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INDIAN RELIEF FUND.

GENERAL ORDER.

EVERY soldier in this remote command has at length become painfully aware of the hideous atrocities of a large portion of the native troops in the Presidency of Bengal. He has heard of their mutinous outbreak, their cruel tortures, their brutal murders, and of their violation and remorseless mutilation, without regard to age or sex, of Her Majesty's peaceful and confiding subjects, living amongst them in fatal security.

These atrocious acts fill the mind of every true soldier with grief and indignation, so that not a man but regrets his not having had it in his power to take part with the, at that time, scattered British force and their heroic commanders, whose devotion to their country's cause will ever render their names illustrious. They overthrew the bands of treacherous assassins by whom they were surrounded, and became, under Providence, active agents in the avenging hands of the Almighty, in scourging from out the land the infamous Sepoy host and their vile abettors who had polluted it by their presence.

The troops throughout this command will not be slow in contributing for a highly benevolent purpose, namely, the relief of suffering British families in the East, in common with all classes of the public, and with those also who, by their sovereign rank and station, are pre-eminent throughout the civilized world.

For these truly great and worthy objects a Fund has been organized in London, and here, within the Australian command, the soldier, always ready and full of purpose, will freely give what he has to spare, that he too may bear his part in the relief which is now so urgently required.

The Major-General and Staff each subscribe one day's pay.

The amount of subscriptions of regiments are to be reported to the Deputy Adjutant General, by whom instructions will be given as to the mode of remitting the money to the Indian Relief Fund.

By Command,

(Signed)

J. M. B. NEILL,

Lieutenant Colonel Deputy Adjutant General.

