

But as already suggested, they think that the particular distribution can only be made under your Excellency's directions, by local Committees, who will have knowledge of the condition, and circumstances of each individual, and will of course in every case take into account the particular amount of relief that may have been already dispensed.

The Commissioners are clearly of opinion, that of all the classes of sufferers, the Farmers, or those who depended on the cultivation of the soil for support, are deserving of the most favourable consideration. Persons of this class beginning in the wilderness, have accumulated their means under severe privations, by hard labour and slow degrees, and the fruit of years of patient industry, is swept away from them in an instant. They have now the same laborious process to go over again, under circumstances of infinite disadvantage, arising from the very devastation which has caused their ruin.

All which is respectfully submitted

for your Excellency's consideration.

(Signed)

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