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

Sir,

Downing-street, 1 May 1858.

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 41,* of the 7th of April, accompanied by a memorandum by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs on some parts of my communication to you, of the 15th of March, respecting the vote for the Indian Department.

On referring to my Despatch, you will perceive that I never said that the allowance of 300 £. for blankets and any allowance which might be reasonable for gunpowder and provisions ought to cease, but that they ought to be provided for out of the Indian estates.

On the subject of pensions, I hardly know how to state more clearly than I did before, that I consider them to be granted for life, and therefore not to be transferable from one fund to another, except with perfect security.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Stanley*.

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Head, Bart.

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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, 14 June 1858.

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 56,* of the 12th of May, accompanied by the Report of the Commissioners appointed for inquiring into the condition of the Indian tribes.

This Report brings together a great amount of useful information on the different bands of Indians, and will doubtless be valuable to those who are engaged in the practical administration of their affairs. I quite approve of the plan of which you submitted an outline to your Executive Council; and I presume that I shall hear further from you when they have adopted their conclusions on the subject.

The only point which appears to require immediate notice from me, is a matter of detail mentioned at page 119 of the Commissioners' Report. They allude to the issue of rations costing less than 100 £. per annum to 10 unfortunate Indians who, from privation of sight or similar causes, are disabled from seeking their own livelihood. These afflicted persons must certainly not be allowed to lose their customary pittance. A sum of 100 £. therefore will be added for this purpose in next year's estimate, to the amount of 300 £., which my predecessor, in his Despatch, No. 10,† of the 15th of March, gave you reason to expect for the provision of blankets. At the end of two years, I hope that, by your plan, the issue of these few rations will be provided for on the spot, in common with all the other miscellaneous expenditure of the Indian Department, but I must recommend the poor persons in question to your special protection, and care should be taken that under no circumstances they should lose the indulgence which they have hitherto received.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. B. Lytton*.

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

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