

St Louis
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Dear Sir

Your favor of 22nd is recd advising that I could draw for \$700 in addition to the sums already advised. I now draw one draft from C S Greeley

228 600
621 216
550 700 \$2915⁰⁰

This will square matters up to the last advise. The drafts drawn by Dr Eliot and Mr Hazzard were all right. Your contributions have been most liberal and inspiring to us. We are again preparing for a great battle. I dispatched you to know if you could send five surgeons. Genl Halleck telegraphed me to send twenty and that they would be paid \$100⁰⁰ per month from the time they arrived at Corinth, he did not anticipate that I would send to New York after them but fearing that I might now be able to fill his order on account of the great drain which our hospitals have already made on us, but I failed to appreciate the zeal of our physicians. Already the full number have applied, but I hold open five places until I can hear from you. We are daily anticipating a great battle I am putting up special supplies — stimulants, bandages, [] for Genl Hamilton's division for the field. The hospital clothing we send by boats to be distributed where required, but these will mostly be used on boats. One of our boats the [] left on yesterday for Pittsburg Landing. The Empress arrived to day with 460 sick and starts off again to night. We have supplies, every thing that is necessary. The wounded will be taken at once to the boats. Our four boats can accommodate if necessary from twenty two to twenty five hundred. This you see will go far to relieve a battle field of the worst cases. We have over five thousand in our various hospitals, and we are organizing new hospitals. The labors devolving on our little commission are very great, but we all feel that we cannot do too much. Our ladies of the various aid societies are laboring nobly. They are indeed ministering angels, If this Rebellion has [] out and developed traits in some that cause us to blush for the sex, still there is a silver lining as I should say a bright gold one in contrast. While one has shown the spirit of demons or fallen angels at least, the others have shown themselves angels of mercy. God will bless them.

The little incident published by you in regard to the contribution of Coppers by a poor [] was very interesting. We had a similar one here. Some poor woman came in and quietly placed upon our table wrapped in paper thirty cents, her little hoardings for the brave men that were battling for the preservation of our country. Another was that of a timid modest young woman with a white sun bonnet and neat calico dress, one in humble hope, who asked if there was any one present who would receive contributions for the soldiers. On telling here that I would she opened her purse and drew forth a \$1 bill. On seeing the denomination of the bill she folded it up and returned it to her purse as I supposed to get a smaller amount, but she drew forth another bill and handed it to me, it was ten dollars. I told her that she must have made a mistake, she said no, that she felt she could not do too much, for those that were risking their lives for us. There are frequent such occurrences as this that melts the heart and causes me to feel that there is much to admire in human nature yet.

We will require mosquito bars for our army in the south. If you can send us mosquito netting our ladies will make it up. Good wines by the cask. Port and sherry and brandy would be desirable, the stimulants provided by the government are miserable in the extreme. Our wounded men have to be supplied freely with stimulants. Fair wines and liquors are not required, only pure sound wines. I write in great haste which you must excuse.

Very truly yours
James E Yeatman