While writing this I am so underpressed that it is with great difficulty that I can use my hand pen by so discouraged by the most agonizing pain — I am loath to make complaints but the condition of the sick the inexcusable neglect and inattention of the Quarter Masters and my own incapacitation compel me to lay before you a few of our grievances —

Since the army left Fredericksburg we have had upwards of two hundred patients many of whom have been very low and required all the further care, day & night have I been incessantly on the ~~[illegible]~~ for the money of the sick & wounded with the deepest solicitude every case of exposure have had the chagrin to see them relapse into their old ailments (my physician [illegible] [illegible]) and I am for the want of a competent agent while for weeks in one of cases designed for the Hospital and to me should have been supplied to surgeon of the boy although surgeons have been with me visiting him almost daily proper Hospital food from time on their way to the army — they have also suffered for treatment & from the scarcity of nurses when hundreds of the unfeeling wretches were [illegible]