Southern Prisoners' Relief Fund Broadside, ca. 1864

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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains one broadside, "Southern Prisoners' Relief Fund," soliciting contributions from Southerners residing in Europe during the Civil War. The item is printed in Liverpool, England, ca. 1864, and reads, in part:
"There are at this time many thousands of Confederate prisoners of war confined in the various forts and camps of the Northern States. A large proportion of them are wounded or sick, and all are in a state of destitution, the accounts of which, as given in private letters and in the newspapers, present a picture of human suffering which has scarcely a parallel in modern times. The merest necessaries of life are wanting, and frequently the wounded prisoner has no raiment save that which is stark and stiffened with his clotted blood. These men, cut off from the assistance of their kindred or the protection of their Government, have peculiar claims on the patriotism of their countrymen in Europe and upon Christian benevolence everywhere. This Southern Prisoners' Relief Fund is intended to mitigate some of these sufferings which cannot altogether be relieved. Within little more than a twelvemonth nearly £3,000 have been collected and expended in relief. The Managers of the Fund are assisted in their efforts by self-devoted ladies in the principal Northern cities, who visit the sufferers and give them such aid as the means at their disposal render possible. Of late the Federal Government has granted permission that this Samaritan work may be done openly."

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