

wounded. It will interest you to know that a second committee sent by me, has just returned (after a week's absence) from Port Royal, where they found the Second Maryland, Col. Howard, and were most heartily greeted. They distributed to some extent tobacco, pipes, letter paper, envelopes and stamps, and brought up over sixty letters for families and friends. The base is now changed to the White House; and in view of the probabilities of a great battle, I propose to send them again, with a tent (which I think I can borrow) and such special articles of relief as cannot be got from the Christian or Sanitary commissions. The necessary expenses of these gentlemen are guaranteed and these are moderate.

I propose to appoint, if not overstepping my powers, local visiting agents, where there are Hospitals likely to receive our men, who will serve gratuitously, having necessary expenses paid. I have been twice in Washington, and have also a visiting agent there. I have applied to the Surgeon General for the transfer of Maryland men to Maryland Hospitals, and I have taken the liberty of using your name in my application. Some have been sent to Philadelphia, of whom I have returns frequently from the visiting agent there. I wish to find a willing person in Annapolis, and shall soon visit the city, to look after our men and see if an agent can be found.

If any suggestions occur to you of means to increase the usefulness of this work, I shall be glad to receive them.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

S. F. STREETER,

*Military Relief Agent, State of Maryland.*

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OFFICE OF MILITARY RELIEF AGENT,

FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND,

*Baltimore, June 11th, 1864.*

Gov. A. W. BRADFORD,

*Annapolis, Maryland,*

*Dear Sir:*—Yours of the 9th inst. is at hand. Our White House delegation have been heard from; are actively at work, and have returned me the names of about forty of our men, visited and relieved by them at that point. I am col-