

St Louis  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

Jas A Roosevelt esq  
New York

Dear Sir

Your favors of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are recd, the last enclosing check for \$200<sup>00</sup> donation from Dr Springg's Brick Church for the sick and wounded soldiers at Louisville. I remitted same to Rev Jas H Heywood with instructions to acknowledge same. I note how you propose to use bal[ance] of funds in your hands. We are greatly in need of drawers and shirts, there is no end to the demand for these things. With thirteen hospitals in our city, four floating hospitals, and then the demand for aid from the army in the field gives us an immense amount to do. It appears almost appalling at times the demand is so great and but for the good people of the East we could not begin to answer one half of the demands made upon us. In my last letter I mentioned that I would furnish you with a little statement of some of our expenditures, especially expenditures of the past month. It is right that you and those contributing should know what has been done with the money contributed by them. In the first place in regard to salaries would say that no women of the commission receive any remuneration for services rendered although all work devoting from to six to fifteen hours a day. To carry on the work however it is necessary to have clerks and laborers who are paid. Our secretary who devotes all of his time we pay \$50<sup>00</sup> per month. Two clerks who attend to receiving and shipping and the laborers \$25 ea per month \$50<sup>00</sup>. 4 laborers at \$20<sup>00</sup> ea \$80<sup>00</sup>. Rent of Commission rooms \$35<sup>00</sup> per month [ ] rooms \$20<sup>00</sup> \$55<sup>00</sup>, making in all two hundred and thirty five dollars per month expenses of commission.

Say expenses of commission proper per mo, 235.00

H.A. Reid agent for relief of soldiers, processing [ ] 30.00

Mr Clerk, registrar and general relief agent 50.00

Mr Platenburg agent for distributing supplies to the army in the southwest 50.00

Soldiers Home for rent of houses, superintendent, cooks, and attendants 255.00

4 hospital steamers, 1 apothecary, 2 dressers, 15 nurses, to each boat 285, 1140.00

Monthly expenditures for boats and employees of all kinds 1720.00

You will see we have quite a number of employees, but they are all engaged directly in aiding and taking care of the sick and wounded soldiers. We have no supernumeraries. The Soldiers Home has accommodated 985 persons during the

month, these were all out of money and generally sick and wounded men who had been furloughed for a few weeks. The expenses of the Home for the month amounted to over \$1100<sup>00</sup>. The amount expended on our hospital steamers in fitting them up and in extra supplies amounts to over \$3300<sup>00</sup> during the month. This is cash expenditure and does not include the hundred little things supplied by the aid associations and ladies of our land. Besides this we have expended several thousand dollars in stimulants and articles of convenience and comfort for the sick in hospitals and in the field. We are preparing a report which I will send you but I feel that it is due you that I should give you the above statement as one of our most efficient collaborators. I thank you for all that you have done for our brave but unfortunate soldiers. Your supplies have cheered their hearts and comforted them far more than I can tell you. You should come and see for yourself and you would then realize that your labor has not been in vain.

Very respectfully  
Truly your [ ]  
James E Yeatman