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Relief for the Portland Sufferers : The Great Fire, 1866.

Scope and Content

The city of Portland, Maine sustained the most devastating fire in its history, during the late afternoon of July 4, 1866. On the occasion of the first Independence Day celebration after the U.S. Civil War (1861 – 1865), a large stockpile of fireworks kept in storage near Hobson’s Wharf (Commercial Street, at the base of High Street) ignited amidst what is believed to be foul play among vandals, and began a fire that spread eastward across downtown Portland. At the center of the fire’s crippling destruction was Portland’s financial and commercial district, including banks, merchants’ offices, shops, publishing operations, libraries, and shipping agencies. The major work of rebuilding Portland’s infrastructure required years of construction. The latter 1860s drew architects and builders into the reconstruction of downtown Portland and its waterfront.

The manuscript collection Relief for the Portland Sufferers : The Great Fire, 1866 comprises approximately 5 linear feet of descriptive reports of the recovery effort in Portland, rosters of financial pledges, and personal letters which accompanied numerous private contributions of money, supplies, and assistance addressed to the office of Mayor Augustus E. Stevens, in Portland. Many of the letters include the writers’ expressions of sympathy for the city’s losses.

After the monetary donations were separated from the letters, and the donors were acknowledged (between July 1866 and early 1867), the city’s office workers set aside the letters in a 12” x 16” x 7” metal bank deposit box, with the rolled pledge rosters. The metal box and its written contents were later given directly to the Portland Public Library. The collection has been arranged into 6 series, by records type, place of origin, and date of writing.

Series list:

Series 1: Printed Reports.
Series 2: Lists of Contributions and Donors, using Relief for the Portland Sufferers pledge forms.
Series 3: Lists of Contributions and Donors.
Series 4: Correspondence – Personal Letters.
Series 5: Various receipts.
Series 6: Correspondence – Telegrams.
BOX 1  
PPL.GF/1  
Series 1: Printed Reports  
Folders:  
1-1a 13 Jul 1866. Washington, D.C. Form letter soliciting monetary contributions from clergy and church congregations.

1-1b 16 Jul 1866. Washington, D.C. Form letter soliciting women’s financial and material contributions.


1-3 1 Jan 1867 Boston. Questions in Regard to Foundling and Deserted Infants. Questionnaire form from Board of State Charities, Massachusetts.


1-5 Aug 1866. Buffalo, NY. Pamphlet: Ladies Association for the Relief of The Sufferers at Portland, Me. Description of the fire’s devastation and a general appeal for clothing and material for Portland in the coming winter. Folio, 3p. 150 copies.

1-6 142 additional copies of above pamphlet.


[Subseries 2A : Contributions from Depts. In Washington]  
PPL.GF/2  
Folders:  
2-1 13 Jul 1866. Contributions from the War Department, Washington. 4 forms with attached lists.

2-2 [undated] Contributions from the Treasury Department, Washington. 2 forms with attached lists.
2-3 [undated] Contributions from the Freedmen’s Bureau, Washington. 1 form with attached list. [catalogued as 974.194 C764. Gift of Miss Dorothy Plummer].

2-4 9 Jul 1866. From Mayor William Graves, Newburyport, MA. 3 forms, with attached lists and cover letter.

**BOX 2**
**Series 2**: Lists of Contributions and Donors, “Relief for the Portland Sufferers,” ctd.

[Subseries 2B : Forms and lists, numbered by Portland recipients, on verso, in blue. Number correspond with printed report in Folder 1-4, pp6-7.]

2-5 Form 4 : C.A. Pitcher, and collections at large.
Form 5 : Secretary’s Office, Interior Department.
Form 8 : George A. Bailey & Booksellers and Printers.
Form 9 : Pension Office.

2-6 Form 10 : Indian Office.
Form 11 : State Dept.
Form 12 : House of Representatives.
Form 13 : Paymaster General’s Office.
Form 14 : Post Office Dept. & Sixth Auditor’s Office, Hon Horatio King, Dr. C.H. Nichols.
Form 15 : 17 Jul 1866. Second Auditor’s Office.

2-7 Form 16 : Employees in U.S. Senate. 3 forms with attached lists.
Form 17 : War Dept.
Form 18 : Bankers and Brokers.
Form 20 : Secretary’s Office, Treasury Dept.

2-8 Form 21 : Register’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 23 : Treasurer’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 24 : Second Comptroller’s Office, Treasury Dept.

2-9 Form 25 : Third Auditor’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 26 : Comptroller of the Currency’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 27 : Fourth Auditor’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 28 : Light-House Board Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 29 : Solicitor’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 30 : First Auditor’s Office, Treasury Dept.
Form 31 : Commission of Customs, Treasury Dept.
Form 32 : First Comptroller, Treasury Dept.
Form 33 : Fifth Auditor’s Office, Treasury Dept. Incl. receipt.
Form 34 : Attorney General’s Office.

BOX 3
PPL.GF/3
Series 3 : Lists of Contributions and Donors
Folders:
3-1 Ledger folio pages, listing donors’ names and donation amounts, numbered 1-12. [Blue ink]
3-2 Ledger folio pages : Maine and Massachusetts contributions.
3-4 Lists of additional donations : Maine towns:
10 Aug 1866 : Turner
[undated] East Dixfield.
19 Jul 1866 : Yarmouth.
3-5 Lists of additional donations : Massachusetts:
Boston Corn Exchange.
Roxbury.
3-6 Lists of additional donations : Washington, D.C.
3-7 Ledger folio pages : 1-23.
3-8 Donation records : from cities and individuals. 4 forms, varied formats.
3-9 Lists of donations of equipment:
3-10 City of Portland : account ledger pages : Sep 1866 – Apr 1867. 3 forms.
3-11 Receipts, unidentified. 7 – 12 Jul 1866.
ME1-A  5 Jul 1866  From Nehemiah Abbott, Mayor of Belfast.  
Letter of sympathy and offer of aid from the people of Belfast.

ME1-B  5 Jul 1866  From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor.  
Letter of condolence to Bangor’s “sister city.”

ME1-C  5 Jul 1866  From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor.  
Introduces Bangor Alderman W.P. Wingate, Esq., who will be sent to visit Portland, offering assistance.

ME1-J  5 Jul 1866  From citizens of Bucksport.  
Roster of names and amounts, totaling $68.

ME1-E  6 Jul 1866  From Charles A. Shaw, Mayor of Biddeford.  
Letter following telegraphed message, offering “any contributions within our power, when informed what is needed mostly by your people.”

ME1-F  6 Jul 1866  From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor.  
Accompanied check for $10,000 from the citizens of Bangor.

ME1-G  6 Jul 1866  From E. Drake, Mechanic Falls.  
Accompanied check for $50.

ME1-H  6 Jul 1866  From John Hayden, Mayor of Bath.  
Letter which accompanied Dr. Putnam, by train, with check for $50 from the Shipwrights’ Association. Describes Mayor Hayden’s orders that bakeries in Bath “bake all they could and shall continue to forward by every train.”

ME1-I  6 Jul 1866  From J. W. Swett, Foreman, Torrent Engine Company No.2, Bath.  
Letter of sympathy, which accompanied check for $100.

ME1-J  6 Jul 1866  From E.P. Hill, Hall of Lincoln Lodge, No. 17, Bucksport.  
Accompanied check for $15, collected from members.
ME1-K  7 Jul 1866  From John M. Foss, North Leeds.  
Letter asking where to send money and clothing.

ME1-L  7 Jul 1866  From John Hayden, Mayor of Bath.  
Letter accompanied $100 check from the Torrent Fire Engine 
Company. “This is the company which did such good service on 
Fore Street in the night of the Fourth.”

ME1-M  8 Jul 1866  From Samuel G. Wethern, North New Portland.  
Letter offering the services of teams of horses and drivers for hire.

ME1-N  9 Jul 1866  From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor. 
Letter accompanied donation of $50 from the Morris Brothers and 
Trowbridge Minstrels, who had been scheduled to perform the 
night on which the fire occurred.

ME1-O  9 Jul 1866  From R.H. Tucker, Wiscasset.  
Letter accompanied check for $100.

Maine 2 : 9 Jul 1866 – 13 Jul 1866  
PPL.GF/4.1-ME2

ME2-A  9 Jul 1866  From Abram Coburn, Skowhegan.  
Sympathy letter which accompanied $1,000 from the citizens of 
Skowhegan.

ME2-B  10 Jul 1866  From C.E. Hayward, Augusta City Clerk.  
Letter offering the city’s sympathies and proposal that the State 
Legislature ascribe tax funds to Portland’s relief.

ME2-C  10 Jul 1866  From citizens of Machias.  
Roster of names with monetary amounts, equaling $796.

ME2-D  10 Jul 1866  From A.M. Wiswell, Ellsworth.  
Lists committee of Ellsworth citizens to raise funds for Portland 
relief.

ME2-E  10 Jul 1866  From John Hayden, Mayor of Bath.  
Letter accompanied donation of $6,000, “in conformity with an 
order passed by the City Council of Bath yesterday.”

ME2-F  10 Jul 1866  From citizens of Waterville.  
“Resolved: while we sorrow with the victims of this sad 
catastrophe, we cannot but admire and rejoice in the indomitable
fortitude manifested by them under this staggering blow…”
Letter and roster of donors. 2pp.

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<th>10 Jul 1866</th>
<th>From citizens of South Berwick. Letter accompanied check for $505.64, sent from South Berwick National Bank.</th>
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<td>ME2-H</td>
<td>10 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From A.C. Dennison, Mechanic Falls. Letter followed box of provisions sent by express, “thinking that possibly, the supply sent in aid of those rendered houseless and hungry, may be getting exhausted.”</td>
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<td>ME2-I</td>
<td>10 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Dover and Foxcroft. Letter accompanied $50 and a box of clothing donated by John G. Mayo &amp; Sons. Signed Ephraim Flint.</td>
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<td>ME2-J</td>
<td>10 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Mayor Mitchell, of Gardiner. Letter accompanied $858.92, and notification of “one car load of shingles… and four or fine car loads more of lumber.”</td>
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<td>ME2-K</td>
<td>11 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor. Letter asking for additional needs,” the wants of your people,” such as furniture, clothing, cooking utensils.</td>
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<td>ME2-M</td>
<td>12 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Hannibal Belcher, Farmington. Letter notified that over $500 had been subscribed by the citizens of Farmington, and will be forwarded.</td>
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<td>ME2-N</td>
<td>12 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From A.W. Porter, Monson. Letter of sympathy accompanied donation of $50.</td>
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<td>ME2-P</td>
<td>12 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From C.M. Bailey, Winthrop, Manufacturer of Floor, Carriage and Stair Oil-Cloths. Letter accompanied check for $500.</td>
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<td>ME2-Q</td>
<td>12 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Jason Woodman, North Leeds. Letter accompanied donation of $52.86.</td>
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<td>ME2-R</td>
<td>13 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Jason Woodman, North Leeds. Letter accompanied checks for $12.86 and $52.86, along with a box of clothing, send by Eastern Express.</td>
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Maine 3 : 12 Jul 1866 – 18 Jul 1866
ME3-A 12 Jul 1866 From Alfred W. Johnson, Belfast. Letter accompanied donation of $100.

ME3-B 12 Jul 1866 From M.N. Singer, Thomaston. Letter accompanied checks for $333 and $372.

ME3-C 13 Jul 1866 From H. Temple, of York Manufacturing, Saco. Response to Portland’s request for waste to be forwarded.

ME3-D 18 Jul 1866 From citizens of Kendalls Mills. “The citizens of this village send to you to-day by the Maine Central Road, three car-loads of lumber for the relief of your houseless people.” Letter notified of additional car load to follow.

ME3-E 13 Jul 1866 From Hannibal Belcher, Farmington. Letter accompanied checks amounting to $520 from citizens of Farmington.


ME3-G 14 Jul 1866 From J. Sargent, of Machias. Letter accompanied check for $796.

ME3-I 16 Jul 1866 From Samuel Cony, Governor of Maine. Confirming extra session of the Maine legislature, at the request of the Portland City Council.


ME3-K 16 Jul 1866 From Selden Connor, of Kendalls Mills, forwarding contribution of $10 from George C. Hathaway of Rutland, Vt.

ME3-L 17 Jul 1866 From A.G. Tenney, of Brunswick, forwarding contribution of “Capt. J.C. French, of Leavenworth, Kansas, a Brunswick man.”

ME3-M 17 Jul 1866 From M. Singer, of Thomaston. Letter accompanied a further contribution from the citizens of Thomaston, of $201.

ME3-N 18 Jul 1866 From A. Hains, Biddeford. Letter accompanied donation of $50 made in memory of Mrs. Augustine Hains.

ME3-O 18 Jul 1866 From Edward Hayward, South Berwick. Letter referred to Eastern Argus of 13 July, and that $405.64 should be corrected to $505.64.
18 Jul 1866 From Charles A. Shaw, Mayor of Biddeford. Letter accompanied check for $1000, and notified a forthcoming shipment of clothing and bedding.

Maine 4 : 18 Jul 1866 – 25 Jul 1866

ME4-A 18 Jul 1866 From N. Abbott, Mayor of Belfast. Letter with forwarded recovered box of stolen goods from the midst of the Portland fire. Pencilled remark at bottom of letter states that the box was opened by a member of the Committee and placed at Market Hall.

ME4-B 18 Jul 1866 From citizens of Calais. Letter accompanied contribution of $560.

ME4-C 19 Jul 1866 From William S. Dodge, Welchville (Oxford). Request that reported contribution from the village of Welchville be listed as from the governing town of Oxford. Donation of $13 added.

ME4-D 21 Jul 1866 From T.C. Hersey, Frankfort. Letter accompanied $50 from citizens of Frankfort, Me.

ME4-E 21 Jul 1866 From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor. Letter accompanied Package “placed in my hands by four little girls, whose names and ages I have taken the liberty to inscribe on it.”

ME4-F 22 Jul 1866 From N.S. Carpenter, Foxcroft. Letter accompanied contribution for “some homeless man or woman.”

ME4-G 22 Jul 1866 From D.J. Sawyer, Jonesport. Letter accompanied donation of $50.

ME4-H 23 Jul 1866 From Arno Wiswell, Ellsworth. Notification of having raised $1000 to send to Portland, and how some of the citizens want to ship a load of shingles as an additional contribution.

ME4-I 23 Jul 1866 From Robert Williams, Bangor. Letter accompanied $30, the Proceeds “of three days labor in my Hair Dressing Salon which I had advertised I should donate to the Portland Sufferers.”

ME4-J 23 Jul 1866 From T. Gifford, Richmond. Letter accompanied Sabbath Day collection at the Richmond Methodist Episcopal Church.

ME4-K 24 Jul 1866 From Aron Cole, North Brooklin. Note accompanied $5 donation.

ME4-L 24 Jul 1866 From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor of Bangor. Letter accompanied donation of $856 from the citizens of Bangor toward the purchase
of clothesmaking materials.

ME4-M 24 Jul 1866 From Job Prince, Turner. Letter accompanied $30, “hoping that your city may soon resume its former business aspect.” Mentions that “Mr. Caleb Blake will canvass this town for aid to the unfortunate of your city.”


ME4-O 25 Jul 1866 From Blake Jones, Robbinston. Note accompanied forwarded $50 check from Hiram Hunt.

Maine 5: Jul 25, 1866 - Aug 13, 1866
PPL.GF/4.1-ME-5
ME5-A 25 Jul 1866 From “H”, Steep Falls. A letter which accompanied a donation of five dollars.

ME5-B 26 Jul 1866 From H. Fuller, Clerk of Steamer Star of the East, Hallowell. The owners of the steamer directed the author to send a large sum to the people of Portland, “it being the amount received from the excursion to Portland the 21st inst.”

ME5-C 27 Jul 1866 From R.H. Cushing, Brewer. The letter conveyed condolences and a check to the city of Portland.

ME5-D 28 Jul 1866 From Ms. Talbot, East Machias. A letter which accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

ME5-E 30 Jul 1866 From William P. Fry, Mayor, Lewiston. A letter which accompanied a donation of three thousand dollars, thirty of which were from the Lewiston Police Department to the Portland Police Department.

ME5-F 31 Jul 1866 From John S. Kimball, Grand Treasurer, Bangor. A letter which accompanied a donation of 100 dollars from the Sons of Temperance.

ME5-G 2 Aug 1866 From John Hayden, Mayor, Bath. A reply to a letter from the Mayor of Portland which directed money to Mrs. Ursula Milliken.

ME5-H 2 Aug 1866 From Simon Page, Hallowell.
A letter which accompanied a donation of 1,120 dollars.

ME5-I 3 Aug 1866 From James Carney, Richmond.
A letter which accompanied a donation of 307 dollars. 200 of this was from the citizens of Richmond. The Ladies’ Cong[regational] Sewing Society and the Ladies’ Sanitary Sewing Society both contributed fifty dollars.

ME5-J 4 Aug 1866 From T.J. Southland and son, Richmond.
A letter which accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

ME5-K 6 Aug 1866 From Russell Prescott, Winthrop.
The author owned two horses and wanted to know whether there was work available and what he might get per week.

ME5-L 9 Aug 1866 From William L. Poland, Church Treasurer, North Brookfield.
A letter which accompanied a donation of fifty-eight dollars from the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield.

ME5-M 9 Aug 1866 From Jgn. Surgson [?], Machias.

ME5-N 13 Aug 1866 From Martin Snell, La Grange.
A letter which noted the need for men to police Portland and asked about the wages per day. 2pp.

ME5-O 13 Aug 1866 From [Thomas?] Cunningham, North Edgecomb.
A letter which accompanied a donation of twenty-four dollars from the Congregational Society of Edgecomb. It was addressed to a Mr. Ryan.

Maine 6 : Aug 15, 1866 - Dec 24, 1866
PPL.GF/4.1-ME-6

A letter which accompanied a donation of five dollars.

ME6-B 15 Aug 1866 From [William?] Runnery, Janesport.
A letter which accompanied a donation of thirty dollars.

ME6-C 15 Aug 1866 From Henry Warren, Durham.
A letter which accompanied a donation of five dollars.
ME6-D 18 Aug 1866 From Asa Churk [?], Fryeburg.
A letter which accompanied a donation of 160 dollars, thirteen of which came from Samuel Warren. It also mentioned two separate donations of 100 dollars each which came from Dr. Bradley and Isaiah Warren. 2pp.

A letter which accompanied a donation of ten dollars. “I wish I could send more.”

ME6-F 28 Aug 1866 From F.A. Pike, Calais.
A letter which accompanied a donation of 300 dollars. “It is part of the extra compensation that Congress foolishly voted its members after I left.”

ME6-G 17 Sep 1866 From George Hamilton, Dexter.
A letter which accompanied a donation of five dollars.

ME6-H 17 Sep 1866 From Mrs. W.W. Hebbard, Perkins.
The author inquired after an “honest, industrious, energetic man” who had lost his home and wished to run a farm. The author holds a farm on Swan Island which she would like to rent or sell in some way, “to the right kind of man.” 2pp.

ME6-I 3 Oct 1866 From Alpheus P. Holden, Casco.
A letter which accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

ME6-J 27 Nov 1866 From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor, Bangor.
A letter which accompanied a donation of 260 dollars from W.D. Smith.

ME6-K 24 Dec 1866 From Charles Humphrey, Yarmouth.
A letter which accompanied a donation of forty dollars from the author’s brother, Captain C.R. Humphrey.

Maine 7 - Portland : Jul 7, 1866 - Sep 3, 1866
PPL.GF/4.1-ME-7

ME7-A 7 Jul 1866 From P. Barnes, 63 High Street.
The letter appears to have accompanied a draft of a circular which would be sent to other cities asking for money. It was addressed to the Executive Council.

ME7-B 14 Jul 1866 From James North, 241 Congress Street.
The author had jobs available for twenty women to canvass for publications.
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<td>14 Jul 1866</td>
<td>Henry Fox, Chair of the Executive Council.</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a letter from St. Albans which the Mayor had requested.</td>
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<td>27 Jul 1866</td>
<td>H.H. Lang, S.B. Chittwich, George F. Noyes, et al.</td>
<td>This letter was from the Committee of Relief, which was appointed in New York to visit Portland and assess the damage. Other signatories include George S. Stephenson, R.P. Burke, and the Committee of Relief. 3pp., folio.</td>
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<td>13 Aug 1866</td>
<td>Bernard Daly.</td>
<td>The author was inquiring as to the possible insurance money he could collect from the loss of various houses and tools. 4pp., folio.</td>
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<td>3 Sep 1866</td>
<td>Elias M. Plimpton.</td>
<td>The letter seems to be asking the Relief Committee for furniture or money, on behalf of the author’s wife. 4pp., folio.</td>
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**Maine 8 - Letters to Mayor's Office**

**PPL.GF/4.1-ME-8**

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<td>6 Jul 1866</td>
<td>M.S. Little, Newburyport, MA.</td>
<td>A letter which described a 100 dollar donation from William W. Huse.</td>
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<td>7 Jul 1866</td>
<td>W.C. Barrows, Portland, ME.</td>
<td>A letter which accompanied a donation.</td>
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<td>7 Jul 1866</td>
<td>Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, Manchester, NH.</td>
<td>A receipt for two pump packings, sixteen valve springs, and one suction hose bracket. These may have been donated to Portland by the company.</td>
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<td>13 Jul 1866</td>
<td>F.G. Rich, Portland, ME.</td>
<td>The author wanted the Mayor to use his office for printing circulars and other publications.</td>
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<td>17 Jul 1866</td>
<td>Edward Fox, Chairman of the [Resolution City] Committee</td>
<td>The letter is a record of the meeting of the Committee for distribution of funds.</td>
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<td>31 Jul 1866</td>
<td>B. Kimball, Bangor, ME.</td>
<td>A letter which accompanied a donation of thirty-five dollars. The author put an ad in the paper (the ad is glued to the letter) informing the public that the proceeds of his office for the</td>
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following week would be sent to Portland.

ME8-G  4 Aug 1866  From Henry Fox, Chairman, and [illegible], Clerk, Portland.  
The letter described proceedings of the Executive Council.

ME8-H  14 Aug 1866  From W.P. Merrill, Portland.  
The letter concerned money.

ME8-I  15 Aug 1866  From W.P. Merrill, Portland.  
The letter concerned a bill which had been mentioned in the previous letter.

The letter concerned the aforementioned bill and is addressed to W.P. Merrill.

ME8-K  15 Aug 1866  From W.P. Merrill, [Portland].  
The telegraph noted the superintendant’s letter, but asked for the Mayor’s personal response. Two pages attached, 1p. and 2pp.

The letter accompanied a check and letter from Mr. Pike.

ME8-M  22 Sep 1866  From C.C. Hayes, Receiving Clerk, Market Hall.  
The letter noted the receipt of “91 boxes & 8 bales government clothing.”

ME8-N  22 May 1867  From the “Relief Committee, Portland, in account with the Merchants National Bank of Boston.”  
The receipt shows presumed donations to the relief effort. The final number was $1,412.78, but it is unclear what this represents. It was addressed to the mayor and to the chairman of the Relief Committee, Edward Fox.

Maine 9 - Letters from Mayor's Office
PPL.GF/4.1-ME-9

ME9-A  9 Jul 1866  From Spencer Rogers, Portland.  
The letter noted the donation of 200 dollars from the Eagle Engine Co. in Bangor for the Portland Fire Department.

ME9-B  12 Jul 1866  From Spencer Rogers, Chief Engineer, Portland Fire Dept., Portland.  
The letter showed the receipt of a donation of 250 dollars from the Tiger Engine Co. in Bangor to the Portland Fire Department.
ME9-C 16 Jul 1866  From Spencer Rogers, Chief Engineer, Portland. The letter noted the donation of 107.62 dollars from the Fire Department of Montreal to the Portland Fire Department.

ME9-D 19 Jul 1866  From Spencer Rogers, Chief Engineer, Portland. The letter noted the donation of fifty dollars from the Ethan Allen Engine Co. in Burlington, Vermont to the Firemen of Portland.

ME9-E 23 Jul 1866  From A.E. Stevens, Mayor, Portland. The letter requested information about money from an insurance company. 2 letters.

ME9-F 2 Aug 1866  From G. Neals [?], Portland. The letter noted the donation of thirty dollars from the police in Lewiston to the police in Portland.

ME9-G 15 Aug 1866  From William Kemper [?], Portland. The letter noted the donation of 43.50 dollars from the Good Templars in Malden [?] to the Good Templars in Portland.

ME9-H 1 Aug 1866  From the Committee in and of Portland. This letter was to Edward Fox and the Relief Committee from those who came up from New York to survey the damage. Folio, 3pp.

ME9-I 22 Oct 1866  From Edward Fox, Chairman, Portland. The letter was a requisition for 25,000 dollars to Jacob McLellan, Treasurer. It included a note from Mr. McLellan dated 25 October showing the receipt of the money.

ME9-J 26 Nov 1866  From Edward Fox, Chairman, Portland. The letter was a requisition for 25,000 dollars to Jacob McLellan, Treasurer. It included a note from Mr. McLellan dated 28 November showing the receipt of the money.

ME9-K 31 Dec 1866  From Edward Fox, Chairman, Portland. The letter was a requisition for 20,000 dollars to Jacob McLellan, Treasurer. It included a note from Mr. McLellan dated 2 January 1867 showing the receipt of the money.

ME9-L 21 Jan 1866  From Edward Fox, Chairman, Portland. The letter was a requisition for 10,000 dollars to Jacob McLellan, Treasurer. It included a note from Mr. McLellan dated 29 January showing the receipt of the money.
Maine 10 :
PPL.GF/4.1-ME-10
The letter accompanied a donation of forty dollars from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winthrop.

The letter described the difficulties of the wife of a chronically ill police office, William Jones, who had lost everything in the fire. Thomas Wilds was also mentioned.

The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

ME10-D [undated] [unsigned], Gardner.
The letter accompanied a donation of 43.24 dollars.

ME10-E 1866 From William Sibly, Gray.
The letter accompanied a donation of 21.50 dollars.

The letter presumably accompanied a donation.

Subseries 2 : Massachusetts.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-1
Massachusetts 1 : Jul 5, 1866 - Jul 7, 1866.

MA1-A 5 Jul 1866 From R.G. Usher, Mayor, Lynn.
The letter stated that two men from Lynn were visiting Portland, J. Buffman [?] and E.J. Medluss [?].

MA1-B 5 Jul 1866 From James B. Blake, Mayor, Worcester.
The letter conveyed sympathy and offered aid.

MA1-C 5 Jul 1866 From Pardon Armington, Mayor, Lawrence.
“The people of Lawrence, remembering with gratitude the ready aid extended to them in their time of calamity, extend this sympathy to the people of Portland.”

MA1-D 5 Jul 1866 From William Woodward, Roxbury.
The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars.

MA1-E 6 Jul 1866 From A. Killredge, Haverhill.
The letter accompanied a donation of goods.
MA1-F  6 Jul 1866  From E.G. Friend, Gloucester.
The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

MA1-G  6 Jul 1866  From J. McCay, Lowell.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars. Folio, 5pp.

MA1-H  6 Jul 1866  From N. Ordway, Bradford.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

MA1-I  6 Jul 1866  From James W. Simpson, Secretary, C.W.C. Association, Charlestown.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars from the Charlestown Workingman’s Cooperation Association.

MA1-J  6 Jul 1866  From Geo. Ropes, Salem.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars. Folio, 2pp.

MA1-K  6 Jul 1866  From S. Whitmore, Lynn.
The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars.

MA1-L  6 Jul 1866  From Thomas H. Bennett, et al., Taunton.
The letter listed donations from many people totaling more than 1,100 dollars. Folio, 4pp.

MA1-M  7 Jul 1866  From S. Whitmore, Lynn.
The letter accompanied a donation of three dollars.

MA1-N  7 Jul 1866  From Edwin A. Colby, Lowell.
“Please except [sic] this small sum of money which I have been fortunate enough to collect … it is but a small sum but I am only a school boy of twelve.” The letter accompanied a donation of twelve dollars. 2pp.

MA1-O  7 Jul 1866  From Chase, Nason & Dresser, Fall River.

Massachusetts 2 : Jul 8, 1866 - Jul 9, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-2
MA2-A  8 Jul 1866  From William J. Howe, Pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, East Lexington.
The letter accompanied a donation of 67.60 dollars from collection taken in church. Folio, 2pp.

MA2-B  9 Jul 1866  From David Robert, Mayor, Salem.
The letter accompanied a delegate from Salem to Portland.
MA2-C 9 Jul 1866 From the Petroleum & Coal Oil Co., New Bedford. The letter accompanied a donation of five barrels of petroleum oil.

MA2-D 9 Jul 1866 From B.E. Merrill, Groveland. The letter accompanied a donation of five dollars.

MA2-E 9 Jul 1866 From H. Wright, Lowell. The letter recommends Andrew Jones as a mason. A previous conservator has transcribed the letter on a typewriter.

MA2-F 9 Jul 1866 From H.H. Fuller, Lowell. The letter offers his services as a detective.

MA2-G 9 Jul 1866 From Goodrich & Porter, Haverhill. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

MA2-H 9 Jul 1866 From John H. Perry, Mayor, New Bedford. The letter accompanied a donation of 2,500 dollars.

MA2-I 9 Jul 1866 From Edward H. Bennett, Mayor, Taunton. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,075 dollars. Folio, 2pp.


MA2-K 9 Jul 1866 From James A. Denn, Pastor, Methodist Episcopal Church, Dighton. The letter accompanied a donation of fifteen dollars. 2pp.

MA2-L 9 Jul 1866 From Nath. B. Palmer, Stonington. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

MA2-M 9 Jul 1866 From “L.,” Lawrence. The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

MA2-N 9 Jul 1866 From E.T. Bonus, Somerset. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

Massachusetts 3 : Jul 9, 1866 - Jul 11, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-3
MA3-A 9 Jul 1866 From H. Wright, Lowell. The letter accompanied a donation of 208.25 dollars.
MA3-B 9 Jul 1866  From B. Otheman, Pastor, Methodist Episcopal Church, Marblehead. The letter accompanied a donation of 141 dollars.

MA3-C 9 Jul 1866  From William T. Howe, East Lexington. The letter accompanied a donation of three dollars.

MA3-D 9 Jul 1866  From R.G. Usher, Mayor, Lynn. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,000 feet of hose for the Fire Company. It is addressed to Daniel Chase.

MA3-E 9 Jul 1866  From “Cash,” Lynn. The letter accompanied a donation of five dollars.

MA3-F 10 Jul 1866  From John H. Perry, Mayor, New Bedford. The letter accompanied a donation of 2,500 dollars.

MA3-G 10 Jul 1866  From D. Robert [David Robert], Mayor, Salem. The letter offered sympathies and mentioned an assessment by Henry Williams.

MA3-H 10 Jul 1866  From William J. Howe, East Lexington. The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars.

MA3-I 10 Jul 1866  From J.G. Peabody, Mayor, Lowell. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,233.20 dollars.

MA3-J 10 Jul 1866  From L.G. Bentose [?], U.S. Armory, Springfield. The letter accompanied a donation of 280.05 dollars.

MA3-K 10 Jul 1866  From Frances A. Plummer, Secretary and treasurer, Samaritan Society, Haverhill. The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars from the Ladies of the Samaritan Society.

MA3-L 10 Jul 1866  [unsigned], Stoughton. The letter accompanied a donation of one dollar.

MA3-M 10 Jul 1866  From E.C. Fitz, Mayor, Chelsea. The letter accompanied a donation of 400 dollars from various churches.

MA3-N 10 Jul 1866  From Wekom [?] M. Johnson, Treasurer, Nahant Independent Methodist Society, Nahant.
The letter accompanied a donation of 103 dollars.

MA3-O 11 Jul 1866 From L.C. Wadleigh, Haverhill.
The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

Massachusetts 4: Jul 11, 1866 - Jul 16, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-4
MA4-A 11 Jul 1866 From A.H. Gilman, Hopedale.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars [stated], sixteen dollars [stated received].

MA4-B 11 Jul 1866 From Joseph O. Procter, Gloucester.
The letter accompanied a donation of 2,307 dollars from the citizens of Gloucester.

MA4-C 11 Jul 1866 From A. Hubbard, Jr., Chicopee Falls.
The letter accompanied a donation from the Second Congregational Church of Chicopee.

MA4-D 11 Jul 1866 From Geoff. Macy, Nantucket.
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,405.50 dollars.

MA4-E 12 Jul 1866 From James P. Lane, Pastor of the Free Church, Andover.
The letter accompanied a donation of 431.71 dollars from the South Church Congregation, the Free Church Congregation, the Theological Seminary Chapel Congregation, the Baptist Church Congregation, and a little girl’s pennies. There is an envelope with the letter. Folio.

MA4-F 12 Jul 1866 From D. Roberts [David Roberts], Mayor, Salem.
“Our General Committee had a meeting last eve + the subscriptions thus far amount to over $8700.”

MA4-G 12 Jul 1866 From J.M. Little, [Chair?] of the Committee for Contributions, Newbury.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars from the First Parish.

MA4-H 12 Jul 1866 From F.O. Ellis, Swampscott.
The letter accompanied a donation of nine dollars.

MA4-I 12 Jul 1866 From B.R. Allen, Marblehead.
The letter accompanied a donation of 146 dollars.

MA4-J 12 Jul 1866 From Edward Paddford, Myrickville.
The letter accompanied a donation of 300 dollars.

**MA4-K** 13 Jul 1866  From B. Otheman, Pastor, Marblehead.  
The letter accompanied a donation of three dollars to add to the previous donation from the Methodist Society. 2pp.

**MA4-L** 13 Jul 1866  From Edward P. Buffinton, Mayor, Fall River.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,500 dollars.

**MA4-M** 15 Jul 1866  From John Sasary, Pastor, South Hingham Church, Cambridge.  
The letter accompanied a donation of sixty dollars from the author’s congregation.

**MA4-N** 16 Jul 1866  From George M. Basset [?], Lancaster.  
The letter expressed sympathies and asked how the author could help. Folio, 2pp.

**MA4-O** 16 Jul 1866  From Albert Briggs, Mayor, Springfield.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,015 dollars.

**Massachusetts 5 : Jul 16, 1866 - Jul 21, 1866.**  
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-5

**MA5-A** 16 Jul 1866  From Gilbert Robbins, Pastor, Baptist Church, Grafton Center.  
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty-five dollars from the Orthodox and Baptist Societies. 2pp.

**MA5-B** 16 Jul 1866  From Edward H. Bennett, Mayor, Taunton.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 106.50 dollars.

**MA5-C** 16 Jul 1866  From A. Stephen Chambre, Stoughton.  
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars from the Universalist Church.

**MA5-D** 16 Jul 1866  From George E. Tome [?], Fitchburg  
The letter accompanied a donation of 150 dollars from the Unitarian Church.

**MA5-E** 17 Jul 1866  From L.S. Sewall, Wenham.  
The letter accompanied a donation of thirty dollars “with the wish that it was a hundred times as much.”

**MA5-F** 17 Jul 1866  From E.B. Patch, Secretary + Treasurer of Citizens Committee, Lowell.  
The letter described the efforts being made in Lowell to raise money. 2pp.

MA5-H  18 Jul 1866  From Benjamin Boynton, Treasurer, West Parish Society, Andover. The letter accompanied a donation of 114.15 dollars taken in church collection.

MA5-I  18 Jul 1866  From William Cobb, Dighton. The letter accompanied a donation of sixty dollars taken in collection at the Unitarian church.

MA5-J  19 Jul 1866  From Rosa Farnsworth et al., Chelsea. The letter accompanied a donation of 18.35 dollars from the Misses of Chelsea.

MA5-K  19 Jul 1866  From John H. Perry, Mayor, New Bedford. The letter accompanied a donation of 935.05 dollars.

MA5-L  20 Jul 1866  From Richard P. Waters, North Beverly. The letter accompanied a donation of 146.46 dollars taken in collection at the Congregational Church.

MA5-M  20 Jul 1866  From E.P. Buffinton, Mayor, Fall River. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars. Folio, 2pp.

MA5-N  20 Jul 1866  From W.A. Slart, Pastor, Universalist Church, Marlboro. The letter accompanied a donation of 61.70 dollars taken in collection.

MA5-O  21 Jul 1866  From C. Fessenden, New Bedford. The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars from Tabu, Read & Co.

MA5-P  21 Jul 1866  From B. Mitchell, North Prescott. The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

Massachusetts 6 : Jul 21, 1866 - Jul 27, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-6
MA6-A  21 Jul 1866  From A. Chapin, Winchester. The letter accompanied a donation of three dollars.

MA6-B  23 Jul 1866  From David Robert, Mayor, Salem. The letter discussed the relief effort in Salem. It is clipped with
another letter dated 1 August. This letter noted that the relief fund had exceeded 10,000 dollars. 2pp.

MA6-C 23 Jul 1866 From L.H. Bradford, Fitchburg. The letter accompanied a donation of 100.70 dollars from a “young lady.”

MA6-D 23 Jul 1866 From A.C. Mayhen, President, Milford National Bank, Milford. The letter accompanied a donation of 275 dollars from the president and directors of the bank.

MA6-E 23 Jul 1866 From [illegible], Pastor, Lancaster. The letter accompanied a donation of 150.77 dollars.

MA6-F 23 Jul 1866 From A. Smith, Blackstone. The letter accompanied a donation of 11.33 dollars.


MA6-H 23 Jul 1866 From E.B. Patch, Lowell. The author, the treasurer for his local relief fund, wondered how to forward a sum already over 1,500 dollars and growing.

MA6-I 24 Jul 1866 From John P. Wade, North Dighton. The letter accompanied a donation of fourteen dollars from the First Congregational Church & Society of Dighton.

MA6-J 25 Jul 1866 From E. Davis, Pastor, West Acton. The letter accompanied a donation of thirteen dollars from the Universalist Society in South Acton.

MA6-K 25 Jul 1866 From R.G. Bennett, Beverly. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,403.59 dollars. It also mentioned that a box of clothing had been sent the previous day.

MA6-L 25 Jul 1866 From L.H. Cone, Pastor, Chicopee. The letter accompanied a donation of seventy-four dollars from the Third Congregational Church and Society.

MA6-M 26 Jul 1866 From Charles Chane [?], Woburn. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,150 dollars.

MA6-N 26 Jul 1866 From C.R. Atwood, Taunton.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

MA6-O 27 Jul 1866  From L.W. Little, Newbury.
The letter accompanied a donation of seventeen dollars.

**Massachusetts 7 : Jul 27, 1866 - Aug 8, 1866.**  
**PPL.GF/4.2-MA-7**

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<td>From E.B. Patch, Treasurer, Lowell.</td>
<td>2,500 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 2,500 dollars.</td>
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<td>MA7-C 28 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From John W. Hudson, Lexington.</td>
<td>584.50 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 584.50 dollars.</td>
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<td>MA7-D 30 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From J.B. French, Fall River.</td>
<td>10 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.</td>
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<td>MA7-E 31 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From George Lewis, Mayor, Roxbury.</td>
<td>1,479.64 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 1,479.64 dollars.</td>
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<td>MA7-F 31 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From S. Mason, Plymouth.</td>
<td>787.64 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 787.64 dollars, “four barrels and two boxes of clothing.” 2pp.</td>
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<td>MA7-H Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Jno. A. Billings, Hatfield.</td>
<td>111.60 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 111.60 dollars from the Congregational Church &amp; Society.</td>
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<td>MA7-J 2 Aug 1866</td>
<td>From Charles Chane [?], Woburn.</td>
<td>1390.80 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 1390.80 dollars. 2pp.</td>
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<td>MA7-K 2 Aug 1866</td>
<td>From Joseph O. Proctor, Gloucester.</td>
<td>17 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of seventeen dollars.</td>
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<td>MA7-L 2 Aug 1866</td>
<td>From Howard White, Haverhill.</td>
<td>112.44 dollars</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 112.44 from the North Congregational Church &amp; Society.</td>
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MA7-M 3 Aug 1866 From John W. Hudson, Lexington. The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-one dollars.

MA7-N 7 Aug 1866 From Henry Carter, Haverhill. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,253 dollars. 2pp.

MA7-O 8 Aug 1866 From George Lewis, Mayor, Roxbury. The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

Massachusetts 8 : Aug 9, 1866 - Aug 30, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-8
MA8-A 9 Aug 1866 From John H. Perry, Mayor, New Bedford. The letter accompanied a donation of 125 dollars.

MA8-B 9 Aug 1866 From William S. Clement, East Holliston. The author wondered if carpenters were needed in Portland.

MA8-C 9 Aug 1866 From John G. Willey, Marblehead. The author wondered if there was work in Portland.

MA8-D 13 Aug 1866 From A.S. Bunditt, Chairman of Selectmen, Leominster. The letter accompanied a donation of 700 dollars.

MA8-E 13 Aug 1866 From Charles Hobinson, Mayor, Charlestown. The letter accompanied a donation of 904.28 dollars.

MA8-F 15 Aug 1866 From J.W. Casney, Charlestown. The letter accompanied a donation of 1.50 dollars.

MA8-G 15 Aug 1866 From George Lewis, Mayor, Roxbury. The letter accompanied a donation.


MA8-I 20 Aug 1866 From Sumner Lattam, Wales. The author was inquiring if certain types of help were needed. 2pp.

MA8-J 20 Aug 1866 From [illegible], South Danvers. The letter accompanied a donation of 220.09 dollars.

MA8-L 24 Aug 1866 From Charles Hobinson, Mayor, Charlestown. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 204.13 dollars.

MA8-M 24 Aug 1866 From John Clarke, Northampton. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 533.65 dollars.

MA8-N 29 Aug 1866 From James B. Blake, Mayor, Worcester. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 3,088.56 dollars.

MA8-O 30 Aug 1866 From Abram Hutchins, Carlisle. 
The author wanted to know the price of pine lumber.

Massachusetts 9 : Sep 4, 1866 - Feb 12, 1867; undated letters. 
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-9

MA9-A 4 Sep 1866 From N.R. Farley, Ipswich. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 610.50 dollars.

The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

MA9-C 18 Sep 1866 From William Wolcott, South Danvers. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 170.06 dollars.

MA9-D 19 Sep 1866 From E.C. Fitz, Mayor, Chelsea. 
The letter accompanied a donation of seventeen dollars. A previous conservator has transcribed the letter on a typewriter.

MA9-E 8 Oct 1866 From C.S., Methuen. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

MA9-F 30 Oct 1866 From E.K. Kent, Methuen. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 219 dollars.

MA9-G 8 Nov 1866 From Artemas Stone, Framingham. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 282 dollars.

MA9-H 10 Nov 1866 From David M. Potter, Pastor, Norton. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 105.80 dollars.

MA9-I 6 Dec 1866 From E.B. Patch, Lowell. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 662.61 dollars.

MA9-J 7 Dec 1866 From Pardon Armington, Mayor, Lawrence. 
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,066.59 dollars. Folio.
MA9-K 13 Dec 1866 From E.B. Patch, Lowell. The author wrote that a letter had been delayed. Folio.


MA9-N [undated] From some little girls of Concord, Boston. The letter accompanied a donation of four dollars.


**Massachusetts 10 - Boston : Jul 5, 1866 - Jul 9, 1866.**

**PPL.GF/4.2-MA-10**

MA10-A 5 Jul 1866 From “a giver + former victim of Maine’s [license] law.” The author wanted to know if items sent into Portland had to adhere to license laws.

MA10-B 5 Jul 1866 From Oliver Ellsworth. The letter offered sympathies.

MA10-C 5 Jul 1866 From E.C. Savage. The letter accompanied a donation from the Police Department.

MA10-D 5 Jul 1866 From Charles Andrews. The letter concerned the need for tents.

MA10-E 5 Jul 1866 From Foster & Taylor. The letter accompanied a donation of 200 dollars.

MA10-F 6 Jul 1866 From W.T. Emerson.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

MA10-G 6 Jul 1866 From Pond & Dunkler.
The authors sent two army rangers to cook for the sufferers.

MA10-H 6 Jul 1866 From Naylor & Co.
The letter accompanied a donation of 200 dollars.

MA10-I 6 Jul 1866 From E.S. Richin [?].
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

MA10-J 7 Jul 1866 From G.W.T Miller.
The letter conveyed sympathies.

MA10-K 7 Jul 1866 From Shelton Cheever.

MA10-L 7 Jul 1866 From C.W. Stinson.
The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

MA10-M 9 Jul 1866 From W.F. Shaw.
The letter discussed a donation which the author collected and sent the previous day.

MA10-N 9 Jul 1866 From George H. Allen.
The author offered free street lighting for the time being. Oil and lighters would be supplied free of charge.

The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

Massachusetts 11 - Boston : Jul 9, 1866 - Jul 14, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.2-MA-11

MA11-A 9 Jul 1866 From George H. Allen, Clerk, Lamp Department.
The letter discussed the use of lamplighters and oil by Portland.

MA11-B 9 Jul 1866 From John S. Dawrell, Chief Engineer, Fire Department.
The author sent 1,000 feet of fire hose to Portland that morning.

MA11-C 9 Jul 1866 From David Wilderish.
The author proposed a plan for efficient new housing. Folio, 3pp. and floorplan.

MA11-D 9 Jul 1866 From Charles Ewnis, Jr., Mayor’s Secretary.
"The bearer of this note … volunteers to light the streets of Portland without charge."

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<td>From N.W. Rice.</td>
<td>The letter conveyed sympathies and promised assistance.</td>
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<td>From G.N. Fisher.</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 103 dollars.</td>
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<td>MA11-G 11 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From E.R. Mudge and Edward Attkinson.</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of clothing.</td>
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<td>MA11-H 11 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From George H. Allen, Clerk, Lamp and Fire Departments.</td>
<td>The letter discussed the logistics behind the plan to provide lamplighters and oil to Portland gratis. Folio, 3pp.</td>
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<td>MA11-I 12 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From John S. Dawrell, Chief Engineer, Fire Department.</td>
<td>The letter discussed the fire hose ordered by Portland.</td>
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<td>MA11-K 13 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Mr. Gray, Chairman.</td>
<td>The letter concerned relief efforts. 2pp.</td>
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<td>MA11-L 14 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From Mr. Gaffield.</td>
<td>The letter concerned legal matters.</td>
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<td>MA11-N 14 Jul 1866</td>
<td>From John Gray.</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of goods.</td>
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Massachusetts 12 - Boston: Jul 17, 1866 - Aug 10, 1866.

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<td>From Edward Kinsley.</td>
<td>The letter discussed the redirection of goods.</td>
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<td>From J. George Harris.</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 1,809.29 dollars. 2pp.</td>
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| MA12-C 19 Jul 1866 | From William H. Piper.  
The letter asked whether any libraries had been lost in the fire. |
| MA12-D 20 Jul 1866 | From William C. Dunham.  
The author wanted to work as a detective in Portland. |
| MA12-E 21 Jul 1866 | From Charles Chase.  
The letter concerned a forthcoming donation. |
| MA12-F 23 Jul 1866 | From J. George Harris.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 93.50 dollars. |
| MA12-G 24 Jul 1866 | From E.G. Fitz, Mayor, Chelsea.  
| MA12-H 30 Jul 1866 | From J.W. Lincoln, Mayor, Boston.  
The letter noted the accumulation of over 44,000 dollars from Boston and proposed that the funds should be saved “until the approach of the inclement season of winter.” 2pp. |
| MA12-I 1 Aug 1866 | From Benjamin Hammond.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 3,225 dollars from the Boston Corn Exchange. A previous conservator has transcribed the letter on a typewriter. |
| MA12-J 1 Aug 1866 | From Charles Burr [?].  
The letter offered condolences and aid. 2pp. |
| MA12-K 4 Aug 1866 | From W. Clarke.  
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars. |
| MA12-L 5 Aug 1866 | From J.D. Greeley.  
The author wanted to know if carpentry work was available. 2pp. |
| MA12-M 6 Aug 1866 | From Gould, Williams & Co.  
The writers wrote to offer a supply of disinfectant free of charge. Folio, 3pp. |
| MA12-N 9 Aug 1866 | From Mr. Gray.  
The letter concerned a forthcoming donation. 2pp. |
| MA12-O 10 Aug 1866 | From Gould, Williams & Co.  
The letter again concerned the supply of disinfectant. |
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<td>Mr. Gray</td>
<td>The letter seems to say that 60,000 dollars was sent to Portland. Folio, 3pp.</td>
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<td>John W. McShine, Assistant Quartermaster’s Office</td>
<td>The letter offered a donation of clothing. 2pp.</td>
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<td>N.D.A. Sawyer</td>
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<td>John W. McShine, Assistant Quartermaster’s Office</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of thirteen boxes of clothing.</td>
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<td>29 Aug 1866</td>
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<td>The letter was in regards to donated clothing.</td>
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<td>William Jessup</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.</td>
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<td>5 Sep 1866</td>
<td>J.W. Lincoln, Mayor, Boston</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 43,913.60 dollars.</td>
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<td>Edward P. Bond</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a questionnaire on safes which were impacted by the fire. Letter and folio, 1 and 3pp, respectively.</td>
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<td>Mr. Gray</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of sixty thousand dollars from the Relief Committee. 3pp.</td>
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<td>26 Oct 1866</td>
<td>A. Blanchard, Treasurer, Boston &amp; Maine Railroad</td>
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<td>William Perkins</td>
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<td>William Perkins</td>
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“Whereas, in the inscrutable providence of God, a terrible calamity has fallen on the neighboring city of Portland, connected to us by ties of blood and kindred, as well as commercial relations, and kindly acts and tender memories of the past, a calamity by fire unparalleled in New England history … [therefore we resolve to aid them].” Large folio, 2pp.

The letter accompanied an initial donation of 10,000 dollars. Folio, 2pp.

From Samuel Nichols. The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

From the city of Newburyport. The letter was a list for goods donated to Portland from the city of Newburyport.

From “Christian Huminiti,” Mobile. “Sir, Enclosed will be found, a sum of money to be used by you for the benefit of the Portland sufferers: Please distribute it equally among those poor New England people who were burned out of House and home (and I only wish out of life) by the late fire that destroyed a great portion of your City. In sending you this money I am returning good for ill. Your northern brothers came and destroyed our home, killed our Fathers and Brothers, burned our Cities: The enclosed amounts to Seventy-five cents Certified[?] Money, U.S. Currency. Most Respectfully, Christian Humaniti, Rebeldom.” Seventy-five cent Confederate paper note adhered to letter.

‘During the war there was a society advertised for in the South to be composed of a large number who were ‘willing to take their lives in their hands and go North to ravage with fire the burning northern cities to give the north a taste of their own medicine.’ The name was to be the ‘Devoted Band’- It has been the teaching of
public opinion in the South that a man who did not cultivate &
display a liberal amount of revenge in his disposition was not a
‘Gentleman’ worthy of being called ‘Chivalrous and honorable.’
An immense number of fires have been taking place over all the
‘North’- None in the South- Put this, that, and t’other together &
guess if That’s what’s the matter.”

California
PPL.GF/4.4-CA
CA-A 8 Sep 1866 From George J. S. Hyams, San Francisco.
Letter to Mayor Stevens, accompanying money order for $60
meant for Moses Fonseca, a friend of Hyams’ and a tobacconist
who lived on Middle Street, “who has resided for some time in
your unfortunate town, lost everything he had in the world by the
late disastrous fire.” Pencilled at bottom of note,: “Paid Fonseca
draft Oct 3, 1866.”

Connecticut 1 : 6 Jul 1866 – 12 Jul 1866
PPL.GF/4.5-CT1
CT1-A 6 Jul 1866 From H.S. Lansing, Adams Express Company, Hartford.
Letter of sympathy, describing a movement to raise money from
“the Charter Oak City” to aid the people of Portland.

CT1-B 6 Jul 1866 From Sharon Bassett, Birmingham.
Letter accompanied donation of $50.

CT1-C 6 Jul 1866 From Elizabeth J.P. Shields and Alfred Smith.
Letter accompanied $50 donation.

CT1-D 6 Jul 1866 From W.S. Camp, Middletown.
Letter accompanied $20 donation.

CT1-E 7 Jul 1866 From Annie Morris, Hartford.
Letter accompanied $1.25 from Annie and Alice Morris, “It is the
first and only dollar I ever had. My little sister Alice sends 25
cents. Please give the money to children as it comes from
children.” “PS Alice says that if you know “Suzy” and “Prudy
Paslin,” give the money to them if they have been burned out.”

CT1-F 7 Jul 1866 From P.T. Barnum, Bridgeport.
Letter on Lindencroft stationery, accompanied donation of $100.

CT1-G 7 Jul 1866 From Charles R. Chapman, Mayor of Hartford.
Letter of sympathy accompanied check for $2254.00. “Owing to
the fact of many insurance companies being located here we have ourselves suffered much pecuniarily from the fire in your city, but it has been a pecuniary loss only, it has not involved as with you the breaking up of business and the destruction of happy homes.”


CT1-J 7 Jul 1866 From I. C. Tate, New London. Letter accompanied donation of $100.

CT1-K 10 Jul 1866 From Mrs. Mary Emerson Brooks, Stamford. Letter from “a daughter of Portland,” accompanied donation of $100.

CT1-L 10 Jul 1866 From Mrs. Mary Emerson Brooks, Stamford. Letter followed CT1-K, asking that $50 of her donation be designated to “three old ladies left in a destitute condition.” [see also CT2-J]

CT1-M 10 Jul 1866 From Navy Lt. R.B. Lowry, U.S.S. Sabine, New London. Letter of sympathy “on behalf of the officers, crew, and Naval Apprentices,” accompanied a financial donation; “many of us retaining a pleasant memory of the kindness and hospitality with which the Sabine was treated while visiting Portland.” “Two of our shipmates residing in Portland have had their families burned out, we will do all we can for them.”

CT1-N 11 Jul 1866 From A.W. Minor, late surgeon, U.S.N., New Haven. Letter accompanied donated box of clothing and sheets. “The articles were originally given by the Sanitary Commission for the need of those serving on the Monitor, with which I was formerly connected.

CT1-O 12 Jul 1866 From the Hubbard Brothers, Middletown. Letter of sympathy accompanied donation of $25.

PPL.GF/4.5-CT2

CT2-A  12 Jul 1866  From Lorenzo Blackstone, Mayor of Norwich. Letter accompanied collected sum of $635 from citizens of Norwich.


CT2-C  14 Jul 1866  From Abner Beers, Newtown. Letter accompanied $50 donation.

CT2-D  16 Jul 1866  From the pupils of Miss Porter’s School, Farmington. (2) slips of paper accompanied donation of $50.

CT2-E  17 Jul 1866  From E.B. Stevens, New Haven. Letter of sympathy, offering carpentry services.

CT2-F  17 Jul 1866  From Lucien Sperry, Mayor of New Haven. Letter accompanied collected donation of $5,284.00, “with the best wishes of a sister city.”

CT2-G  18 Jul 1866  From F.L. Allen, Mayor of New London. Letter accompanied donation of $150.

CT2-H  20 Jul 1866  From Charles R. Chapman, Mayor of Hartford. Letter accompanied donation of $1,865.00.

CT2-I  20 Jul 1866  From H.S. Lansing, Adams Express Co., Hartford. Letter acknowledges thanks sent from Mayor Stevens (of Portland), and accompanied balance of $1,865.00 sent from Hartford, and two boxes of donated clothing.

CT2-J  20 Jul 1866  From Mrs. Horace [Mary Emerson] Brooks, Stamford. [see also: CT1-K and CT1-L] Letter acknowledges thanks from Mayor Stevens, and confirms the “three ladies” to receive her donation live on Brattle Street, Portland, and are “very destitute.”


CT2-L  24 Jul 1866  From George A. Oviatt, Pastor, Congregational Church, Somers. Letter accompanied church collection sum of $41.50. “We are a small farming people, and our contribution is small. We have
remembered your suffering people in our prayers, and may God open the hearts of many to send the needed relief to the many sufferers in your beautiful city!"

CT2-M 2 Aug 1866 From E.C. Sperry, New Haven. Letter soliciting masonry services for Portland’s recovery. “A good workman can command $5 per day & board.”

CT2-N 3 Aug 1866 From Lorenzo Blackstone, Mayor of Norwich. Letter accompanied donation of $930.00.

CT2-O 3 Aug 1866 From John W. Gaffney, Bridgeport. Letter asking if mason or joiners are needed in Portland.

PPL.GF/4.5-CT3
CT3-A 5 Aug 1866 From Orlando G. Smith, Bridgeport. Letter from owner of house-building business inquiring about Portland’s needs, wages, and builders’ accommodations.

CT3-B 8 Aug 1866 From Philo G. Rockwell, Mayor of Waterbury. Letter of sympathy accompanied $1000 contribution from the Common Council, for the “incalculable loss by reason of the recent conflagration which leveled to ashes, so large a portion, of one of the most beautiful of American towns.”

CT3-C 11 Aug 1866 From Charles R. Chapman, Mayor of Hartford. Letter accompanied additional financial donations ($70) from additional “subscriptions for the benefit of Portland sufferers.”

CT3-D 18 Aug 1866 From the Children of the Congregational Sabbath School, Willimantic. Letter accompanied check for $27.38, “hoping that this small sum will be thankfully rec’d (especially from little children).”

CT3-E 2 Sep 1866 From L.H. Wolers[?], Hartford. Writer asked to be hired to produce cement and gravel tile in Portland, and to manage the business.

CT3-F 6 Sep 1866 From Citizens of Danville. Letter confirmed the shipping of 2 carloads of lumber (“mostly boards”) as a contribution from the town.

CT3-G 17 Sep 1866 From Philo G. Rockwell, Mayor of Waterbury.
Letter accompanied donations from the people of Waterbury, amounting to $111.00.

CT3-H  30 Sep 1866  From Henry H. Burgess, supt., Bethel Sunday School, South Norwalk.
Letter accompanied Sunday School collection to be designated to replenishing a Congregational sunday school library in Portland.

CT3-I  14 Oct 1866  From Monson Hawley, Mayor of Bridgeport.
Letter accompanied donation of $2,959.00.

CT3-J  21 Oct 1866  From Katie E. Robertson, Beacon Falls.
Letter asked about the welfare of “John Burk[e] the blind man and wife.” “If you please I would like to know if the city is building up fast and if all the poor have got homed.”

Letter [as with CT3-J] asking about Mrs. Burk[e], whose husband was blind, and lived on Cumberland St. Mrs. Goddard was Mrs. Burk[e]’s daughter.

Iowa

PPL.GF/4.6-IA
IA1-A  16 Jul 1866  From John E. Lovejoy, Scotch Grove, Jones County, Iowa.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

Illinois

PPL.GF/4.7-IL
Illinois : Jul 7, 1866 - Jul 13, 1866; plus 1 undated letter.
IL1-A  7 Jul 1866  From Ms. J. Beaty, Secretary, Board of Trade, Chicago.
The letter accompanied a donation of 5,000 dollars.

IL1-B  10 Jul 1866  From Ms. J. Beaty, Secretary, Board of Trade, Chicago.
The letter accompanied a donation of 4,900 dollars.

IL1-C  12 Jul 1866  From Ms. J. Beaty, Secretary, Board of Trade, Chicago.
The letter accompanied a donation of 2,400 dollars.

IL1-D  13 Jul 1866  From P.A. Richardson, Chicago.
The letter concerned the rebuilding of the city. Folio, 3pp.

The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.
Louisiana.
PPL.GF/4.8-LA
LA1-A 14 Jul 1866 From N.H. Dunham, Alquiers.
The author’s wife and child were in Portland at the time of the fire, and he was inquiring about their current situation.

Maryland
PPL.GF/4.9-MD
Maryland: Jul 7, 1866 - Aug 10, 1866.
MD1-A 7 Jul 1866 From Samuel White, Baltimore.
The author offered housing for the homeless “at a fair compensation.” 2pp.

MD1-B 7 Jul 1866 From Samuel White, Baltimore.
The letter concerned housing. 2pp.

MD1-C 21 Jul 1866 From Joseph Shriver, Cumberland.
The letter accompanied a donation of 154 dollars.

MD1-D 10 Aug 1866 From E.M. Green, Baltimore.
The author inquired after a relative.

Michigan
PPL.GF/4.10-MI
Michigan: Jul 9, 1866.
MI1-A 9 Jul 1866 From E.B.Ward, Detroit.
The letter accompanied a donation of 300 dollars.

Missouri
PPL.GF/4.11-MO
Missouri: Jul 6, 1866 - Sep 4, 1866.
MO1-A 6 Jul 1866 From former residents of Portland in St. Louis.
“The undersigned, formerly residents of the city of Portland + vicinity, sympathizing deeply with their family and friends” sent a donation of 665 dollars. 2pp.

MO1-B 10 Jul 1866 From Alexander Syler, St. Louis.

MO1-C 18 Jul 1866 From M.L. Pottle, Chairman, St. Louis.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars. 2pp.

MO1-D 1 Sep 1866 From the Children’s Fair, Webster Groves.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars from some children. Folio, 4pp.
New Hampshire
PPL.GF/4.12-NH
New Hampshire 1 : Jul 6, 1866 - Jul 23, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.12-NH1

NH1-A  6 Jul 1866  From [illegible], Portsmouth. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

NH1-B  7 Jul 1866  From J.H. Pearson, Concord. The letter accompanied a donation of flour.

NH1-C  7 Jul 1866  From George W. Haven, Portsmouth. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

NH1-D  7 Jul 1866  From W.T. Perkins, Concord. The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.


NH1-F  9 Jul 1866  From Henry Smith, Dover. The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

NH1-G  9 Jul 1866  From Ethan Colby, Colebrook. The letter accompanied a donation of seventy dollars.

NH1-H  10 Jul 1866  From I.D. Ballard, Leightons Cor. The author had room available for rent. A previous conservator has transcribed the letter on a typewriter.

NH1-I  13 Jul 1866  From Ira Cheney, Durham. The letter accompanied a donation of 116.50 dollars.


NH1-K  16 Jul 1866  From Mason J. Atherton, Nashua. The author wanted to help the citizens of Portland.

NH1-L  19 Jul 1866  From Frank McDuffee, Rochester. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,100 dollars from the citizens of Rochester. Includes a newspaper clipping of the town meeting held to discuss the issue. Folio, 2pp.

NH1-L  19 Jul 1866  From J.G. Hall, Mayor, Dover.
The letter accompanied a donation of 3,039.50 dollars.

NH1-M 19 Jul 1866 From Israel B. Manning, Walsboro [?].
The letter accompanied a donation of 16.35 dollars.

NH1-N 20 Jul 1866 From Charles W. Abbot, Salmon Falls.
The letter accompanied a donation of 53.30 dollars.

NH1-O 23 Jul 1866 From Benjamin Emerson, Pittsfield.
The letter accompanied a donation of five dollars.

New Hampshire 2 : Jul 23, 1866 - Sep 11, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.12-NH2

NH2-A 23 Jul 1866 From G.F. Stevens, Treasurer, Amherst.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100.56 dollars from the Congregational Church and Society.

NH2-B 27 Jul 1866 From E.P. McIntire, Clerk and Treasurer, Nashua.
The letter accompanied a donation of 83.89 dollars from the Nashua Cosnet [?] Band.

NH2-C 30 Jul 1866 From John Bailey, Mayor, Portsmouth.
The letter accompanied a donation of 2,000 dollars.

NH2-D 1 Aug 1866 From John Forres, Manchester.
The letter concerns deserters from the army.

NH2-E 1 Aug 1866 From C.F. Stewart, City Clerk, Concord.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifteen dollars from Ira Sweat et al.

NH2-F 9 Aug 1866 From [?] A. Rice, Portsmouth.
The letter accompanied a donation of 200 dollars.

NH2-G 10 Aug 1866 From A.K. Shurteff, [Laconia].
The letter accompanied a donation of thirty-two dollars from the Congregational Society, brought by Merrill Thomas.

NH2-H 11 Aug 1866 From Daniel D. Saffan, Wakefield.
The letter accompanied a donation of forty-four dollars.

NH2-I 15 Aug 1866 From William Fife, Pembrook.
The author inquired about carpenters’ wages.

NH2-J 31 Aug 1866 From M.H. Fisk, Temple.
The letter accompanied a donation of 12.50 dollars collected in Sabbath School.

NH2-K  1 Sep 1866  From William O. Breed, Weare Combe.
The author inquired about carpenters’ wages.

NH2-L  6 Sep 1866  From J. Kimball, City Clerk, Nashua.
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,368 dollars from city churches.

NH2-M  13 Sep 1866  From John Brugger, Manchester.
The letter accompanied a donation of clothing. 2pp.

NH2-N  15 Sep 1866  From A.H. Gilman, Paymaster, Naval Yard, Portsmouth.
The letter accompanied a donation of 805.35 dollars. Folio, 2pp.

NH2-O  17 Sep 1866  From W.E. Lyrell, Hancock.
The author inquired about work opportunities. 2pp.

New Hampshire 3: Sep 21, 1866 - Dec 17, 1866; plus 2 undated letters.
PPL.GF/4.12-NH3

NH3-A  21 Sep 1866  From Joseph Cavalry, Wentworth.
The author inquired about work opportunities.

NH3-B  3 Oct 1866  From H.R. Chamberlin, City Treasurer, Manchester.
The letter accompanied a donation of seventeen dollars.

NH3-C  21 Oct 1866  From Edward J. Robinson, Bennington.
The author inquired about work opportunities.

NH3-D  24 Oct 1866  From H. Bridge, Portsmouth.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty-five dollars from Horatio Bridge, Charley S. Stewart, and L.W. Moorhead of the Naval Yard.

NH3-E  7 Nov 1866  From C.C. Webster, Concord.
The letter accompanied a donation of 3.50 dollars.

NH3-F  17 Dec 1866  From J.G. Hall, Dover.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-four dollars. Folio.

The letter accompanied a donation of one dollar.

NH3-H  [undated]  From Nathan Morrison, Franklin.
The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

New Jersey

PPL.GF/4.13-NJ

New Jersey : Jul 7, 1866 - Apr 18, 1867.

NJ1


NJ1-B 10 Jul 1866 From Robotham Greacen, Newark. The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

NJ1-C 13 Jul 1866 From Henry Spear, President of the Owl Club, Rahway. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.


NJ1-E 14 Jul 1866 From Barnet Stanisly Ballard, Newark. The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

NJ1-F 14 Jul 1866 From Geo. H. LeHuray, Summit. The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.


NJ1-H 27 Jul 1866 From Llewellyn S. Haskell, Orange. The letter accompanied a donation of 900.50 dollars from the citizens of Orange. A donation sheet is attached. 2 folios, 2pp. each.

NJ1-I 30 Jul 1866 [unsigned], Hightstown. The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars.

NJ1-J 30 Jul 1866 From Thomas Peddie, Mayor, Newark. The letter accompanied a donation of 3,143 dollars. There is also a letter from a relief committee describing a donation of 60,000 dollars. Folio, 2pp. and 1 letter.

NJ1-K 14 Aug 1866 From Eunie Kirtland, Orange. The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars from “the proceeds of a little fair, gotten up and managed by myself and five other little girls.” Folio, 2pp.
NJ1-L  17 Aug 1866  From S.H. Pennington, Newark.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-two dollars. 2pp.

NJ1-M  22 Aug 1866  From S.H. Pennington, Newark.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-four dollars. 2pp.

NJ1-N  3 Sep 1866  From Joseph E. McKeever, South Orange.
The letter inquired about work opportunities.

NJ1-O  18 Apr 1867  From John T. Jenkins, Mayor, New Brunswick.
The letter accompanied a donation of 106.67 dollars supplemental to the previous donation of 616.67 dollars.

New York
PPL.GF/4.14-NY
New York 1 : Jul 6, 1866 - Jul 14, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.14-NY1
NY1-A  6 Jul 1866  From E. Williams et al., Greenpoint.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

NY1-B  6 Jul 1866  From E.J. Woolsey, Astoria.
The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

NY1-C  7 Jul 1866  From J.W. Johnson, Buffalo.
The author sent newspapers with advertisements about starting a relief committee. Folio, 2pp.

NY1-D  7 Jul 1866  From T.W. Tibbits, Treasurer, Troy.
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

NY1-E  8 Jul 1866  From Edward F. Jones, Binghamton.
The letter offered sympathies and financial contributions. Folio, 2pp.

NY1-F  10 Jul 1866  From T.W. Tibbits, Troy.
The letter referred to the previous donation of 1,000 dollars.

NY1-G  10 Jul 1866  From Gerrit Smith, Preston.
The letter accompanied a donation of 200 dollars.

NY1-H  11 Jul 1866  From Jonathan D. Steele, Niagara.
“The Niagara Fire Insurance Company, although heavy losers by the fire … desire the privilege of contributing … one thousand dollars.”
NY1-I  11 Jul 1866 From “Sympathy,” Brooklyn.
“Be pleased to accept the enclosed hard-earned, prayer-embalmed gift [of one dollar] of a poverty-stricken child of God and appropriate it to the relief of some sufferer by the recent conflagration.”

NY1-J  11 Jul 1866 From Thomas A. Tillinghass, Troy.
The letter thanks the Portland Mayor for his response to a previous letter.

NY1-K  11 Jul 1866 From Jno. S. Forler, Mayor, Auburn.
The letter accompanied a donation of 253.40 dollars.

NY1-L  13 Jul 1866 From Thomas A. Tillinghass, Troy.
The letter discussed previous correspondence.

NY1-M  13 Jul 1866 From William Thurstone, Buffalo.
The letter accompanied a donation of 2,065 dollars.

NY1-N  13 Jul 1866 From William Thurstone, Buffalo.
The letter concerned previous correspondence.

NY1-O  14 Jul 1866 From Egbert Smith, Fire Place.
The letter accompanied a donation.

New York 2 : Jul 14, 1866 - Jul 26, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.14-NY2

NY2-A  14 Jul 1866 From Theodore S. Faxton, Utica.
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

NY2-B  19 Jul 1866 From P.H. [illegible], Coxsackie.
“I would that I could replace every brick + put every stick of lumber, in its proper place + restore your city to the state, it was in, before the fire.” The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars. Folio, 3pp.

NY2-C  19 Jul 1866 [unsigned], Buffalo.
The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars.

NY2-D  20 Jul 1866 From W.W. Leland, Saratoga.
“We take pleasure in transmitting to you the proceeds of the Tableaux Vivants, given to the guests of the Union hotel.”

NY2-E  20 Jul 1866 From W.W. Leland, Saratoga Springs.
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,905 dollars.
NY2-F 20 Jul 1866  From J.W. Johnson, Buffalo.  
The letter reported the efforts of the Relief Committee; the 
donations “now aggregate $4290.” Folio, 4pp.

NY2-G 20 Jul 1866  From Dan Richmond, Buffalo.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 200 dollars.

NY2-H 21 Jul 1866  From Tilden, New Lebanon.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 200 dollars.

NY2-I 22 Jul 1866  [unsigned], Brooklyn.  
“These 5 cents are cheerfully sent to you by 5 poor little children 
of a mission school in this city- from the poor to the poor, for the 
sake of Him who died for all.”

NY2-J 24 Jul 1866  From George H. Thacher, Mayor, Albany.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 10,003 dollars. “We regard 
your people as members, like ourselves, of the same great national 
family.” Folio, 3pp.

NY2-K 24 Jul 1866  From Jason Sexton, Buffalo.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 2,700 dollars.

NY2-L 24 Jul 1866  From John F. Seely, Ogdenburgh.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars. “May this 
greenback bring a smile to the face of some poor sufferer.”

NY2-M 25 Jul 1866  From Harvey Lyon, Hammond.  
The letter accompanied a donation of five dollars.

NY2-N 25 Jul 1866  From John R. Chatfield, Owego.  
The letter accompanied a donation of fourteen dollars. Folio, 2pp.

NY2-O 26 Jul 1866  From A.E. Porres, Lansingburgh.  
The author inquired after his mother, Deborah Porres, a resident of 
Portland. He also sent 500 dollars for her care.

PPL.GF/4.14-NY3

NY3-A 30 Jul 1866  From J.W. Johnson, Buffalo.  
The letter concerned the Buffalo relief committee. Folio, 4pp.

NY3-B 1 Aug 1866  From T.N. Whittlesey, Dunkirk.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 135.80 dollars.
NY3-C 4 Aug 1866 [unsigned], Brooklyn.
The letter was from the same five children who previously sent money.

NY3-D 6 Aug 1866 From William L. Ingraham, Rochester.
The letter concerned the formation of a relief committee. 2pp.

NY3-E 10 Aug 1866 From “ Stranger,” Johnsburgh.
The letter accompanied a donation of five dollars. There is also a note from T.M. Tibbits of Troy. 2pp.

NY3-F 12 Aug 1866 From William Thurston, Buffalo.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

NY3-G 13 Aug 1866 From Isaac Morris, Albany.
The letter inquired after carpentry work. 2pp.

The letter concerned previous correspondence.

The letter inquired after carpentry work.

NY3-J 23 Aug 1866 From Thomas A. Tillinghass, Troy.
The letter accompanied a donation of 811.75 dollars.

NY3-K 24 Aug 1866 From Harper W. Rogers, Mayor, Hudson.
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,192 dollars.

NY3-L 1 Sep 1866 From J.M. Johnson, Buffalo.
The letter discussed publicity about the relief effort.

NY3-M 11 Dec 1866 From J.M. Johnson, Buffalo.
The letter discussed publicity about the relief effort.

NY3-N 5 Oct 1867 From Sam Booth, Mayor, Brooklyn.
The letter accompanied a donation of 5,363.91 dollars. Folio.

NY3-O 16 Nov 1865 [unsigned], Schenectady.
“The year one thousand eight hundred and sixty[-six] in the month of July is destined to be forever remembered by the inhabitants of the city of Portland. There will be a fearful calamity fall on that doomed city which shall render it almost as barren and forsaken as the ancient city of Pompei of which we read in history. This has been revealed to me by dreams. [drawing of a snake]” [Archivist’s
note: this letter has been dated by the author to appear predictive of the Great Fire. Due to the tone of the letter and its general appearance, the researcher is advised to take its contents with a grain of salt.]

PPL.GF/4.14-NY4

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<td>D.W. Appleton, New York.</td>
<td>Letter accompanied donation of $500. “I am pained &amp; shocked beyond expression at the terrible calamity which has fallen upon the city of my boyhood home &amp; ever present affections.”</td>
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<td>6 Jul 1866</td>
<td>W.H. Foster, 2nd Acting Vice President, Central Bank of New York, New York, N.Y.</td>
<td>Letter was a notification of a $500 donation ready to be transferred to Portland.</td>
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<td>Robert Merrill &amp; Son, New York.</td>
<td>Letter accompanied $187.00, collected by a group of friends, listed at the closure of the letter.</td>
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<td>Rowland Johnson, New York.</td>
<td>Letter accompanied donation of “one chest of oolong tea for the benefit of the destitute widows and others who lost all.”</td>
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<td>George F. Riley, N.Y. Petroleum &amp; Mining Stock Board.</td>
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NY4-K  8 Jul 1866 From O.L. Perry, New York.  
Note addressed to Rev. Dr. Graham, from Sunday School student, accompanied by a donation of $1.00, “which may aid some suffering family. I earned it cleaning the snow off the sidewalks last winter.”

NY4-L  9 Jul 2009 From John T. Hoffman, Mayor of New York.  
Letter accompanied collected contribution of $1,081.56. “The sum is small for the reason that a regular Committee of Merchants has been organized, of which A.A. Low is Treasurer, and the great bulk of contributions will be made through him.” “A portion ($500) of the enclosed amount was sent to me by Alexander Holland, Treasurer of the American Express Co. who regrets that the line of that Co. does not extend to Portland, and that for this reason they cannot offer services as well as money.”

Letter accompanied donation of $3,000.00.

NY4-N  10 Jul 1866 From George Noyes, New York.  
Letter requests that $1500.00 of the $5600.00 donation, via George C. Noyes, be immediately distributed.

NY4-O  10 Jul 1866 From Egleston, Battell & Co., New York.  
Letter of sympathy accompanied $100.00 donation.

New York 5 - New York City : 10 Jul, 1866 – 1 Aug 1866.  
PPL.GF/4.14-NY5  
NY5-A  10 Jul 1866 From A.A. Low, Treasurer, citizens’ committee, New York.  
Letter of sympathy announced beginning of fundraising efforts and accompanied $12,000.00 collected donation. “The Citizens of New York have seen enough of the ravages of fire, to understand the nature of the calamity that has overtaken the City of Portland.”

NY5-B  11 Jul 1866 From Mora & Arango, New York.  
Letter accompanied $100.00 donation.

NY5-C  11 Jul 1866 From William Hibbard, President., N.Y. Bowery Insurance Co.  
Letter accompanied $300.00 donation. “Our memories recur to the times we of New York were in like manner stricken & made needy by the fire of 1835, & when too the kindness of your city & other cities and neighborhoods were made tangible by the timely
donations then bestowed upon our people.”

NY5-D 11 Jul 1866  From John T. Hoffman, Mayor of New York.  
Letter accompanied $379.33 donation.

NY5-E 12 Jul 1866  From Charles Morningstar, 194 Fulton Street.  
“I only regret that the donation is not as large as my sympathies, 
and hope that by the assistance of God and the good will of all men 
all over our country and abroad, Portland once more will rise out 
of her ashes finer and more prosperous than ever before.”  
Letter accompanied $50.00 donation.

NY5-F 13 Jul 1866  From John Straiton, President of Thicke Benevolent Association.  
Letter accompanied $150.00 donation.

NY5-G 14 Jul 1866  From J.W. Stanton.  
Letter requesting acknowledgement of “several donations.”

NY5-H 15 Jul 1866  From anonymous donor, with New York as return address.  
“Am a poor man in purse but very rich in feeling. In coming here 
(by way of Pittsfield) I found on one of the car seats 60 cents, as it 
did not belong to me I send it to you knowing it will buy a few 
loaves of bread for one or two of your poor sufferers. If I should be 
lucky enough to find 60 or 600 times the amount in the same or 
any other way, I will send it to you. I can and would drop a tear for 
every one of your flock if it should do any good. Yours in haste.  
Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you.”

NY5-I 19 Jul 1866  From George H. Smith, of 38 Broad Street.  
Letter accompanied $15.00 donation.

NY5-J 19 Jul 1866  From W.H. Foster, Cnetral National Bank of the City of New 
York, addressed to John A. Poor.  
Letter described strategies for better fund-raising in New York for 
the Portland sufferers, and requests more detailed information 
about the disaster.

NY5-K 19 Jul 1866  From George R. Jacques, of 208 Broadway.  
Letter accompanied $5.00 donation from the Sunday School 
Scholars of the 2nd Methodist Episcopal Church of Rahway, NJ.

NY5-L 20 Jul 1866  From Smith & Hegeman.  
Letter accompanied unstated contribution.  
“Deeply sympathising with you in the fearful calamity which has 
befallen your City, we would earnestly solicit you to apply the
enclosed in any way to relieve distress.”

NY5-M 23 Jul 1866 From Charles S. Brown, American National Bank, 80 Broadway. Letter accompanied $100.00 donation from Sunday School class at East New York, Kings County [Brooklyn], “for the relief of some needy children.”

NY5-N 1 Aug 1866 From Joseph Butler, of 46 Perry Street. Letter seeking $300.00 in assistance from Portland. Butler evacuated to friends in New York, having lost his home at 60 Cumberland Street [Avenue], and was employed by the Portland and Boston Steam Boat Company.


NY6-A 3 Aug 1866 Letter accompanied $5.00 donation.

NY6-B 4 Aug 1866 From Thomas. Letter accompanied $5.00 donation.

NY6-C 7 Aug 1866 From the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Letter acknowledges receipt of $100,000.00 in contributions to the account for relief of the Portland sufferers.


NY6-F 5 Nov 1866 From H. Hatch. Letter accompanied $25.00 donation. “I thought it might relieve some want for a few deserving, destitute families.”

NY6-G 8 Dec 1866 From George Wilson, Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. Letter accompanied $450.61, which was the balance of the relief fund from the Chamber.

NY6-H 11 Dec 1866 From anonymous donor, via A.A. Low, of New York.
Letter accompanied $4.00 donation.

NY6-I  15 Dec 1866  From A.A. Low Brothers.
Letter accompanied $4.00 donation.

Letter attached to Statement of interest on deposits of $100,000.00 of the Portland Relief Fund.

NY6-K  [undated]  From E. Warner, Agent, Fire Engine Hose & Belt Manufactory; 23 Ferry Street, New York.
Letter written on verso of advertisement for leather fire engine hose, offering to sell the Chief Engineer of the City of Portland a new supply of tested fire hose “at the most reasonable rates.”

BOX 6 : Correspondence
Ohio
Ohio : Jul 6, 1866 - Sep 3, 1866; plus 1 undated letter.
PPL.GF/4.15-OH

OH1-A  6 Jul 1866  From H.A. Glassford, Secretary, Cincinnati.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars from the Boatmen’s Fire & Marine Insurance Co.

OH1-B  11 Jul 1866  From Davis Johnson, Marion.
The author offered his granite quarry in Edgecomb, Maine for purchase by the city. It is clipped with a circular about the sale of said quarry.

OH1-C  24 Jul 1866  From W.A. Talbot, Barnesville.
The letter accompanied a donation of 16.70 dollars.

OH1-D  3 Sep 1866  From H.W. Baker, Barnesville.
The letter accompanied a donation of one dollar, from a little girl.

The letter has no body.

Pennsylvania
PPL.GF/4.16-PA1
Pennsylvania 1 : Jul 6, 1866 - Aug 11, 1866.
PA1
PA1-A  6 Jul 1866  From Joseph Plummer, Pittsburgh.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars from “a native of your city.” Folio.

PA1-B  7 Jul 1866  From R.C. Loomis, Pittsburgh.  
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars. “[U]se it at one, for those in your city, who are in most want.”

PA1-C  7 Jul 1866  From John Harper, President, Bank of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

PA1-D  7 Jul 1866  From W.L., Pittsburgh.  
The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

PA1-E  9 Jul 1866  From Joseph Servers, Philadelphia.  
The author wanted permission to collect contributions for the relief effort. 2pp.

PA1-F  10 Jul 1866  From Geo. W. Combles, Philadelphia.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars from the Philadelphia Board of Brokers.

PA1-G  11 Jul 1866  From A.D. Whit, Meadville.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

PA1-H  13 Jul 1866  From Morton McMichael, Mayor, Philadelphia.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,800 dollars. Folio, 2pp.

PA1-I  13 Jul 1866  From Merrick & Sons, Philadelphia.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

PA1-J  20 Jul 1866  From William H. Stevens, Meadville.  
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars. Letterhead: Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

PA1-K  21 Jul 1866  From C.W. Wood, Chairman, Philadelphia.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 10,000 dollars. From the Executive Committee; Charles W. Cushman, treasurer. A previous conservator has transcribed the letter on a typewriter. 2pp.

PA1-L  21 Jul 1866  From E. Parry, Pottsville.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 81.88 dollars.

PA1-M  8 Aug 1866  From E.F. Coughten, Philadelphia.  
The letter inquired after a specific inhabitant of Portland who had
suffered in the fire. Folio, 2pp.


**Pennsylvania 2 : Aug 20, 1866 - Jan 11, 1867; plus 2 undated letters.**

**PPL.GF/4.15-PA2**

PA2-A 20 Aug 1866 From John Harper, President, Bank of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,030 dollars.

PA2-B 5 Sep 1866 From John Harper, President, Bank of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh. The letter accompanied a donation of ninety-one dollars.

PA2-C 9 Sep 1866 From Oliver C. Jackson, Philadelphia. The author inquired about his mother’s (Rebecca J. Jackson) whereabouts. She had been a resident of Portland when the fire occurred. 2pp.

PA2-D 17 Nov 1866 From Charles W. Cushman, Treasurer, Philadelphia. The letter accompanied a donation of 700 dollars.

PA2-E 11 Jan 1867 From Charles W. Cushman, Treasurer, Philadelphia. The letter accompanied a donation of 170.90 dollars.


**Rhode Island**

**RI**

**Rhode Island 1 : Jul 6, 1866 - Oct 24, 1866.**

**PPL.GF/4.16-RI1**

RI1-A 6 Jul 1866 From John B. Seabury, Newport. The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars.

RI1-B 6 Jul 1866 From James L. Smith & Nichols, Providence. The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

RI1-C 7 Jul 1866 From Sidney Deane, Providence. The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars from the
RI1-D 11 Jul 1866 From Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor, Providence. The author sent a representative to Portland to survey the damage.

RI1-E 11 Jul 1866 From G.U. Wright, Providence. The author inquired after carpentry work.

RI1-F 16 Jul 1866 From Samuel A. Parker, Mayor, Newport. The letter accompanied a donation of 770 dollars.

RI1-G 17 Jul 1866 From George Taft, Rector, Pawtucket. The letter accompanied a donation of 182.27 dollars from St. Paul’s Church.


RI1-J 30 Jul 1866 From J. Sewall Budlong, Pawtucket. The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

RI1-K 10 Aug 1866 From J.A. Adams, Central Falls. The letter accompanied a donation of sixty-five dollars.

RI1-L 14 Aug 1866 From John D. Jones, Providence. The letter accompanied a donation of 2,432.67 dollars.

RI1-M 4 Sep 1866 From T. Snowden Thomas, Pastor, Bristol. The letter accompanied a donation of forty dollars from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Folio, 2pp.

RI1-N 24 Oct 1866 From [illegible], Newport. The letter accompanied a donation of three dollars.

RI1-O 24 Oct 1866 From Thomas C. Keyes, Newbury. The letter accompanied a donation of 23.50 dollars and “a box of freight.”

Rhode Island 2 : 2 undated letters.
PPL.GF/4.16-R12
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<td>RI2-A</td>
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<td>[unsigned], Pawtucket and Central Falls.</td>
<td>A newspaper clipping listing previous donations and calling for more is attached to a paper with mathematical figures on it. 2pp.</td>
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<td>RI2-B</td>
<td>[undated]</td>
<td>From Samuel A. Parker, Mayor, Newport.</td>
<td>The letter accompanied a donation of 33.25 dollars.</td>
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<td>Vermont</td>
<td>VT</td>
<td>Vermont 1 : Jul 10, 1866 - Aug 17, 1866.</td>
<td>From Locke &amp; Smith, St. Albans. The letter accompanied a donation of “two cases of clothing &amp; boots &amp; shoes &amp; capes &amp; hats and dry goods.”</td>
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<td>From T.E. Wales, Mayor, Burlington. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,100 dollars.</td>
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<td>From C.W. Willard, Montpelier. The letter noted that a box of bedding had been sent and another would be forthcoming.</td>
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<td>From William Brinsmais, Burlington. The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars from the Ethan Allen Engine Company No. 4 in hopes “that phoenix like the city of Portland may rise from its ashes.”</td>
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<td>From J.E. Brinnmaid, Burlington. The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars.</td>
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<td>From E.C. Redington, St. Johnsburg. The letter inquired about the use and direction of relief funds.</td>
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The letter accompanied a donation of 31.75 dollars. “I could wish the amount were larger, but it is large according to our means.”

VT1-I 20 Jul 1866 From S. Parker, Proctorsville.
“Our late Soldier’s Aid Society send to you Sir, the small remainder of our funds for the benefit of the sufferers.”

VT1-J 26 Jul 1866 From E. Morris, Halford.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars.

VT1-K 2 Aug 1866 From Fred J Bunditt, Brattleboro.
The letter concerned the Lodge of Good Templars.

VT1-L 7 Aug 1866 From Samuel Hall, Brownington.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

VT1-M 8 Aug 1866 From Joseph De Masay, Jr., Burlington.
The author inquired after employment. 2pp.

VT1-N 12 Aug 1866 From Welcome C. Wilson, Weybridge.
The letter conveyed sympathies.

VT1-O 17 Aug 1866 From A.J. Brown, Montpelier.
The author offered his mechanical services.

Vermont 2 : Aug 19, 1866 - Aug 25, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.19-VT2

VT2-A 19 Aug 1866 From Fred J. Burditt, Brattleboro.
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

VT2-B 25 Aug 1866 From T.E. Wales, Mayor, Burlington.
The letter accompanied a donation of sixty-three dollars.

Washington, DC
PPL.GF/4.20-DC1

Washington DC 1 : Jul 6, 1866 - Jul 14, 1866.
DC1
DC1-A 6 Jul 1866 From William S. More.
The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

DC1-B 6 Jul 1866 From John B. Alley.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

DC1-C 7 Jul 1866 From Isaac Nesmith.
The letter accompanied a donation of 175 dollars from the War Department. Letter clipped to a donation sheet, 1pp. and folio, 4pp. respectively.

DC1-D  7 Jul 1866  From E.A. Rolling.  
The letter inquired as to a course of action by sympathizers following the fire.

DC1-E  8 Jul 1866  From W.P. Fessenden.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 206 dollars.

DC1-F  10 Jul 1866  From John A. Poor.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 350 dollars.

DC1-G  11 Jul 1866  From L. Deane.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars. Folio, 3pp.

DC1-H  12 Jul 1866  From S[amuel] Hooper.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

DC1-I  12 Jul 1866  From Horatio King.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

DC1-J  13 Jul 1866  From C.W. Howard.  
The letter is a transcription of a telegram sent to the Mayor of Portland. It described the actions being taken in the Capitol.

DC1-K  13 Jul 1866  From A.C. Nichols.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars. It is on black-edged paper. “I wish I was able to gibe $1,000.”

DC1-L  13 Jul 1866  From Lewellyn Deane.  
There are three papers clipped together. One is a deposit slip for 100 dollars, dated 24 July. One is a telegram from Augustus Stevens thanking Mr. Deane for his office’s contributions dated 13 July. The last is a donation sheet from the U.S. Patent Office for 200 dollars, dated 10 July and signed by Lewellyn Deane. 1p, 1p, and folio, 4pp., respectively.

DC1-M  13 Jul 1866  From M.C. Meigs, Quartermaster General.  
The letter is a handwritten copy of a telegram offering blankets and clothing to the sufferers in Portland.

DC1-N  13 Jul 1866  From “A Sympathiser.”  
“Not being disposed to await the slow movements of organized
and publicly expressed sympathy for the sufferers by the great
fire in your city, I enclose herewith five dollars, being a poor man
myself, without a home of my own, and a dependent family.”

DC1-O 14 Jul 1866 From Moses Titcomb.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

Washington DC 2 : Jul 16, 1866 - Dec 28, 1866.
PPL.GF/4.20-DC2
DC2-A 16 Jul 1866 From Horatio King.
The letter accompanied a donation of 304 dollars from people in
the Post Office Building.

DC2-B 16 Jul 1866 From Meigs, Quartermaster General.
The letter accompanied a donation of clothing and blankets
numbering in the thousands. Folio, 2pp.

DC2-C 20 Jul 1866 From Horatio King.
The letter accompanied a donation of thirty-seven dollars.

DC2-D 27 Jul 1866 From Trueman S. Perry.
The letter accompanied a donation of 57.65 dollars from “the
lesser employees of the U.S. Senate.”

DC2-E 30 Jul 1866 From G.H. Smyth.
The letter accompanied a donation of 300 dollars “from Mrs.
Catharine Shanke- the sister of Lieut. Waters U.S. Navy- who died
at Portland in 1816; and in whose memory the citizens of Portland
have preserved in a handsome monument erected over his grave.”

DC2-F 3 Aug 1866 From J.H. Barkir.
The letter accompanied a donation of twelve dollars. Folio, 2pp.

DC2-G 7 Aug 1866 From Joseph A. Ware.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty-one dollars. Folio, 2pp.

DC2-H 3 Sep 1866 From L[ewellyn] Deane.
The letter accompanied a donation of 9.50 dollars.

DC2-I 18 Oct 1866 From L[ewellyn] Deane.

DC2-J 19 Oct 1866 From Joseph A. Ware.
The letter accompanied a donation of fifty-one dollars.
DC2-K  22 Oct 1866  From P.P. French.  
There are three letters clipped together. The first noted a donation of 147 dollars, dated 22 October. The second adds an additional six dollars to that total, dated 26 December. The third is a list of contributors, with the donation amounting to 153 dollars, dated 11 July. Folio, 1p., 1p., and folio, 2pp., respectively.

The letter accompanied a donation of ten dollars. Folio, 2pp.

DC2-M  22 Nov 1866  From William S. Huntington.  
The letter discussed previous correspondence.

DC2-N  22 Nov 1866  From L[ewellyn] Deane.  
The letter accompanied a donation of nineteen dollars. Folio, 2pp.

DC2-O  27 Dec 1866  From L[ewellyn] Deane.  
The letter accompanied a donation of six dollars. Folio.

DC2-P  28 Dec 1866  From Knight.  
There are two letters clipped together. There was a donation of 98.98 dollars. 1p. and 1p., respectively.

Wisconsin  
PPL.GF/4.21-WI  
Wisconsin : Jul 21, 1866 - Jul 28, 1866.  
WI1  
WI1-A  21 Jul 1866  From D. Ferguson, Milwaukee.  
The letter accompanied a donation of nine dollars.

WI1-B  28 Jul 1866  From John Berry, Oshkosh.  
“I have no immediate fund to offer to the suffering people of Portland, but if any two families will accept of the me by a house rent free for a year from date they are welcome to the same said house situated in Georgetown Maine.”

Canada – Quebec  
PPL.GF/4.22-CD1  
Canada - Quebec - Montreal : Jul 6, 1866 - April 14, 1867.  
CD1  
CD1-A  6 Jul 1866  From J. Gardner.  
The letter is clipped to a small piece of paper reading “Rev’d John Gardner: Montreal Canada.” The author wished to know details of the results of the fire so he could help. Folio, 2pp.
CD1-B 13 Jul 1866  From Alex Bertram, Chief Engineer, Fire Department.  
The letter accompanied a donation of 107.63 dollars to the Portland Fire Department.

CD1-C 17 Jul 1866  From G. Cheney.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

CD1-D 30 Aug 1866  From J.H. Malheuson.  
The letter accompanied a donation of ten pounds sterling from Robert Cooks and wife. Folio.

CD1-E 16 Jan 1867  From John Rhynas.  
The letter discussed previous donations which totaled 21,373.84 dollars. Folio.

CD1-F 14 Apr 1867  From John Rhynas.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty dollars gold.

Canada – New Brunswick  
PPL.GF/4.22-CD2  
Canada - New Brunswick : Jul 13, 1866 - Aug 13, 1866.  
CD2

CD2-A 13 Jul 1866  From John Bolton, Saint Stephen.  
Three letters are clipped together. The letter accompanied a donation of 1,615 dollars. There is also a donation sheet. 1p., 1p., and folio, 1p., respectively.

CD2-B 17 Jul 1866  From Edward Sears, Saint John.  
“Permit me to express the regret I feel for the sad calamity which has befallen your once fair and beautiful city, by which so many of its inhabitants have been deprived of their property … This feeling is generally participated in by all classes of our people.” The letter accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

The letter accompanied a donation of 11,013.21 dollars “on behalf of the citizens of the city and county of Saint John.” Folio, 2pp.

The letter discussed and rectified errors in previous correspondence.

There are two pieces of paper clipped together. The letter accompanied a donation of 515.94 dollars.

**Canada – various**  
**PPL.GF/4.22-CD3**  
Canada - various : Halifax, NS [Jul 31, 1866]; Hamilton ON [Jul 16, 1866]; plus 1 unidentified letter.  
CD3  
“I write to express my own profound sympathy with you in the overwhelming calamity.”

CD3-B  13 Jul 1866 From John Beleher, Hamilton, Ontario.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

CD3-C  6 Aug 1866 From N.D. Piper.  
The letter accompanied a donation of twenty-five dollars.

**Cuba**  
**PPL.GF/4.23-CU**  
Cuba : Aug 14, 1866 - Aug 22, 1866.  
CU1  
CU1-A  14 Aug 1866 From Eaton, Fox & Co, Trinidad de Cuba.  
“A number of citizens of this place having learnt with exceeding regret of the recent most disastrous conflagration in your city have subscribed to the amount of” 1,081.41 dollars. Folio.

[Carbon copy of CU1-A]

CU1-C  22 Aug 1866 From Eaton, Fox & Co, Trinidad de Cuba.  
Two letters are clipped together. They reiterated the letter of the 14th.

CU1-CD  22 Aug 1866 From Eaton, Fox & Co, Trinidad de Cuba.  
[Carbon copy of CU1-C]

**England**  
**PPL.GF/4.24-EN**  
EN1  
EN1-A  30 Jul 1866 From George J. Abbot, Sheffield.  
The author and his daughters sent a case of knives and forks which were donated by C.H. Sheehan, an American. The letter is clipped with the shipping forms. On the letter is the stamp of the Consulate
of the United States. 2pp.

EN1-B  3 Aug 1866  From Thomas H. Dudley, Liverpool.
The letter discussed donations sent to Portland. The letterhead in from the Consulate of the United States.

Anonymous donors & unidentified locations.
PPL.GF/4.25-AN
AN1-A  7 Jul 1866  From “A. Friend.”
The letter accompanied a donation of one dollar: “a mite to be used for the sufferers.”

AN1-B  11 Jul 1866  From Nathan Carpenter.
The letter accompanied a donation of two dollars. The author had missed the group sending of money from his town. On the back: “I give my love to Mr. Nathan Wooling, Esq. tell him to write to me.”

AN1-C  [undated]  From P. Bames.
The author expressed sympathies.

AN1-D  [undated]  From John Storer, et al.
The letter accompanied a donation of 1,064 dollars.

AN1-E  [undated]  [unsigned]
“Please accept a poor widow’s mite for the sufferers.”

AN1-F  [undated]  From “a little girl.”
“The enclosed in a voluntary contribution from a little girl in the spirit [?] of self-denial on her part.

PPL.GF/5
Series 5 : Various receipts.
PPL.GF/5-VR1
The receipt is for fifty dollars.

VR1-B  16 Apr 1867  From Jacob McLellan, Portland.
The receipt is for 22,000 dollars.

VR1-C  14 Aug 1866  From Mr. Thomas, Secretary.
The receipt is for 23,096.39 dollars.

VR1-D  24 Jul 1866  From E.E. Upham.
The receipt is for fifty dollars.
VR1-E 19 Sep 1866 From C.C. Hayes. The letter acknowledges receipt.

VR1-F [undated] [unsigned] The receipt is for 2,864.12 dollars. 2pp.

VR1-G [undated] From John T. Heull. [envelope]

VR1-H [undated] [unsigned] [paper wrapping which reads “money contributions”]

BOX 7:
PPL.GF/6
Series 6 : Correspondence – Telegrams.
PPL.GF/6-1
California : Jul 7, 1866 – Jul 11, 1866.
T:CA1
T:CA1-A 7 Jul 1866 From H.P. Coon, San Francisco. The author wished to know if help was needed.

T:CA1-B 11 Jul 1866 From A. Steligman, J.W. Stow, and H. Stebbins, San Francisco. The authors wished to know if help was needed. A previous conservator has transcribed the telegram on a typewriter.

PPL.GF/6-2
Connecticut : Jul 5, 1866 – Jul 20 1866; plus one undated.
T:CT1

T:CT1-B 20 Jul 1866 From H.S. Lansing, Hartford. The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,865 dollars.

T:CT1-C 20 Jul 1866 From Lucien W. Sperry, New Haven. The telegram accompanied a donation of 5,284 dollars.

T:CT1-D [undated] From H.S. Lansing, Hartford. The telegram promised a donation of 2,000-3,000 dollars.

PPL.GF/6-3
Illinois : Jul 7, 1866; plus two undated.
T:IL1
T:IL1-A 7 Jul 1866 From John F. Beaty, Chicago.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 5,000 dollars.

The telegram accompanied a donation of fifty dollars.

The telegram noted the donation of 5,000 dollars.

Massachusetts: Jul 5, 1866 – Jul 12, 1866; plus two undated.
PPL.GF/6-4

T:MA1-A 5 Jul 1866 From J. Prescott, Boston.
The telegram offered assistance from the Eastern Railroad Company.

T:MA1-B 5 Jul 1866 From Charles Ward, Salem.
The author wished to know what assistance was needed.

T:MA1-C 5 Jul 1866 From Jasper B. Blake, Mayor, Worcester.
The telegram offered sympathies and promised help.

T:MA1-D 5 Jul 1866 From R.G. Usher, Mayor, Lynn.
The telegram asked what help is needed.

T:MA1-E 5 Jul 1866 From G.F. Miliken, Boston.
The telegram promised help.

T:MA1-F 5 Jul 1866 From Jno. Kurtz, Boston.
The telegram accompanied a donation of bread and other food, as well as policemen.

T:MA1-G 6 Jul 1866 From F.W. Lincoln, Jr., Mayor, Boston.
The telegram asked what help was needed.

T:MA1-H 6 Jul 1866 From F.W. Lincoln, Jr., Mayor, Boston.
The telegram promised help.

T:MA1-I 6 Jul 1866 From David Roberts, Mayor, Salem.
The telegram said that a public meeting was going to be held.

T:MA1-J 6 Jul 1866 From F.W. Lincoln, Jr., Mayor, Boston.
Charles E. Turner had fifty to 150 men to send to help in Portland.

T:MA1-K 6 Jul 1866 From J. Warren Merrill, Mayor, Cambridgeport.
The telegram promised help.
From William Graves, Newburyport. The telegram accompanied a donation of 10,000 dollars from the city.

From John H. Perry, Mayor, New Bedford. The telegram accompanied a donation of 2,00 dollars.

From R.G. Usher, Mayor, Lynn. The telegram accompanied a donation of 4,500 dollars.

From George H. Allen, Clerk, Lamp Dept., Boston. The telegram accompanied a donation of lamp oil.

“B.F. Hebord … tenders his services to light streets in your city free of expense.”

The telegram accompanied a donation of clothing. A previous conservator has transcribed the telegram on a typewriter.

From Jas. B. Blake, Mayor, Worcester. The telegram accompanied a donation of 4,000 dollars.

The author inquired after the building of barracks.

From Charles A. Shaw, Biddeford. The author wished to know if provisions or money or both were needed.

From S[ylvanus] Caldwell, Mayor, Augusta. The telegram sended help.

From the selectmen of Saco. The telegram offered food.

From William P. Frye, Mayor, Lewiston. The telegram accompanied a donation of food.

From A.G. Wakefield, Mayor, Bangor. The author wanted to know if prepared food was needed.
From S. Caldwell, Mayor, Augusta.
The telegram accompanied a donation of food.

From J.D. Gardiner, Gardiner.
The telegram accompanied a donation of lumber.

From A.C. Denson, Mechanic Falls.
The letter asked what supplies were needed.

From Oxford Village.
The letter asked if food was needed.

From Abner Coburn, Skowhegan.
The letter asked if food was needed.

From Henry B. Humphrey, Thomaston.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 100 dollars.

From the citizens of Machais.
The telegram inquired whether bedding was needed.

[unsigned], Bucksport.
The telegram accompanied a donation of food.

From Jno. R. Shepley, St. Louis.
The author wanted to know whether to send money or provisions.

From Fred A Churchill and Alex Tyler, St. Louis.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 665 dollars.

From E.O. Stanard, St. Louis.
The author had begun collecting money for the relief effort.

From M.L. Pottle, St. Louis.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 100 barrels of flour.

From John Bailey, Mayor, Portsmouth.
The telegram offered assistance.

From G.W. Bosworth, South Newmarket.
The author sent word that he would come to Portland shortly to help.

T:NH1-C 7 Jul 1866 From George A. Bailey, Congressional Globe, Nashua.  
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

T:NH1-D 17 Aug 1866 From S.H. Filman, Newmarket.  
The author was looking for a housekeeper.

**New Jersey**: Jul 17, 1866.

PPL.GF/6-8

T:NJ1-A 17 Jul 1866 From John Jenkins, Mayor, New Brunswick.  
The telegram accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

**New York**: Jun 6, 1866 – Aug 9, 1866; plus two undated.

PPL.GF/6-9

T:NY1-A 6 Jul 1866 From W.H. Foster, New York [City].  
The telegram offered aid.

T:NY1-B 6 Jul 1866 From Geo. Hennigues, Vice President, Open Board of Stock Brokers, New York [City].  
The telegram accompanied a donation of 3,000 dollars from the New York Stock Exchange.

T:NY1-C 6 Jul 1866 From William Alex Smith, New York [City].  
The telegram again noted the donation from the Stock Exchange.

T:NY1-D 6 Jul 1866 From George F. Noyes, New York [City].  
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,500 dollars.

T:NY1-E 7 Jul 1866 From John T. Hoffman, Mayor, New York [City].  
The author was preparing to have a citizens’ meeting.

T:NY1-F 7 Jul 1866 From T.M. Tibbetts, Treasurer, Board of Trade, Troy.  
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

T:NY1-G 7 Jul 1866 From George F. Riley, New York [City].  
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

T:NY1-H 9 Jul 1866 From George F. Noyes, New York [City].  
The author wanted to know if food was needed.
| T:NY1-I | 9 Jul 1866 | From Samuel Booth, Mayor, Brooklyn. The telegram accompanied a donation of 10,000 dollars. |
| T:NY1-J | 10 Jul 1866 | From George H. Thatcher, Mayor, Albany. The telegram accompanied a donation of 2,000 dollars. |
| T:NY1-K | 10 Jul 1866 | From J.M. Johnson, Buffalo. The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,200 from the Buffalo Board of Trade. |
| T:NY1-L | 10 Jul 1866 | From T.M. Tibbetts, Troy. The telegram concerned the aforementioned donation. |
| T:NY1-M | 11 Jul 1866 | From George H. Thatcher, Mayor, Albany. The telegram concerned the aforementioned donation. |
| T:NY1-N | 18 Jul 1866 | From J.M. Johnson, Buffalo. George B. Ketchum wished to send a cheese. |
| T:NY1-O | 24 Jul 1866 | From J.M. Johnson, Buffalo. The telegram accompanied a donation of 2,700 dollars. |
| T:NY1-P | 30 Jul 1866 | From Thomas Kinsell et al., New York [City]. The author wanted to participate in the Saratoga Convention. |
| T:NY1-Q | 30 Jul 1866 | From William Alex Smith, New York [City]. The telegram noted a previous donation. |
| T:NY1-R | 9 Aug 1866 | From J.M. Johnson, Buffalo. The author was traveling to Portland. |
| T:NY1-S | [undated] | From George H. Thatcher, Mayor, Albany. The telegram concerned a previous donation. |
| T:NY1-T | [undated] | From William Alex Smith, New York [City]. The telegram concerned a previous donation. |

**Pennsylvania**: Jul 6, 1866 – Jul 10, 1866.

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| T:PA1-A | 6 Jul 1866 | From Henry S. Moore, Pittsburg. The author had started a relief fund in Pittsburg. |
T:PA1-C  7 Jul 1866  From C.H. Cummings, Philadelphia.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

T:PA1-D  10 Jul 1866  From George W. Campbloss, Philadelphia.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

Rhode Island: Jul 7, 1866.
PPL.GF/6-11
T:RI1-A  7 Jul 1866  From Sidney Dean, Providence.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 600 dollars.

T:RI1-B  7 Jul 1866  From John D. Jones, Mayor, Providence.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 10,000 dollars.

PPL.GF/6-12
T:DC1-A  5 Jul 1866  From E.M. Stauton, Secretary of War.
“I have directed the Quartermaster General to furnish you with all
the aid in the power of this department.”

T:DC1-B  5 Jul 1866  From William S. Morse, Secretary.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 500 dollars.

T:DC1-C  12 Jul 1866  From John Lynch.
“Resolution placing Quartermaster’s stores at your disposal passed
Congress.”

T:DC1-D  13 Jul 1866  From M.C. Meigs, Quartermaster General.
The author wanted to know if blankets, clothing and other
provisions would be useful.

T:DC1-E  13 Jul 1866  From M.C. Meigs, Quartermaster General.
The telegram noted Congress’ resolution about supplies for the fire
sufferers.

The telegram accompanied a donation of 268 dollars.

Wisconsin: one undated.
PPL.GF/6-13
The telegram accompanied a donation of 2,000 dollars.

Canada: Jul 6, 1866.
PPL.GF/6-14
From A.T. Gatt, Ottawa.
The telegram accompanied a donation of 1,000 dollars.

From H[enry] Starnes, Mayor, Montreal.
The telegram offered sympathies and asked for details.

From John Rhynas, Montreal.
The author wanted details so that he could begin raising money and aid.