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only so long as he continues to discharge his duty.

Another reason that would seem to favor such a distribution as I have indicated is that it will the better enable us to embrace in our appropriation the case of men already in the service whose pecuniary conditions may as much require such a putance, as those now just called upon to serve and who coming in as we have reason to hope at the eleventh hour of this rebellion should not be more liberally dealt with than those who have endured the heat and burden of the day.

Great caution will be required in disbursing a fund upon the principle suggested to secure its faithful payment and impartial distribution the details of which I leave to your sound judgment and discretion.

I would also recommend that a small appropriation be made for the purchase and presentation on behalf of the State of Regimental Flags to such of her Regiments as have borne or shall have hereafter bear a distinguished part in any of the battles of the war. There are several as I am pleased to know who have already earned that distinction and a slight token of this kind on the part of their State would I think have a happy effect in stimulating the efforts of them all.

Having frequently received applications on behalf of our sick and wounded soldiers confined in different Hospitals and who on various accounts sought some interposition or relief which could only be effectually rendered by personal attention, I appointed in March last Sebastian C. Streete Esqr. of Baltimore an Agent to take such cases in charge.

Mr Streete very generously offered to discharge the duties of such an office without compensation or being paid his necessary expenses. These expenses which have been very moderate have so far been paid out of the Executive Contingent Fund.

A copy of the letter notifying the agent of his appointment together with a report recently received of his proceedings which are herewith submitted will enable you the better to understand the duties that such an agent is expected to discharge. Daily experience convinces me of the necessity for his employment; but scattered as our sick and wounded are among Hospitals in different States it cannot be expected that anyone can effectually attend to their wants without some compensation and I would therefore recommend that an adequate provision be made for that purpose which will establish such an Agency upon a more permanent and effective basis.

A part of the battle field of Gettysburg has been purchased by the authorities of Pennsylvania and recently consecrated as a Cemetery for the soldiers who fell on that memorable field. At the request of the same I recently appointed Col. John S. Berry a Commissioner to view...