

Report of Sebastian F. Streeter, MILITARY RELIEF AGENT.

To His Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,
Governor of Maryland.

SIR:

On the 13th of March last, after a conversation in which was discussed the expediency of appointing some reliable person to act as agent for the State, who, by visiting the Hospitals, seeking out the sick and suffering Maryland soldiers, aiding them with advice or assisting them in obtaining arrears of pay, transfers, furloughs, &c., might prove to them that the sympathies and regards of rulers and people went with them to the sick bed as well as to the tented field, you honored me with a written request that I would assume the duties indicated, in the following terms:

“You are aware that there has been no appropriation by our State heretofore, out of which I could promise compensation to such an agent, but, remembering the interest you have taken in this subject, and the gratuitous devotion of your services heretofore in a benevolence of a kindred kind, I am in hopes that you will be willing to undertake the agency to which I have referred. I will take upon myself to pay out of the Executive contingent fund all reasonable personal expenses connected with your agency. If you accept, as I trust you will, this office of benevolence, you will consider yourself hereby constituted and appointed an agent for the purpose designated.”

This appointment of Military Relief Agent I at once accepted, with the understanding that I could devote to the benevolent work only such portions of my time as were not occupied by