

Immediate

Mr. Merrill - Ask & inform the very  
Rev. E. Langman D.D. that in consequence  
of the state of transition <sup>in which business generally</sup>  
<sup>was placed owing to the resignation of the old</sup>  
and the formation of the new Govt  
attention could not be sooner given to the  
matter referred to in his letter and that  
upon enquiry it has been ascertained  
that his vessel will leave for Nabaskowan  
this <sup>day</sup> <sup>consequently provisions cannot be sent</sup> <sup>by the ship</sup> <sup>at that place</sup>  
sanction the extension of relief to an  
amount not to exceed five hundred  
dollars to the Indians between Nabaskowan  
& Bon Esperance - this is however to be  
considered as altogether exceptional being  
necessitated by the peculiar position in which  
those Inds are this year placed owing to <sup>the</sup> circumstances