Washington City July 16, 1864

Mrs. Henry Cook

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 13th reached me a moment since; the box of goods arrived yesterday all in fine order for which Mrs. F. and myself, send to you and the Ladies Aid Society our hearty thanks. Mrs. F. returned on Thursday from near Petersburg having dispensed her hospital stores to the best advantage among the brave boys in the entrenchments and the wounded in the field hospitals.

She is now expecting to start in a few hours for Portland, Me. On the Steamer Ashland with another load of wounded. On her last trip there, she returned by the R. R. and came through Salem, and would have stopped to see her friends in that vicinity if she had known in time that her route was through that place, but she did not until the cars stopped, and then she had a young lady in charge to deliver to her friends here so she had to come right on.

If she comes that way again she will call on her friends in Salem and So. Danvers for a few moments.

Very truly yours, Jos. T. Fales.