

to spend the money only in  
articles that are actual  
necessaries; and you  
should limit the relief  
to cases of actual distress  
and not spend any relief  
on able bodied Indians  
who can procure their  
own livelihood. As the  
Department while on the  
one hand wishes to assist  
those Indians who are  
incapable of working through  
age, sickness or other  
infirmity, is on the other  
hand unwilling to foster  
indolent habits among  
the able bodied portion of  
the Indian community by  
giving them gratuitous  
assistance.

In referring to your

letter

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