CIRCULAR.

Natchez, November 20th, 1884

Sir,

UNDER a firm persuasion that you cannot but feel interested in whatsoever relates to the cause of humanity, we have taken the liberty to trouble you with the following subscription paper, the object of which will appear by the resolutions accompanying it; and earnestly to request that you will exert yourself to procure subscribers. You will be pleased to forward it with whatever subscribers you may be able to obtain, to the Honorable Samuel Brooks of this city, so that he may be sure to have it in his possession on the 18th of next month.

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WE the undersigned, medical practitioners of the city of Natchez, actuated by a strong sense of the urgent necessity that now exists in this place of a Hospital Establishment, having met on Tuesday the 21st inst. to deliberate on the subject, have unanimously adopted the following resolutions.

That, in order to render such an institution permanent as well as useful, the fund required must produce an annual income that will be equal with the income which may arise from the admission of a certain description of patients on pay to its annual disbursements.

That, as the number of people in our territory are few, and our financial resources small, in proportion to the objects of charity that ought to be relieved by the proposed institution; and that, whereas a great majority of these helpless and pitiable objects are properly the inhabitants of other states, the affluence and support of the states and territories bordering on the Mississippi and Ohio, and of Congress, will be indispensably necessary to its establishment.

That, in order to induce the States and Territories above and Congress to contribute their proportions, it is proper they should be informed of the great loss they annually sustain for want of such an institution, and that they should be memorialized by the Legislative Assembly of this Territory, who will guarantee to them the due appropriation of the donations that may be received.

That, in order to express the public sense of the necessity and utility of such an institution, it is deemed expedient to procure as large a sum as can be obtained by subscription from the benevolent and humane of the Territory.

That, for the aforesaid purpose, subscription papers be put into the hands of the following gentlemen viz.

Edmund Randolph and Joseph Baker of Pinckneyville, Doctor Carmichael and Nathaniel Evans of Fort Adams, Hugh Davis and Doctor Halliday at the Homochoto, Abner Green, Walter Burling, Philander Smith, Doctor Leybourne, Josiah Howard and James Hoggatt on Seoud Creek, John King of the Jersey Settlement, William Scott, Adam Bingman, Doctor Brun and Seth Lewis on St. Catharine's, Bennett Truly and James Neillon at Washington, William Potter and Jeff Withers on Pine Ridge, Roberts Dunbar and John Griffin near Ellicottville, James Truly near Union Town, Major Thomas, Doctor Shaw, Doctor Ball, Thomas Calvitt and the Honorable Cato Webster of Coles Creek, Doctor Cummings, Doctor Moore and Doctor Winder at Gibson's Port, William Lindsay and Daniel Burnett on the Bayou Pierre, and the subscribers in the city of Natchez.

That all those who may think proper to give encouragement to the proposed institution are hereby requested to meet at the City Tavern in Natchez, on Saturday the 22d day of December next, at 11 o'clock, to frame a memorial to the Legislature on this subject.

That the undersigned promise, on their parts, to attend the Hospital in their medical capacities, whenever the same shall be carried into effect, gratis.

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WE, the subscribers, impressed with the necessity of having a Hospital Establishment in the City of Natchez, for the accommodation of strangers, as well as for the relief of our own sick poor, agree to pay, to any officer legally appointed, the several sums annexed to our names, whenever the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory shall be induced to establish the same by Law, and require payment.