

New York, January 3, 1884.

My Dear Sir:

I take the liberty to mail you the enclosed subscription circular for the Emergency Fund just opened in the Irish World.

The article reprinted on the first page will explain itself.

If you recognize the reasons given and believe in the policy indicated, you will, I trust, have the courage of your convictions and testify your faith by co-operating with the movement just initiated.

I have raised many funds for Irish patriotic objects, but it is my deep conviction that this Emergency Fund does more harm to British Domination and more hope for Ireland's freedom than any move in the present generation.

Ireland has touched zero in slavery, poverty, and national degradation. She has everything to hope from the adoption of a daring policy. England in her wealth and glass house has much to lose.

The Irish people are held as prisoners of war. The brutal Tyranny which keeps them under thinks

it can terrorize its captives with chains, jails, and the scaffold - England is bent on exterminating the race if she fails to subjugate them. Sometimes it has looked as if she ~~were~~ was going to succeed. But a spirit of self-sacrifice, a spirit that smiles at the scaffold and has contempt for death, will baffle and ultimately vanquish this diabolical power. This spirit is awakened among heroic Irishmen to-day and is anxious to operate. They who sincerely desire the success of these men will aid them, as best they can.

Very truly Yours,

Arthur Ford.