

St Louis April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862

J.A. Roosevelt

Sir

I find on my table your several letters of the 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Insts. You have been doing good service my dear sir and I scarcely know how to thank you and those who have contributed so generously to our work, but for you, and such as you, our ability to do would be small indeed, but you would be repaid a thousand times over could you have witnessed as I have done the joy and comfort which has been imparted to our brave wounded men at Pittsburg Landing. I went to the recent battle field taking with me physicians, dressers, and nurses sufficient for two large hospital steamers, and most liberal supplies of every thing needful. Two of our largest steamers were fitted up with all the appliances of regular hospitals on shore, so that our soldiers can be promptly and well taken care of. Nine steam boat loads have already arrived at this point, which has filled our hospitals to overflowing as you may well imagine. We are now engaged in preparing for more wounded, as a battle is expected to come off every day, and one which I feel confident will result favorably, especially now that Genl Halleck is there. He is a true general and will show himself worthy of the high expectations of the nation. I have seen much of Genl Halleck and have the highest admiration for him and the greatest confidence in his ability as a general. We wish to try and bring the Sanitary department [ ] to the military in his department. There was the greatest confusion at Pittsburg Landing when Genl Halleck arrived especially in Grants division but order was soon brought out of confusion and by this time the army is in a condition to move forward. I wish I had the time to relate many incidents of interest but as usual am too much pressed to do so.

Dr Ogilby's letter shall be sent by the hand of a careful person Rev Dr Staples, who goes tomorrow, to join his regiment. Our Treasurer has been so engaged to day that I have not been able to examine his account, and see what drafts have been drawn. Will draw tomorrow in one draft all that you have authorized and which has not been drawn for in future I will draw all drafts when here in case I should be absent. Rev Wm A Eliot will draw and always in favor of C W Greeley Esq. Will arrange so that you shall be as little troubled and embarrassed as possible. Permit me again to thank you and through you the many generous donors to our commission. Whatever is sent is expended for those for whom intended. All of our members purely give their time from ten to sixteen hours per day. We have [ ] laborers that receive wages, and the highest sum paid to any is \$50<sup>00</sup> per month. When members of the commission travel on business of

the commission they do it at their own expense. Our labor is one of love and the desire to serve those who are fighting to preserve the country.

Very respectfully  
Truly Yours  
James E Yeatman

I send a small piece of mistletoe gathered on the Battle field which you might like to have for Mrs R as a memento.