Treasury Department.

Sir,

The Secretary of War has just received a telegram from General Dix representing that much destruction and suffering exist in Norfolk as resulting from a shipment, if any, and may be made at that place for the relief of the inhabitants. As Norfolk is blockaded for the war, only a vessel of a military nature can be used in the relief of the inhabitants.

I have therefore notified the Secretary through his Chief Clerk that I would refer the matter to the Assistant Collector of Baltimore, Phila., and Penna. with instructions to inquire with any reliable and loyal person who may be disposed to make a shipment consisting exclusively of provisions, clothing, material clothing, and to cover each person so found to request him to forward a list of the articles and to be stuffed with a request for a clearance to the Department. On receipt of the list and request it will be submitted to the Secretary.
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May 19th 1861

Br H Thurlow

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