

Rooms Western Sanitary Commission
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Dear Sir

Your very cordial and kind letter of the 29th was recd for which I thank you. The air beds were purchased at a discount of 18% for cash, it was an oversight that we did not call on you to make the purchase but have troubled you so much that we are indisposed to do so except on cases of absolute necessity. We have quite a number of poor fellows who have been confined to their beds from wounds since August last, those that were wounded at Boonville and Nelson's Creek, many suffer from bed sores, which in some cases are almost worse than their wounds. For these we have water and air beds. The government of course cannot be guilty of such an extravagance as to pay \$9 or \$10⁰⁰ for an air bed for a soldier who risks his life to preserve that government.

All the express lines charge the same rate of freight about \$2⁵⁰ per hundred. You need not ship by the express lines after this unless expressly directed. Our necessities are not now so pressing. You are right in continuing your efforts to procure supplies. Were they discontinued we would soon be drained. Besides the regular demands of our hospitals in the city, we have sent out over ten thousand articles in the last two days.

Genl Halleck has achieved a most glorious victory, he has accomplished it too without blood shed, the victory is most demoralizing to the rebels. Should not be surprised if it resulted in the breaking up of the entire rebel army in Mississippi. If we take Richmond this week, we may consider the war virtually at an end. Very respectfully

James E Yeatman