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Ottawa, March 1st., 1919.

Sir,-

I beg to transmit herewith copy of a resolution passed on the 13th February by the Indians of the Red Bank Reserve on the subject of relief said to be required by certain members of that band. Enclosed is also copy of a communication, which reached the Department at the same time as the resolution, and which bears on the matter. I may say the said documents were forwarded to the Department by Chief John P. Tenass, of Red Bank.

It is desired that you will <sup>make</sup> inquiry into the circumstances of the Indians on the reserve mentioned. If necessary you should make a trip to Red Bank in order to properly attend to this matter. I may say that the Department will expect to receive from you at an early date a list showing the names of those Indians who in your opinion should receive aid. You should state opposite each name the value of the assistance which you consider should be afforded. The list should cover those persons who are in receipt of aid at the present time and should also furnish the names of any other persons on whose behalf relief may be required. Full particulars in each case should be furnished and the need for affording assistance should be set forth. In dealing with this matter you should bear in mind that economy must be observed in dealing with relief issues. Only those persons who cannot possibly provide for themselves are to be assisted, but no undue suffering should be allowed.

You should have the Indians pass a resolution in this matter requesting that payment for relief issues shall be made from their funds, copy of which resolution should be attached to the list of names.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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