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Treasury Department.

June 5, 1862

Sir,

The Secretary of War has just read me a telegram from General Dix representing that much destitution and suffering exists in Norfolk and asking that some shipments of provisions may be made to that place for the relief of the inhabitants.

As Norfolk is a blockaded port this can only be done as a military measure and on the request of the Secretary of War.

I have therefore verbally advised the Secretary through his Chief Clerk that I would refer the matter to the several Collectors of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, with instructions to confer with any reliable and loyal person who may be disposed to make a shipment consisting exclusively of provisions, clothing, material for clothing, and in case any such person is found to request him to forward at once a statement of the articles proposed to be shipped with a request for a clearance to this Department. On receipt of the statement I request it will be submitted to the Secretary.



War, and the clearance authorized on his statement  
of the military necessity and requests in the usual way.

It is not best to authorize more than one or at  
most two shipments from each port until further  
information as to the character and urgency of the necessity.

Yours truly  
Wm. H. Murray

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Secretary



For all the above mentioned in his statement  
of the matter except one request in the amount of  
\$1000.00 out of the College matter and do not  
want the deposit for each part with the other  
deposits as the committee are aware of the receipt  
of the money

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