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COLONIAL OFFICE,

DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.

11th September, 1942.

*Dear Dame Rachel,*

I am afraid that I have been rather a long time in replying to your letter of the 27th May about the arrangements for assisting people who have lost their livelihood since the Japanese occupation of Malaya. The reason for the delay is that it has taken very much longer than I expected, and had hoped, to set going the unofficial Fund to which persons in need can apply for assistance supplementary to that which they may be receiving from public funds. I am, however, glad to say that the various difficulties which we have encountered have been successfully overcome and that the Fund is now in being. It is being managed by a Committee of which Sir George Broadbridge is the Chairman, the other members being General Sir William Dobbie, Mr. J.L. Michie, a member of a firm of East Indian merchants, Mr. Morse, the Acting Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Mr. Gull, the Secretary of the China Association and Mr. Cator of the Malayan Agency.

The

Dame Rachel Crowdy, D.B.E., R.R.C.