this my circumstances forbid, or if I were able to sit quietly down in the midst of all the suffering and desolation around me without ever attempting to relieve any portion of it, then I would not ask — this my nature forbids — and hence I ~~too~~ must trouble others with my requests —

Washington D.C. Jany. 18th/63.

Hon H. Wilson
U.S. Senator.

Sir

I take the liberty to request that you would assist me to procure through the Surgeon General such a supply of Medical Stores as I can use successfully on the battle field or in the hospital. Any Transportation, or Commissary Stores are kindly and readily supplied me by Col. Rucker. Dr Hammond also ~~supplied~~ furnished me some months ago ~~with a~~ fine lot of liquors which were used mainly at Fredericksburg. The last bottle cup ~~of it~~ I remember to have distributed among the poor sufferers who were shot in Saturday's fight and left lying up on the field, until brought across the river under flag of truce on Tuesday night — (the little clothing left on them saturated in blood and frozen firmly to them) ~~to be~~ lain, most of them in chills and cramps, to be lain upon the ground

(in tents) with ~~less than one blanket apiece~~ light-covering=
no fires. I shall never forget my own gratitude
to say nothing of theirs
for the possession of the little comforts I held in store
for them,-

The articles I most need at present are Whiskey
brandy-wine, condensed Milk, prepared
meats, cups, plates, a few dishes and kettles
necessary for the preparation of ~~food~~ for sick men suitable food
some flannel under clothing and a few blankets

Feeling assured from the deep and abiding
interest I know you to cherish in behalf
of our wounded and suffering heroes I
respectfully ask that you would if
possible so arrange the matter
that I could have permission or
an order to draw ~~the~~ articles desired
from the Medical Purveyor from time
to time as I may need them.

You have I hope a sufficient assurance
of their being prudently and properly ap-
-plied. If I were able to purchase ~~the~~
what ~~I need~~ these things at my own cost
I would not ask them of the Govt