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Publicworks Office
Wellington 4th Nov: 1878

Sir

With reference to the interview that has taken place between the Hon: the Minister for Publicworks and yourself in reference to an advance to be made to the Co: Vincent, out of the vote recently passed by Parliament for aiding local bodies in repairing damage by the late floods, I am now directed to inform you as follows:-

Although the Minister has not yet received a Report from the Engineer in Charge as to the precise extent of the damage sustained by the Vincent Co: the Minister is sufficiently aware that assistance is urgently required, and he will in anticipation of that Report be prepared at once to place a sum of £5,000 at the County's disposal so that tenders may be called for without delay.

The Minister proposes that this and ^{such} other sums as he may hereafter determine shall be advanced by way of loan extending over a period of five years from the 1st January next, to be repayable without interest by equal

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