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My dear Mrs. Cook,

I thank you for your kind remembrance of me in yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> received yesterday. You are correct we have passed through thrilling scenes and though overwhelmed we have not been cast down, our strength was in the god of the Universe who doeth all things right. And we have confidence that he will bring our nation safely through its firey trial though we poor mortals suffer.

I have been at work among the soldiers every day since I saw you and now, I have more work than ever before. The 200,000 soldiers, returned warriors around our city have shared my labors tho' small in comparison for a few weeks. I have been amongst them in their camps and they come to our house by scores and are thankful for any little attention. Many are sick and the hospitals are already filled with those from the previous battles.

You and your society can aid me much in sending supplies of anything that you can spare. There is not a day that I do not do something for the soldiers of Mass. Thousands of them have had no pay for many months so that they are destitute of everything except what the Government supplies. To some I give 25 cts. To some 50 cts so that I do and can use judiciously much money and make the boys hearts glad.

I will thank you kindly for hospital supplies for towels, handkerchief, shirts, drawers etc. and money, much of which I use in purchasing oranges & lemons for the sick.

I should be pleased to have you spend two or three days with me when you could have a better opinion of the many things needed.

In my work for the soldiers, I find much to do for the destitute families of the freemen. Friends in Philadelphia furnish me with clothing for the women and children which I take pleasure in distributing and could do great good if I had more to do with.

Mr. Fales joins in kind regards to yourself and family.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Jos. T. Fales  
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