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Right Hon. Sir E.
B. Lytton, Bart.,
M.P., to the Right
Hon. Sir E. Head,
Bart.

28 June 1858.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir *E. B. Lytton*, Bart., M.P.,
to Governor General the Right Honourable Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 28 June 1858.

I HAVE had the honour to receive your Despatch, No. 73,* of the 5th instant, accompanied by a memorandum from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, on the effect which the reduction of the Parliamentary grant will produce on some of the more destitute Indians.

In cases where any of the tribes may be wholly without funds for the support of their helpless and destitute members, it must be hoped that hereafter the Provincial Parliament will be disposed to make some provision for the necessities of the original possessors of the soil, which has now become the seat of a great and flourishing people of European race. I should be deeply concerned, however, if in the transition which is now taking place, any disabled or infirm Indians should be reduced to want. In my predecessor's Despatch, No. 10,† of the 15th March, you were informed that the vote of 300 £. for blankets would probably continue to be asked until the end of the second year from that period, viz., the 31st March 1860, and from my subsequent Despatch, No. 8,‡ of the 14th June, you will have learned that an additional sum of 100 £. per annum for the benefit of some indigent Indians would continue to be applied for to the same date. I have now to state that in order to give you better facilities for meeting any real cases of necessity, a vote of 500 £. instead of 400 £. as above recapitulated, will be submitted to Parliament for the year ending the 31st March 1860, for the issue of blankets and for any other charitable purposes which you may approve, but after that date I hope that under the plan which you have proposed, provision will be made from public funds in the province for the relief and assistance of any Indians who have no funds belonging to their own tribe on which they can draw for a supply of their indispensable wants.

I have, &c.

(signed) *E. B. Lytton.*

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Right Hon. Sir E.
B. Lytton, Bart.,
M.P., to the Right
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11 February 1859.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Honourable Sir *E. B. Lytton*, Bart., M.P.,
of Governor General the Right Honourable Sir *Edmund Head*, Bart.

Sir,

Downing-street, 11 February 1859.

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 4,* of the 17th of January, accompanied by an estimate of the expenses of the Indian Department for the year ending the 31st of March 1860.

This estimate is prepared in accordance with conclusions previously announced by Her Majesty's Government, and it will accordingly be submitted to Parliament.

With regard to the subject adverted to in the memorandum of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, I regret to learn, that no provision has yet been made for defraying on the spot the salaries of the officers of the Indian Department, but long notice has been given of the necessity which was felt to relieve the British Treasury from bearing this burthen for a service of so specially a Canadian character. I, therefore, cannot undertake to alter the previous decision, but must leave it to you, with the advice of your Council, to take such steps as you may deem proper for keeping up the remuneration of the officers employed in the indispensable duty of watching the interests of the Indians and administering their affairs.

I have, &c.

(signed) *E. B. Lytton.*