

Copy of Letter to S. F. Streeter, Esq.,

APPOINTING HIM

MILITARY RELIEF AGENT FOR STATE.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, March 13th, 1863.

S. F. STREETER, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—I have reflected upon the subject of our conversation some days since, and am confirmed in my convictions of the propriety of the suggestion, for which I am obliged to you, of appointing an Agent entrusted with the duty of superintending the wants of the sick and wounded Officers and men, who have volunteered into Maryland Regiments and are now in the service of the United States. They constitute a class of men who, whilst they merit as a general rule, more than an ordinary share of the attention of their Government, frequently receive even less of it than their more able-bodied comrades.

It is hardly possible to specify precisely all the wants incident to soldiers so disabled, and an attention to which would devolve upon such an Agent. Some of these are very obvious and others will continually occur as the visits of the Agent bring them to his attention. Some we may here enumerate:

1. A sick or wounded soldier being absent from his Regiment when the Pay-Master visits it, is frequently overlooked, and his pay is not only considerably in arrear, but is frequently several months behind that of all others in the Corps.

2. He is often desirous, when he has received his pay, to transmit a part of it to his family at home, and unable to do so from the want of some trusty friend at hand to whom he can confide it.