

Office of Military Relief Agent
For State of Maryland
Baltimore May 14th 1864

To His Excellency
A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Commission under your hand, appointing me Military Relief Agent for the State, under the law passed by the late Legislature, authorizing such an appointment. I receive the Commission with thanks for the confidence it implies, and a pledge to fulfil to the best of my ability, the honorable, patriotic and benevolent duties it imposes.

The letter accompanying the Commission has my careful attention. The matter of compensation I leave with all willingness in your hands, merely remarking that there is a very considerable amount of continuous incidental duty in the way of consultation of wives, widows and relatives, correspondences, efforts to obtain transfers, transportation, back pay, bounties relief to be, that does not appear in the formal reports. This I am constantly attending to in addition to Hospital visitations.

The great necessity now is relief and encouragement to our brave and suffering men in the front. I have placed myself in communication with the Christian Commission for supplies, have moved towards the appointment of a few discreet and zealous Agents to visit the front; and I leave at once for Washington, to make arrangements to draw from the Depot of the Sanitary Commission, confer with the Agents from other States, and arrange for Passes from the proper Authorities for the representatives from our State. On my return I will present the subject of relief and aid to our Relief Association which I doubt not will co-operate efficiently with me.

As means to defray the necessary expenses will be needed, I respectfully ask the deposit in my hands of a few hundred dollars, for the expenditure of which I will account officially.

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. Servt.
J. G. Streeter

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Gov. A. W. Bradford
Annapolis, Md.
Sir:

I have the honor to report that I was not able to visit Washington yesterday as I had intended, but was