

occupied in making up my Committee of Visitation to Fredericksburg &c, which consists of Robert Tyson, John M. Smith, Richard King, M. Y. Gosnell and John H. B. ride. I saw also the Managers of the Christian Commission in regard to supplies, Col. Dennison of the 8th in regard to the state of affairs at the front, Genl. Wallace in regard to passes &c.

This morning I took the 9 o'clock train for Washington, and on my arrival visited the Sanitary Commission to make arrangements in regard to supplies, and there learned that all passes to the front are issued by the Surgeon General. I called on him and was informed that passes could not be granted to State Agents as such, since the presence of such officials created dissatisfaction in the minds of those soldiers whose states sent no such Agents. I was obliged therefore to take passes such as were issued purporting to be for volunteer nurses, leaving it for the gentlemen to say whether they would act under them, and to use their best tact after their arrival, to accomplish the objects of their mission. I also asked the transfer of our men to Maryland Hospitals if possible.

I then spent the rest of the day in visiting the Hospitals, where I found many Maryland men to whom I introduced myself as representing officially the Authorities of the State. The work was too large to be finished in a single day and the remainder will be completed by Mr. C. F. McHudley of Washington County residing in Washington, who has consented to act as Resident Visiting Agent, to report regularly to me. I propose to appoint a similar Agent for Frederick. For Baltimore as assistants to myself, Mr. Richard King, and Mrs. E. M. Streeter have consented to act. In Philadelphia I expect to have the aid of Mr. Robert Carson. The actual necessary expenses of these parties will be paid. I have no party yet at Annapolis; can you name one or more who would accept the appointment? I returned from Washington this evening, have seen all the gentlemen, and they have agreed to go, except perhaps Mr. Smith. His place will be readily filled. They will meet to morrow morning at 10 o'clock, make their arrangements and go via Washington with the least possible delay. I have guaranteed the payment of their necessary expenses.

Very Respectfully

Your obedt. servt.

J. F. Streeter

Militar. Relief Agent
State of Md.

P.S. The appointment of local Agents will not affect my own personal visitations — It will supply a continuous inspection, and leave me more time to attend to the clerical duties of correspondence, keeping up my record &c &c, which are very considerable

J. F. S.