

Miss Martha Dyer

From your hands as the representative of the ladies of Fallow and its vicinity, in behalf of the 7th company of the volunteers most joyfully do I accept this beautiful banner the product of your own ingenuity and skill, designed as a memento in part of your personal regard, but more especially ^{as a token} of approbation of the answer we have made to a call of our country — In all ages, and in every country, the dearest and proudest reward of valor and patriotism have been the smiles and plaudits of the fair; — Our own revolutionary struggle affords brilliant proofs of the value and high estimate that soldiers place upon the kindness and attentions of the ladies: — It was in defense of an ensign (I am sure not more beautiful than this) presented by the ladies of Charleston, that the brave and gallant sergeant Jasper poured out his life's blood — By tendering to you Miss Dyer as the representative of your associate fair ones, our most unfeigned thanks and the expressions of our high wrought admiration for this unexpected and most distinguished compliment paid to the volunteers recently raised in our patriotic country of Callaway, suffer me to express in their behalf a determination that I am convinced pulsates in each of their bosoms, rather to die and let their bones bleach upon our Western prairies than ignobly to desert a standard confidently by you