

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. New Plymouth, 5th May, 1900.
 A DUTY is cast upon those in authority to answer practically the appeal made by the Viceroy of India. I favour the Government granting amount out of the Consolidated Fund. It is possible to reflect for a little on the suffering and intense misery that these unhappy famished people must be undergoing in India in the day of our country's prosperity. Let us remember these poor stricken people.
 WM. THOS. JENNINGS.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier. Wellington, 6th May, 1900.
 I AM in favour of extending practical sympathy to the famine-stricken people in India.
 C. J. JOHNSTON.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Oamaru, 5th May, 1900.
 IF my opinion had been asked when you consulted me regarding the Ottawa sufferers I would have felt at liberty to express it. I should have advised aid from Consolidated Fund to famine-stricken of India, on these grounds: to realise appreciable amount by public subscription would occupy weeks of precious time. If aid is to be of any service it must be given quickly. The public have been drawn on so largely during the last twelve months. All should give to alleviate such abnormal suffering in British dependencies. I advocated in paper the course you suggest, and generally approve here. Think ten thousand at least should be cabled. It would be a thank-offering in acknowledgment of exceptional prosperity and happiness which we enjoy, as well as salvation of thousands of fellow-beings in grief of stark want.
 GEO. JONES.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier. New Plymouth, 7th May, 1900.
 I AM of opinion that we should to the extent of our means subscribe out of the public funds to give relief to the people of India, who are suffering from a terrible famine owing to the failure of crops over a large area of that dependency of the Crown. This would be a practical thanks-offering for our present prosperity.
 THOMAS KELLY.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Auckland, 7th May, 1900.
 IN reply to your memorandum, regret I was out of telegraphic communication. I am agreeable that the unfortunate, who are suffering from fire and famine in Canada and India should receive State aid, the Cabinet deciding what amount sufficient in each case.
 WM. KELLY.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Picton, 9th May, 1900.
 REPLYING to your second telegram, I am also in favour of aid being sent from the Consolidated Fund to the famine-stricken in India.
 COURTENAY KENNY.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Greymouth, 5th May, 1900.
 I FEEL the greatest sympathy for the millions of famine-stricken people in India, and think the Government of New Zealand should send aid out of the Consolidated Fund to relieve the sufferers. Whilst we enjoy the blessings of a prosperous country, it is our duty to assist those in want, and I applaud your efforts in moving in this direction. I feel sure that the voice of the Parliament will be unanimous in upholding whatever aid you determine to give.
 JAMES KERR.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Dunedin, 7th May, 1900.
 OUT of the abundance give to feed the starving.
 GEO. McLEAN.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Oamaru, 5th May, 1900.
 WE cannot turn a deaf ear to the Viceroy of India's appeal. The famine is of unprecedented severity, over sixty-one millions are affected (see London *Times*, 16th March). I agree aid should be sent from Consolidated Fund. The magnitude of the distress would seem to need a larger sum than five thousand.
 H. J. MILLER.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Little River, 7th May, 1900.
 THE great majority of the people of India are under the absolute control of the Indian Government, and it is the duty of that Government to provide food for the people in years of famine; but, as the Viceroy has applied to this colony for assistance, I think such assistance should be given, for to refuse would hurt the feelings of thousands here who are benevolently disposed to relieve distress.
 W. MONTGOMERY.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Auckland, 7th May, 1900.
 CERTAINLY send aid, and make it as much as you can.
 G. B. MORRIS.

The Right Hon. the Premier, Wellington. Napier, 7th May, 1900.
 IN reply to your memorandum, I strongly recommend aid being given from the Consolidated Fund for relief of famine-stricken people in India. Regret I was absent from home, and only read yesterday memorandum *re* aid to sufferers from fire in Canada. I cordially concur with the action taken by the Government.
 J. D. ORMOND.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier, Wellington. Christchurch, 7th May, 1900.
 I THINK this colony should render aid to the sufferers by famine in India.
 J. T. PEACOCK.