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Most Noble Lord

As you are appointed by the King of Kings, and the British Government to rule Her Gracious Magesties provition stores In this nation, Be so propitious As to Look with pity on the Starving condition of the plebians of this Locality, ten pence a day for Labour cannot meet the price of meal in this Village, we pay three shillings and four pence a stone, If your Lordship opened a relief store here it would remove a great calamity, my distress [is so] great I beg of your Lordship to Allow me a small Donation in meal to keep off meagre famine, and may the Lord Reward you which is the fervent prayer of your Very Humble Petitioner.

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