, the amount could be paid to me as manager of the school, or to a committee consisting of Henry Hunter, Esq., Alderman Edward Maher, and myself, with the understanding that it shall be expended on the school, and a report given to the Government of the manner in which it shall be expended.

I may add that, in consideration of such an appropriation, the school would be open to inspection on the part of the Government.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM J. DUNNE.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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*Barrack Square, 31st August, 1876.*

SIR,

ON the 15th of last March I had the honor of addressing a letter, of which the enclosed is a copy, to the Honorable the then Colonial Secretary.

To that letter I have not yet received any reply, owing probably to the interruptions which have occurred in that office since.

I beg now respectfully to renew my application, and to express my hope that it will be duly considered and favourably entertained.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM J. DUNNE.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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*Colonial Secretary's Office, 6th September, 1876.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, calling my attention to a previous communication addressed to my predecessor under date the 15th March last, of which you enclose a copy.

Press of business has prevented the present Government from replying to your letter, but the subject will be considered by the Executive at as early a date as practicable, when I will communicate the decision arrived at without delay.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY.

*The Rev. W. J. DUNNE, Barrack Square.*

*Barrack Square, 4th April, 1877.*

SIR,

ON the 31st August last I did myself the honor of writing to you in reference to St. Luke's Ragged School, and enclosing a copy of a letter, dated 15th March, which I addressed to your predecessor in office. To that letter you were pleased to reply in the following terms:—"Press of business has prevented the present Government from replying to your letter, but the subject will be considered by the Executive at as early a date as practicable, and I will communicate the decision arrived at without delay."

Since the receipt of that letter I have been in expectation of a favourable reply to my communication; but, as I have not been so favoured, I now most respectfully beg that my application will be duly considered by the Executive without further delay.

Permit me to add, that the resolution to which I referred in my letter of the 15th of March, conveyed to the Legislative Council at the same time and in a similar manner as that referring to St. Luke's School, to grant £100 to supply Exhibitions to Girls, was acted upon by the Executive, and to repeat that I have a stronger claim that my application with respect to St. Luke's School shall be granted.

I have, &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM J. DUNNE.

*The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office, 7th April, 1877.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, referring to previous communications on the subject of a Grant in Aid to St. Luke's Ragged School; and in reply to inform you that the Government purpose submitting a vote to Parliament during the coming Session in accordance with your original application.

I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. REIBEY.

*The Rev. WILLIAM J. DUNNE, Barrack Square.*