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Mr. Frey has informed me that for her kind offer, and as the disposal of the gift of my deceased friend, Harland's Medal, etc.

He directs his gifts of one thousand dollars to be used for the relief of some distressed families that suffered in the war. If it were to be thought best, I will take the responsibility of dividing it between two families.

His Excellency has made inquiries for me, I suggest to the families for inquiry.
Butcher of Spain. The free-born his
two only sons in the war, is now alone
a wife and daughter dependent upon him.
The other is the family of the late
Major Thomas O'Neill of Boston, who
is said to have left a wife and several
children. He was on the staff of

If you can, without interference
with our other generous contributors,
make inquiries into the need
of some of these cases, for there be
existing a great kindness. If any other
case thereof come to your knowledge
equal in deserving to those already
sent by the Governor, it merit to include.
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 any hands.

I must dive to one or to two families. Who are reduced to need of victuals & clothes in battle or by desertion contrary to war, so there there is the want of good service & self-sacrifice.

With sincere respect,

Yours, James Mitchell

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Richard H. Dana Jr.
Dec. 1861

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