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Appeal for Poland.

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA :

The Poles have again resolved to be free, and with noble resolve, have struck for liberty. It is not necessary to enter into a detail of their history and sufferings. The former is recorded in characters of living light, upon the indelible pages of European civilization; the latter presents the blackest page of diabolical barbarity ever written by fiends or men. This moment all classes, from the hoary-headed sire to feeble childhood, and even delicate and refined womanhood, are struggling against the barbarism of Russia, with all the energy which extreme cruelty and despair can prompt. They appeal to God for the rectitude and justice of their cause, and to humanity for sympathy and aid.

The people of England, Ireland, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, and Italy, have nobly responded; and shall Americans fail to appreciate the sacredness of the cause, and the imperative obligations of freemen in an emergency like this? It cannot be. You have always sympathized with suffering humanity everywhere. You have relieved the distresses of the unfortunate of every land. You have contributed aid, and afforded encouragement to the struggling patriots of every nationality.

The Executive Committee now appeals to your generous and patriotic hearts, in aid of a devoted nation, whose very name is the synonym of liberty and chivalry. Messrs. Donahue, Ralston & Co. have consented to receive and transmit to the East, and to Europe, all contributions, under the directions of the Executive Committee. Collections in the different localities of the State may be made by committees appointed by the citizens, or by the Agents appointed by the Executive Committee. Act with promptitude and energy, and you will contribute to strike down the oppressor's power, and free a nation from bondage. At all events your generous, your patriotic deeds will receive the approbation of your consciences, your God, and of posterity.

The following gentlemen have been appointed as the Executive Committee: E. Lazard, Chairman; N. Larco, D. J. Oliver, E. F. Beale, L. J. Czapkay, M. D., F. MacCrellish, C. Meyer, Capt. Corwin Piotrowski, C. Bielawski, R. B. Woodward, T. A. Selby, Dr. Loehr; J. C. Zabriskie, Secretary.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by the Executive Committee to solicit and collect subscriptions in this city in aid of the cause of

Poland: Capt. Corwin Piotrowski, Col. J. C. Zabriskie, Dr. L. J. Czapkay, C. Bielowski, Esq., C. Meyer, Esq., N. Larco, Esq. Messrs. J. McM. Shafter, Nathan Porter, and Wm. A. Cornwall, have been appointed to solicit subscriptions from the members of the bar.

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