

R. N. Dana, Jr

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Dear Sir

Boston Dec. 6. 1862

Mr. Fry has informed me that you
have kindly offered to aid in the
disposal of the gifts of my Hindu
friend, Karandas Meachowdas.

He directs his gift of one thousand
dollars to be used for the relief of
some distressed family that ^{has} suffered
in the war. If it should be thought
best, I will take the responsibility of
dividing it between two families.

His Excellency has made
inquiries for me, & suggests two
families for inquiry. One is Rev. Jacob

Butchelder of Lynn, who has lost his
two only sons in the war, is poor & has
a wife & daughter dependent upon him.

The other is the family of the late
Major Thomas O'Neil of Boston, who
is said to have left a wife & helpless
children. He was on the staff of
Brig. Gen. Meagher.

If you can, without interfering
with your other generous & patriotic
duties, make inquiries into the need
& merits of these cases, you will be
doing a great kindness. If any other
case should come to your knowledge
equal or superior to those suggested
by the Governor, in merit & need,

I pray you to let me know of it.

I desire to make a decision
at once, as the gift has already been
some time in my hands.

I must give to one or to
two families, who are reduced to need
& distress by loss in battle or by disease
contracted in war, & where there is the
merit of good service & self sacrifice.

With sincere respects

Dear, yours

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