

**List dziękczynny Samuela Jones Loyda
w imieniu BRA do Count de Strzeleckiego**

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We think we should be guilty of ingratitude towards a distinguished foreigner, who has deserved well of the British nation, were we not to give publicity to the following letters, which have appeared in *Sir Charles Traveyan's Seven Series of Papers* relating to Proceedings for the Relief of the Distress in Ireland. We shall be glad to hear that her Majesty's Government have recognized Count Strzelecki's services as fully and becomingly as they appear to have been recognized by the members of the *British Association*, who were best able to appreciate their extraordinary value and extent:

"Mr Loyd, chairman of the *British Association for the Relief of Distress in Ireland and Scotland*, to Count Strzelecki – July 21, 1848.

"I am specially instructed by the committee of the *British Association for the Relief of Distress in Ireland And Scotland*, to transmit to you the enclosed resolutions. In discharging this duty, I feel it difficult to confine myself to the cold and measured language of official form. Having devoted an almost uninterrupted attention to the business of the Committee, I have had the means of observing and appreciating the value of the assistance which you have rendered to us from the

commencement to the final termination of our proceedings, and which, I am sure, even the warm language of the resolutions does but imperfectly express.

“No great length of time has elapsed since I came forward to certify your fitness to be admitted to the privileges of a British subject, I gave this testimony as a private individual, upon the knowledge which I then possessed of your character, and I did it in unhesitating confidence. But little did I then anticipate that I should so soon be called upon, in a more public capacity, to recognize the abundant proof which you have since afforded that you possess those high moral qualities which the British public always holds in the greatest esteem, and, at the same time, to thank you for the valuable cooperation which you have rendered in carrying out one of the noblest efforts, which even British generosity has ever made, for the relief of distress arising out of a most appalling national calamity.

You have indeed established the strongest claim upon the gratitude of the country which you have adopted. Long may you live to adorn it by your virtues, and to benefit it by further services which you are capable of rendering to it.

“I cannot express to you too strongly the respect and esteem which your conduct has created in the breast of every member of the Committee.

“The resolutions which I transmit to you are a candid and honest expression of our united feeling on this subject. To these let me add the assurance of the personal regard and admiration of your faithful servant and friend.

EXCLOSURE

“At a meeting of the *Committee of the British Relief Association*, held on Thursday, the 20th of July, 1848, it was resolved unanimously –

That this Committee, on the occasion of bringing to a close their official intercourse with the Count P.E.de Strzelecki, feel that the services which he has rendered to the *British Association*, in their efforts for the relief of distress in Ireland, demand a peculiar and marked acknowledgment.

That the Committee recognize, with the deepest respect and gratitude, the noble spirit which induced Count Strzelecki to place his gratuitous services at their disposal, in the commencement of their proceedings, and the steady perseverance and moral resolution with which, during 18 months, he has discharged duties involving great labor and anxiety, and considerable degree of personal risk in carrying out the purposes of the Association; first, in some of the most distressed and desolate districts of Ireland, and subsequently in Dublin.

That the sufficient result, which has attended the labours of the Committee; the grateful acknowledgements which they have received, as well from the gentry and clergy of all denominations in Ireland, as from the recipients of the bounty of the Association, expressed by the Lord-Lieutenant and the Government of England, have afforded to the Committee the greatest satisfaction; for which they feel they are largely indebted to the very able and zealous assistance which they have received from the Count de Strzelecki.

That this Committee, whilst tendering to Count Strzelecki this testimony of respect and gratitude for services equally remarkable for their efficiency as for their disinterested character, cannot refrain from expressing their hope that the persevering energy, the correct judgement, and the varied capacity of usefulness of which he has afforded such abundant proof during his connection with the *British*

Association, may still be rendered available in some other form to his adopted country.

That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Count Strzelecki, by the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee.

By order of the Committee,

S.J. LOYD, Chairman.

Committee-room, South Sea House, July 21, 1849.

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