

two Vestrymen, to take an account of the deaths, white, black, and coloured, bond and free, and for ascertaining the losses, by the killing of slaves and destruction of property, of every description; and as soon as the result of their labours is made known to me I shall lose no time in transmitting them to your Lordship. I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JAMES LYON.

The Right Hon. Viscount Goderich,
&c. &c. &c.

Government-House, Barbados,
September 2, 1831.

MY LORD,
IT is with feelings overflowing with gratitude that I proceed to give your Lordship an outline of the bountiful and munificent assistance afforded to this devastated island by the sister colonies; these acts of charity have been doubly enhanced by the solicitous haste and promptitude with which they have been furnished.

On the 13th ultimo I considered it my duty to make known, as widely as possible, our calamitous circumstances to the neighbouring islands and colonies; and no sooner had the distressing intelligence reached the colonies of Demerara, Grenada, Antigua, Dominica, and Trinidad, than the benevolent inhabitants of each set about preparing supplies, both of provisions and money, for the relief of our destitute sufferers.

All classes and all colours vied with each other in their haste to contribute their mite towards relieving the wants of the poor and houseless; and it is with feelings of pride and satisfaction that I state to your Lordship, that the troops stationed in the different islands have emulated the bright example of the inhabitants; even in this island, where their privations have been great, one day's pay has been subscribed by all ranks; and the 86th regiment, stationed in Antigua, has contributed no less than three days' pay.

By these generous and timely efforts they will have the satisfaction of knowing, that they have alleviated the sorrows of many a widow, and appeased the hunger of many an orphan child, and what reward can be higher I know not.

The colony of Demerara has forwarded in provisions and money to the amount of	Dollars.
Antigua, private subscriptions, &c.	7000
Grenada, House of Assembly voted £1000 currency, and private subscriptions £1000	4000
Dominica, private subscriptions	1500
Trinidad, Council voted £1000 sterling	4800
The Illustrious Cabildo	1000
Private subscriptions	4200

Dollars 25,500

At the head of these subscription lists I observe the names of Sir J. Campbell for £200 currency; Sir Patrick Ross £120; Sir Charles Smith £100; and Mr. President Lochhart £25.

I may inform your Lordship that the subscriptions are still going on, and considerable sums may yet be added to the above amount.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) JAMES LYON.

The Right Hon. Viscount Goderich,
&c. &c. &c.

Copy of a Circular Letter addressed by His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir James Lyon, Governor of Barbados, to the Governors of the neighbouring Colonies.

Government House, Barbados.

STR, August 13, 1831

I HAVE the melancholy intelligence to communicate to your Excellency, that on the morning of the 11th instant, we had the misfortune to be visited by one of the most awful and violent hurricanes ever experienced in this island.

The loss of life and dreadful accidents are numerous, and the damage done to property is immense, although no correct estimate can be at present formed.

May I request that your Excellency will make known our situation to your community, and communicate, if possible, by the first ship (if any are at present in your port) to England the intelligence, that our situation and wants may be supplied with as much celerity as circumstances will permit.

It will be obvious, that as nearly every house in the island is levelled, or materially injured, lumber will be much required, and provisions of every kind.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) JAS. LYON.

BARBADOS.

A PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir James Lyon, K. C. B. and G. C. H. Governor and Commander in Chief of this Island, &c. &c.

J. LYON.

WHEREAS, it having pleased Almighty God to afflict this colony with a most awful and destructive hurricane; which has destroyed all the dwellings and plantations of the inhabitants of the island; and whereas it is apprehended that some evil-disposed persons may attempt to plunder the distressed inhabitants of the few articles and provisions which they have preserved; I do, therefore, hereby order and command all Magistrates and Constables to exert themselves, to the utmost of their power, in preserving, on this melancholy occasion, the peace and tranquillity of the island, and to prevent, as far as in them lies, the depredation and plunder by such evil-disposed persons; and I do require all His Majesty's liege subjects to be assisting to the Magistrates and Constables in the execution of their duty herein. And should the Civil Authorities be found insufficient to uphold the laws, I do hereby require all commanding Officers of the several regiments of Militia of this Island to exercise the power granted to them, by the thirty-first clause of the Militia Act of this Island, by appointing or commanding any sufficient part of their respective regiments as may be needful, to assemble for the purpose of preventing disturbance, and preserving the general peace.

And whereas it has been represented to me, that the principal Merchants of Bridgetown have not enhanced the prices of the necessary articles of life; now I do hereby strongly recommend, that so laudable and benevolent an example may be generally observed; and I trust and expect, that no advantage will be taken by mechanics and other tradesmen in the present lamentable state of the colony: and I do call on and command all the inhabitants of the