

L. M. Sept Macau
Oct 18 1864

Eng. S. H. Start

Med: Director of Hospitals

You will perceive by the enclosed copy of orders that the general super-vision of the Hospital Department has been placed in my charge and that I am directed to confer with you on all matters relating thereto.

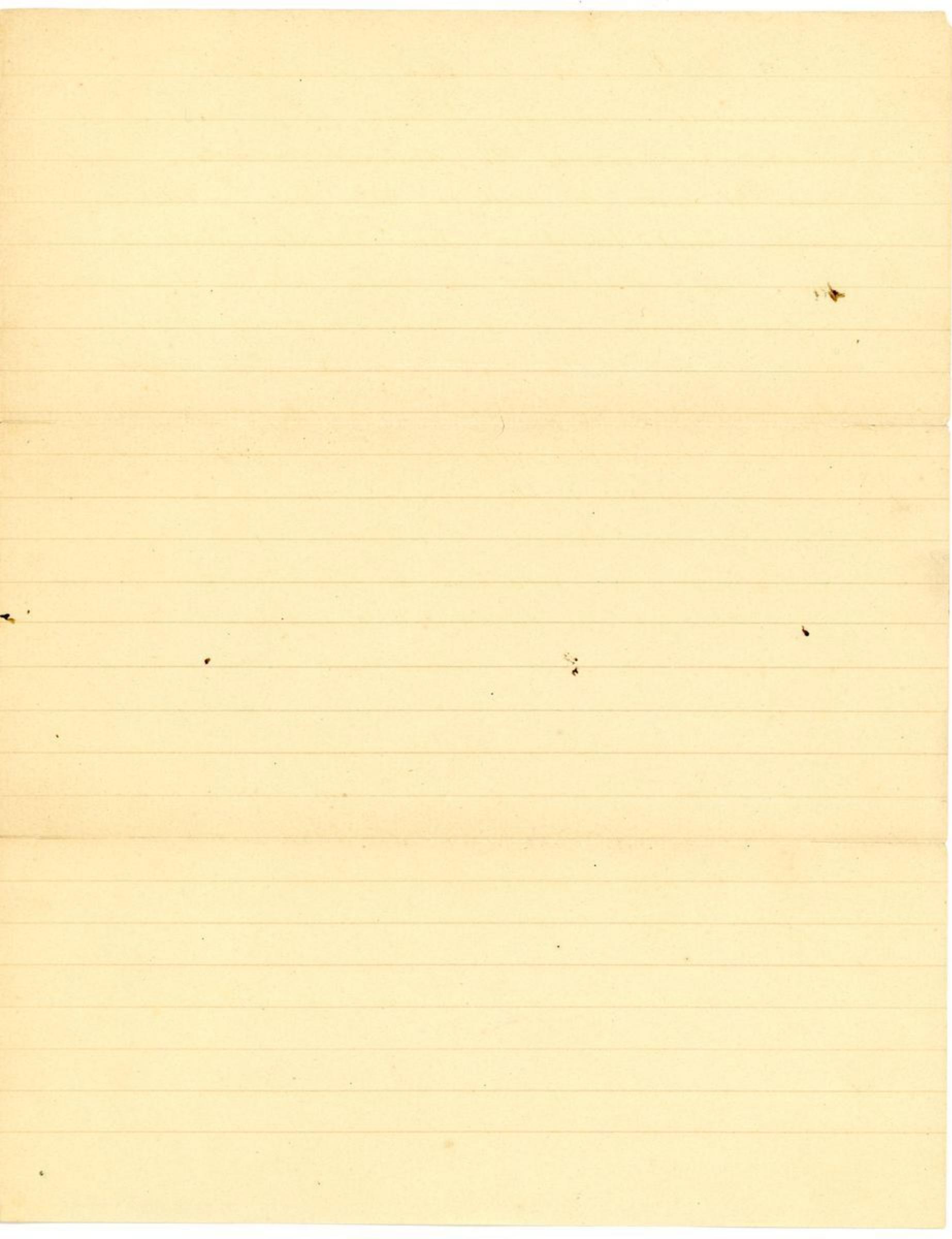
I will at once notify the Quartermasters connected with Hospitals of these orders and will endeavor to institute so far as I can greater uniformity of action and if the authorities allow us will act promptly. I think many of the deficiencies of the past may be remedied.

I propose in the first place to secure an ample supply of Clothing for all the Hospital Posts and also if possible a sufficient supply of funds. For these purposes I will request estimates of amount of clothing and funds required at each Post to be forwarded to me. It is probable that upon my consolidated estimate the L. M. Genl will supply all the clothing needed and perhaps he will do so with reference to funds.

If it is deemed desirable to remove
the Vincennes Hospitals I think as a matter of
economy in view of the amount expended there it
would be well to remove all the buildings to one
location and build a few wards and make
one good Hospital for cases which it is advida-
ble to remove out of Town - and if there is too
much Hospital Capacity at the Post discontinue
the Stant or Floyd House the rent of which
for the ensuing year will be near of \$20,000
I think the Stant the most expensive & the
smallest capacity - I would in that case not
recommend the retention of L G No 1 as it is the
best location for building and has 14 or 15 acres
of good land for a garden and the largest number
of buildings

I shall be glad to confer with
you and obtain your views on all matters
relating to our Dept. as fully and freely as possible
I am directed to continue in charge
of this Post -

Your Respy
G. R. Fairbanks
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