

## Mary Lincoln Humanitarian

As first lady, Mary Lincoln supported The Contraband Relief Association--an unpopular charity in Washington. In 1862 she wrote, "These immense number of Contrabands are suffering intensely—many dying of want." On the question of helping the thousands of escaped slaves, or contraband, she wrote to her husband that "the cause of humanity requires it."

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