

Office of Military Relief Agent
for the State of Maryland
Baltimore July 9th 1864

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

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 1st Inst. was duly received, and would have been promptly answered, had I not been absent three days on a tour of inspection in the Philadelphia Hospitals, and since my return in addition to my other duties, much engaged in an attempt to organize and bring out the Leagues for local defence.

The certificates have been distributed with one exception, and that will be forwarded to day. I beg to say in regard to Mrs. Streeter that neither she nor myself could put any misconstruction on your omission to send her an appointment. I did not understand that you were to send the certificates, but supposed you would simply ratify the selection of the parties named; - had I anticipated the transmission of the certificates, I certainly should not have given her name, as expecting one for her. I am glad you have sent them, as they will gratify the parties, and give a certain official sanction to their acts. I thought it well to unite Mrs. S. with us in our work here, as she is much in the Hospitals, is very energetic, and feels deep sympathy for the Maryland soldiers and their families. Our delegation near the front have done a good work. I have supplied them with essential articles of relief, as far as I thought the means at our control would justify. Washington in addition to Alexandria & Georgetown presents a large field, and the Hospitals are so remote from each other, that the visitation involves some expense for hack hire. Mr. Purley is somewhat broken down with his labors. So our men at the front require to be changed from time to time. I cannot make out a special return, but I will say that I have expended for all demands for necessary expenses to date, \$474.78, and have to send to Washington \$128.95; - making \$23.73 over the amount permitted to me in May. I would ask for another appropriation, to be carefully expended in the work of relief. The gratitude of our men, even for the trifling assistance we extend is unbounded and our mission has had an excellent effect. Mr. King was at the front a short time since, and visited the 5th Maryland and the 1st Med. Cavalry dismounted; the latter are getting the scurvy and want limes, lemons or pickles, - and they beg that you will get them - mounted again. One of our delegations is up. I expect to go down with him and another gentleman next week.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. H. Streeter

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