

St Louis
May 3rd 1862

J.A. Roosevelt Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 28th is recd. You did well in not engaging surgeons. We have succeeded in procuring all we required in this city, and have had at least fifty applicants that I was forced to turn off. Everything is now ready for a good battle at Corinth, the fear is that the enemy will not meet us. I have just conversed with a gentleman who left Pittsburg Landing two days ago. He reported that Genl Halleck has put our army into fine condition and that they are in most excellent spirits and impatient for battle. We have been preparing, our four hospital steamers are in good order and well supplied with everything. Two arrived here to day with 700 sick, they return forthwith so as to be on the ground. The great majority of the sick are being sent to us, and we have to supply all their wants. The demands on us are increasing. We still have to look to our friends at the East. Anything that is sent will come into good use. Hospital shirts and drawers made of heavy cotton is the best. I have this day valued on you five hundred dollars in favor of C.S. Greeley Esq which you will please send

Very truly yours
James E Yeatman