

Senator Wilson

Dear Sir

<sup>Friend</sup>

You will, <sup>less</sup> kind as  
to pardon the trespass I may commit upon your  
valuable time, when I assure you that <sup>more</sup> no personal  
consideration could have induced it. You are one  
stranger to the manner in which most of my time is  
spent, and as often as I watch the spirits of brave men  
go out amidst the thunder and carnage of battle  
you will not think it strange that any recommendation  
or movement which has for its object the alleviation  
of the terrible suffering at the battle field should  
attract all my attention, and call forth my plea-  
suremost earnest and honest feeble,

I have read with deep interest the late discussion  
of the ~~and passage of a Bill by the House of Reps~~  
in the House upon the organization of a hospital  
and Ambulance Corps, designed to supersede the  
partial and imperfect system now in operation.  
I could not speak of its merits in detail,  
~~they are already before you~~, and its proposed  
advantages over the present system, they are already

before your ~~framing~~ ~~has~~ presented by able  
minds. ~~evidently weighty~~ ~~with~~ in a manner  
too masterly ~~and~~ too clear to leave room for one  
dull sentence of mine. - And yet with the  
memories still fresh of all I have witnessed, with  
impression written in the blood of dying  
martyrs <sup>now to be avenged</sup> all over my heart and brain;