

For. Waneed

24th Janry. 1862.

My Dear Sir:

I have not been able sooner to acknowledge your note of the 17th of Janry. of course. While I thank you for the kind expressions it contains concerning the State of Maryland, I must disclaim all right, on my own account, to the acknowledgments you are good enough to make to myself personally. Large, & I trust acceptable, contributions to the necessities of your med. Labr. it is true, been sent from Maryland, but my friends Messrs. Traupel, Harrison, Howard & Reame have, for the most part, had them in charge. Scarcely all the supplies, which have passed through my hands, have been furnished by my esteemed friend George Johnson Esq. of Boston, & have been the gift of himself & two or three persons. Utmost, like himself, of a pure generosity.

I should not have consented to be the agent, had not their character, feelings, opinions & antecedents rendered it entirely proper that you should permit your men to accept it.

I have distributed, from that source,

119 pair of blankets

22 dozen pair woolen drawers,

22 dozen " " shirts,

50 double mattresses

40 dozen pair " " socks,

about 50 pair of pantaloons,

35 great coats,

2 cases brogans (80 pair each)

6 dozen hats,

1/2 dozen knit coats.

I beg you to remember Mr. Johnson's name, that your better officers & men know it, for the unpretending & genuine kindness with which he has acted in the matter, furnishes so broad a contrast to the ostentatious parade, with which services, comparatively trifling, have been rendered by others in Boston, that it deserves respect, ~~on that account,~~ independently of all other considerations.

Not is it less estimable in view of the odium
incurred now in New England, by all who ven-
ture to indulge in human feeling towards
"rebels" & "Traitors".

Your memorandum, as to the disposition
which you desired to make of the amount of
\$200, placed in my hands for the benefit of
the prisoners of war, by my friend & fellow
prisoner Dr. Geo. Hamon Thomas of Balti-
more, has been already forwarded to Boston,
& will I hope meet with immediate atten-
tion. I will advise you, at once, on receipt
of the goods.

Allow me, in conclusion, to wish to you
& your men a speedy return to your homes
& duty, & offer my earnest prayer for your
success in ^{maintaining} those great principles of human lib-
erty, the violation of which has made my
Maryland brethren & myself your fellow
prisoners.

With great regard, Dear you

Capt. T. Sparrow
Washington forces,

J. S. Wallis

S. Teakle Wallis Esq

Janry. 25th 1862

Donations from
George Johnson Esq