

Washington June 29, 1865

My Dear Mrs. Cook,
South Danvers,
Mass.

I thank you and the Soldiers Aid Society for the \$10 received yesterday. It was just what I was in want of to buy currants, raspberries, blackberries, oranges, lemons, vegetables and tobacco for the suffering and dying braves. Tobacco most of them prize above everything else, it cheers them and stimulates them when nothing else will.

There are some of the worst cases here that I have ever known among the wounded and the gangrene is very bad among them.

I thank Massachusetts for her noble work. Within this month I have received about \$100 from her. The little town of Heath sending me \$90 which has enable med to purchase things most need by the boys that are not furnished by the government. I am much engaged in getting the wounded transferred to hospitals near their homes getting the dead embalmed and sent home, getting wounded men employed in the departments as clerks, doorkeepers etc. The latter can only be accomplished in four instances but it takes much labor.

Indeed I have as much work as ever and I suppose I shall for a long time. But I will do all I can for the freedmen. I have two old ladies aged 84 each, that are perfect queens in their manners but their skins are colored, have been slaves all their lives, and much abused. I want to get dresses for them from some of my good friends. The Penn. Relief Society of Philadelphia and the Ladies Aid of the same city have sent me many goods for the Freemen and they are coming to me constantly for more.

Very truly yours.
Mrs. J. T. Fales
364 4th Street