

Dec 1st [1856]

Friend Howard:

Benj handed me a dollar the other day, which he said you gave him to pay, or he paid for a package, I did not understand it, & sent you a note enquiring about it. Have you not received the note? Please send me a note & explain, I think I must be forgetting. Are you acquainted with a Cadet by the name of Biggs? If you are & know anything of his character, I would be very much obliged if you would tell me something about him. I have a story to tell you about him, the next time I see you.

In Confidence

Yours

W. L. L.

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and Laura, were very glad to hear from Lewiston.

Uncle Emory says he has at different times written reminiscences of his younger days in which father bears quite a prominent place. I should be delighted if he would continue & give us ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~remembrances~~ ^{remembrances} these accounts. Uncle Emory always treasures up events of interest; whether time & frequent repetition has supplied a vivid imagination to color them slightly or not, they are all as real to him & would be as interesting to me as anything I know of. Charlie must have gone to his school. So Della at home? Now is father this winter (for I believe winter commences today) my love to all. & Believe me as ever your most affectionate son
O. C. Howard

Mrs Eliza Gilman
Loves
Mamma

O C Howard
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My dear Mother,

It is a fortnight yesterday since I wrote you and I have received one letter since then from you giving an account of your visit to Napacku setts. I should be glad to see Mrs Ames & get better acquainted with father's relatives, but I may never have the opportunity. Should any one of them come my way I would be very happy to have a call & should any opportunity I would be pleased to pay a visit to Euston & its environs. Lizzie wrote a little in a letter to you, the last one I sent. She loves dearly to get letters from you and I think would enjoy writing if she would write often so as not to get out of the habit entirely. She depends on me entirely to keep up the correspondence. Sometimes a longer time slips by than I am aware of between my letters. Before I was married home was always in my thoughts, but now my cares have increased and my anxieties have been extended over a wider circle. I don't love you less since Guy has been given me but more. I more fully appreciate parental feelings. But I have more little things to divide my attention. When I feel like writing a letter, I am not

so much alone and master of my time as I used to be. If I have griefs & vexations I don't know how to trouble my mother with them as I used to, when I found pleasant surprises I don't think of taking my pen as I used to & telling my mother of them. This you will bear me witness is one of the bad fruits of getting married & having a domestic hearth of your own. Still there need be no interruption of warm sympathies & old fashioned confidence. Surely I don't mean there shall be. My heart is as tender as it ever was and I am as capable of kindly feelings as I ever have been and I don't mean to let age or care change me in these respects. We are all very well. Guy & his mother have just come into "Uncle Howland's" room to bother. He is showing "Uncle" his new mittens and his new shoes - now helping him lock his trunk. Now playing with the round looking glass. He is still just about as tall as the table. Eyes dark blue, when pleased expression pleasant, when observing things new & strange he has a little of the Howard - concentrating slow. He plays hard, talks not much; mimicks the chicken & the Kitty. Says "out - out - out - dah!" "Tate - tare", for take care. "Pa - pa. & Ma Ma". He runs alone quite well, but he topples over occasionally, and now & then gets a bump on the head. He is a lively, sprightly boy, always wide awake and ready for a frolic till sleeping time, but he

hasn't got a tooth yet, and though his bottle has been laid on the shelf he will put his thumb in his mouth when he is hungry & to go to sleep with. So much for Guy. I amused Lizzie by telling her what Guy would be saying to little John Francis when they meet, how Guy would talk about the ~~middle~~ the canal & such things as he saw in New York to the admiration & wonder of the latter, & how John Francis would show Guy strange & new things on the farm. How is Cyathia, Roland & the little one? Remember me & Lizzie to them. Tell them if they chose to make it so, theirs may be a quieter & more comfortable life than ours. But comfort and domestic ~~comfort~~ ^{happiness} may attack anywhere even to a flying camp if the hearts are only right. I manage to keep my expenses within bounds. I have deposited 150.⁰⁰ dollars in the savings bank since my return and have supported my family & kept out of debt on my pay. My horses are too expensive, but I have not yet been able to dispose of either to advantage. We have had a heavy snow storm - commencing Saturday. To day I have taken Mrs Lu & Lizzie to town (Tray) in a sleigh. This accounts for Guy's new things. Lizzie & myself are going to New York by the Boat Tuesday night on a winter visit. She has been rather unwell & I am in hopes the visit will refresh her. Mary Lu is now at Brooklyn. We had a letter from him a day or two ago. We had a letter from Uncle Eugene

I have sold my horse Walter and bought a sleigh in partnership
 or rather as a joint venture with Mr. Lee. I am writing this marginal note on the
 16th of Guy Harwood's birth day. All and love - Rowland leaves here at 8 A.M.

I have my cap, for I had opened the Seattle window & gone out in the house top to
 shovel off the snow, & when she was returning the window fell down on her head.
 and cut it quite badly. She is now most well & apparently suffering from nothing.

Clock & Guy the materials from which to make one - She
 got him also a little hat, with which he is much
 pleased, never pulls it as he did his handsome
 bonnet. On Sunday we went to Church three
 times, in the morning to Mr Chapin, who is probably
 the greatest Universalist preacher in the world.
 The Church is situated in New York about a
 mile from South Ferry on Broadway - It was
 crowded full - Mr Chapin is indeed an eloquent
 man & apparently most sincere. We went in
 the afternoon to hear Professor Hitchcock formerly
 of Brunswick Me, but were disappointed, he
 is to listen to rather a dry discourse by a Professor
 Smith. In the evening we went to the Church
 of Henry Ward Beecher. It was crowded to overflow-
 ing. It is a church of a peculiar construction & will
 seat as many as three thousand people. And there were
 probably upwards of four thousand there that night.
 I never listened in my life to such a discourse -
 In originality, power & eloquence it far exceeded
 my highest expectation. It was as strong an
 appeal as could well be made to young men -
 Tuesday Lizzie went out again a little while with
 Aunt Ann. Aunt says she will visit us at
 Christmas - We came up Tuesday night on the Harlem
 road. Had a collision in the road 3 or 4 miles beyond Albany -
 were thrown from the track & detained all night - but
 nobody was seriously injured. We found all well - Rowland
 attending law lectures at Albany & Guy brooding all over
 the house. Lizzie Thursday evening last. ~~came~~ went up to bring

Watervliet Arsenal West Troy N.Y.
 Dec^r 15th 1856.

My dear Mother,

I told you in my last letter that
 Lizzie & myself were intending to go to New York & spend
 a week. We did so and returned last Tuesday night.
 We left here the Tuesday preceding in the large
 Steamer Commodore that runs by night between
 Troy & New York. We were hindered by a snow storm
 three or four hours on the way so that we did not
 arrive till late on Wednesday, but we had a good
 state room & a good night's rest - and an excellent
 breakfast on board. When we reached the wharf
 we found it raining hard. I left Lizzie on
 the Boat & threaded my way across the city
 to Frank's office, where I found him & got the
 necessary directions to his house in Brooklyn
 and returned to Lizzie at the boat. Sandings,
 if you remember, for the Hudson River boat, is on
 the western side towards Jersey City and not very
 far from Broadway. I took the cab & a bundle
 and Lizzie the carpet bag & we walked up to Broad-
 way, followed by little boys, crying "shall I carry your
 baggage?" "Will carry it to any part of the city." We
 came out near Trinity Church & took an Omnibus

for South Ferry. We crossed, went up Atlantic St. till we came to Henry turned to the right down Henry St & went on till we came to Harrison. Turned to the left & walked up Harrison till we came to No 54. This may serve you as a direction should you ever visit Brooklyn. We found Sarah not very well, troubled considerably with a sick head-ache. Aunt Anna was very well. She feels Uncle's death very grievously. She cannot speak of him without crying. Sarah's little boy is an active little fellow, just beginning to talk. He is quite tall of his age & very spare. The maids we think Guy quite young by comparison. Perry was at home, wanted me to give his love when I wrote. He cleared for Jamaica last Thursday & will visit England & Bremen before he returns again. Rowland says he wrote you that he took Frederic Strickland with him. The latter came after we had been there a day or two. He is a great fat boy, isn't he? He was much pleased with the idea of going to sea, more I presume than he is at this present moment. Aunt & Sarah had a good deal to enquire about you & wanted me to send their love in my next letter. They have at present a very large family. Edwin & Greenville Darling Frank's sister's children & a boy by the name of Allen McClure (son of a clergyman at Nassau) were boarding with them. Frank's brother Charles who is in his office also takes his breakfast supper & lodgings there. Lizzie and Sarah spent Thursday shopping in

New York, while I walked about & talked with Perry. Lizzie came back at night pretty well used up. On Friday we went over to New York & thence to Governor's Island starting near South Ferry in a barge belonging to the Government. This boat is manned by six oarsmen & runs back & forth ~~from~~ between the Island & New York regularly. The wind was strong & the waves ran high but Lizzie though a little timid at first was not sick. The "New York Arsenal" belonging to the United States is situated on this Island as well as Fort Columbus. Capt Whitley of our Department is stationed there. We visited his quarters but found him & his wife both gone to the city. I found other officers of my acquaintance. Lizzie & I went into the fort to look about called upon the wife of St. Carroll & returned to Capt. Whitley's just as they were coming in sight. We stopped & dined with them & had a very pleasant visit. Capt ~~Whitley~~^{Sent} us over to Brooklyn directly about 5 o'clock P.M. in his own boat. We got to Sarah's about dark took tea & went to New York to spend the evening at Walack's Theater. We were entertained with a tragedy & a comedy both in very good taste & pretty well acted with less affectation perhaps than usual. The scenery was most excellent. I would like to delay here & give you a description of what I saw & heard but I must hasten on for Lizzie is waiting for me to leave Rowland's room & go to bed. The next day Saturday I went shopping with Lizzie in New York. She bought her a

Natrotter Arsenal N. Y. N. G.
Dec. 22nd 1856.

Dear Mother,

I am sorry not to have more time to write you a long letter, before I leave for the South. I received orders to report to the commanding General in Florida as soon as practicable last Thursday evening. I did not feel sure of going even then, for Mr Boygs had just sent an application to be sent south during the winter. But he has now heard from Washington & I am certain he will not be substituted for me. This duty is not permanent but nobody knows how long I shall be there.

It is an important Command. I have charge of the Ordnance Department in the field, to purchase, make requisition for or otherwise obtain, arms ammunition &c and issue them to the troops as they are required. I will have a detachment of men & be ready to make all the necessary repairs.

^(Fort Myers is on the western coast & south of Tampa Bay)
I shall go first to Fort Myers. My order don't specify ^{that fort} so I must look out for Genl ~~Harney~~ Harney & find him where I can. I have sold my pony, sleigh, harness & robe this forenoon. Fizzie will remain here till Rowland's law lectures are over & then (say about the

first of March) go on to Maine. I will leave it
to Howard to explain in detail. Lizzy, Mother
Wick & Gny are well & wish their love sent to you
It is rather a hard case to break up & be off again
so soon, but I regard it as somewhat to my
advantage - I shall leave here tomorrow if
nothing happens to prevent. I may not leave
N. York till Saturday. God grant that we may
meet again in the best of health. May his blessing
^{rest} with you all & my little family is my prayer
You will hear from me often, on my journey
& after I arrive, I will write when I can get
the time. My best love to Charlie, Dillie & Father
Remember us to Howard & his family. I am
cheerful & not much displeased with my
duty -

Very affectionately

Your son

Chas

P.S.

I enclose a letter from Ella which I thought
might be interesting to you as it gives some
account of her Concerts - My "Grandpa", the
means Capt. Hunter. Will you please to put
it by & keep it safely for me. Some of it may
be a little unintelligible to you, but I trust you
can understand my interest in you - she now very
kindly as she has to now - since she is "Housekeeper"
& taking care of the children. "Coby" is a seamstress
& "Mary" an Irish girl - "Julia" ^{Miss Whitney, Mrs. Carter} ~~Howard~~ daughter

Brooklyn N.Y.
Dec 24th 1858

My dearest wife,

I am at Franks.

We left Albany about eleven, the train being delayed waiting for the Troy train. We came straight through without much delay & no accident on the N. R. R. We reached Chambers St. by 5 P.M. and I came straight here. I met with an officer St. Slemmer, who got aboard at Garrison's. He had been in Florida & told me the route. It is by Steam boat to Savannah & thence by Steam boat to Palatka on the St John's River - thence by Stage to Tampa. This will be my route. I leave Saturday at 9 o'clock P.M. I shall go to Governor's Island tomorrow & next day to Fort Hamilton to St. Wm Webb, who has just come there.

I went to see Mr Parke the Auctioneer at Albany. He says he will go to see you & the furniture the first time he goes to Troy. I hope you are well & happy. My love to all & kisses to Gey - Your loving husband - Otis

ends her best love & hearty sympathy - Frank
joined to his name.

Proctor & Co. 1850

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of a quantity of the same. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 13th inst. and will reach you in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 13th inst. and will reach you in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 13th inst. and will reach you in a few days.

C B Howard
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N. York City
Dec. 26 1856

My dear Mother,

I came
here from Watertown last
Wednesday, got in about
five P.M. It was very stormy
when I left Troy. I rode to
Albany in an open sled &
had a cold ride, but the
rest of the way we got on
very well. I found Frank
Largent confined to his room.
He has been bleeding at the
lungs, but from the upper
part. All think he will get
well. He runs no cough. Sarah
& Aunt Ann are quite well.
I went to Governor's island
yesterday and dined with

Capt. Whitley of the Ordnance
I obtained considerable
information with reference
to Florida from officers who
have recently come from Tam-
pa. I went back to Brooklyn
last night. I resolved to
go Saturday next in the
Steamer Alabama to Savannah
and thence by steamer to
Pulatka on the St. Johns river
in Florida & thence by stage
across the country to Tampa.
This morning I went aboard
the Steamer Alabama and
then went to the office in
Broadway, where I paid my
passage through to Pulatka
thirty three dollars. After this
I went to the Paymaster's office
and then met Lieut. Vincent
and Haines. The latter had just

arrived from Florida. He told me
about the route. Says he got through
in seven days. He says I will be
permanently located at Tampa,
and that Anne will be sent
in to me for repairs. I can't
tell anything certain about
my return. It may be
in three or four months &
I may be there much longer.

Give my love to all. If
I can get time tomorrow
I will write to Charlie &
Dellie. I shall write you again
to send a letter from Savannah
till then farewell.

From your very
Affectionate Son
O. Howard

I am at Frank's office

New York City Dec 26 1856
Paymasters Office.

My dearest Wife,

I shall enclose you
herewith a check for fifty dollars endorsed over
to your order. If you don't want it im-
mediately please put your name on the
back & deposit it to my credit at the
State Bank Troy. Get Mr Lansing to go with
you & introduce you: You will thus be
enabled to be recognized at any time you
may wish to do so. I visited Governors
Island yesterday and spent the day with
Capt. Whitley. The Capt & Mrs W. sent their
love & sympathy to you. The Capt says
I will have a permanent station
probably at some settlement and soon will
be sent on for repairs &c, perhaps at Tampa
or Ft. Myers. It was rougher when I went over
in the morning than when we went, but the Capt.
sent me to Brooklyn in the evening, when it
was very calm. I dined with Capt W. & had
a fine Christmas ~~the~~ dinner. I met several
officers there, one of whom St. Ward had a
son born the night before. He was in
most excellent spirits. It was his first child.
I forcibly recalled the anxiety & subsequent

joy of Dec 16th 1855, when our darling Guy
made his ingress. Remember my darling wife that
your husband's heart will be with you in the
coming trials. Be very cheerful and bear up nobly.
God will help you. Your happiness will not
be marred in the end by this separation &
what is to come. I feel it and know.
Don't retire at night without asking Heaven's
blessing on your absent husband & yourself. Give my
best love often yourself to Mother & Howland. My love to her &
Mrs Lee and the rest. I have paid my passage
to Pulaski thirty three dollars. It is so much
less than I anticipated that I have resolved to
send you fifty dollars for your use when needed.
I have been on board the Steamer Alabama in
which I go to Savannah. I might delay and go
with some troops next Tuesday over the same
route but would risk losing my transportation.

I have had some too much time in N. York
to do everything, otherwise I would have
been most happy to have returned & spent a
day or two with you. Write to Mother if you can
and tell her how handsome are my prospects
for a pleasant command & pleasant duty.
You will not hear from me again till
reach Savannah unless something happens
between me. Take good care of yourself, darling &
our little boy as much as you please. Tell her
not to grow too fast for me to know her.
Yr loving husband & father

I stayed round in the house some, read
some, talked some and did other things some.
In the afternoon I followed Aunt into the
cider-cutele, she stayed with me some time
and as she found that I had a notion of
staying some time ^{longer} she gave me an extra
glap and told me to amuse myself as
long as I pleased. — The next day
I went alone!!!!!! (how funny) alone to
Bunker Hill Monument and after paying
the "fee" a man put a lantern in my
hand and told me to take care of myself
which I accordingly did!!!!!! When
I got back I found it was most dinner
time ~~then~~ I amused myself then until
it was time for the girls to go to school and
after receiving a ~~few~~ ^{goodbye} ~~admonitions~~ of shaking hands
and they went to school. ~~and at~~ At
two o'clock I started for the depot having
previously learned what time the cars were
to go ~~by~~ ^{for} Summerville. When I got most
there the cars were just starting from

Rodolph
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Andover Dec 28/56

Sunday eve Feb 1

My Dear Brother

I have long
been trying to get time to write you
a letter, and I have now found time
to do so. As it is late I cannot write a
very long letter so you must put up with
what you can get. — I started from
home on Friday the 12th inst. and went
to Boston or rather Summerville. I was
landed on the ground about 20 rods
from any building whatever but seeing
a building on the railroad at some
distance, I started for it, and soon found
it to be a watch house for the man who
tended the gate, no one was there, I walked
along following the directions given me

by father until I met an Irishman
of whom I asked the way to Winter Hill he
directed me so that I found Uncle Henry's office
after walking ^{over} a due amount of land. I
got there about 8 o'clock in the evening
after the girls had gone to bed; Aunt
Martha soon got me a dinner and supper
and I eat like a good fellow. I went to bed.
When I awoke the first thing that I
thought of was what was best to do, at
last I concluded to walk to Boston with
Uncle and see the "Elephants". He went
with me to see a great many buildings of
importance and finally landed me in
the Old State House ~~where~~ in pursuance of the
directions given him by Oliver Hazard,
I must wait until Mr. Hazard came who
was coming soon, but if I had waited until
he came I should have stayed until the
next day which I was in no ways disposed
to do as you may imagine. After staying
there about one hour and a half I was

very much relieved by seeing Oliver come
himself who soon took me to the Omnibus
office with him where we found what we wanted viz.
an Omnibus (t) after which I was soon
seated in Mr. Hazard's Parlor. Soon we eat
dinner, then Roddy and I started for the
tour of Boston which we duly accomplished
in the course of the afternoon to my
infinite relief. In the evening we read, talked,
thought, played, moped, sat still, &c until I got
sick of it, and with pleasure accepted the
invitation to "retire". Went to Chesham in the
forenoon of the next day and stayed in the
house in the afternoon; in the evening
I accepted the invitation to go and see Mr.
Mount and old acquaintance of mother's...
Came home, went to bed. ~~So~~
Went to Boston in the morning and
took an Omnibus for Sumnerville,
where I arrived much earlier than I was
expected; but for all of that Aunt said
she was glad I had come.

P.S.
I should not
do anything
with my property
except in connection.
I will send
you a paper
showing what
it is all as long
I have sent it
how was that
it soon as
I changed
another I
will send it
to you. I will
also send you
me help out
things of my
make but
never so good
as this. The
last heard
give any thing
if he can get
it. He is now
the depot but I knew that they only
went to Reading so I didn't care.

The depot-master told me to go down
to a white post which was down on the
railroad and the cars would stop there.

But when I got there I found that, that
post was not the only white post as there
was another about 50 rods below, how
could I tell which one it was? well I

thought I would stand about half way
between them run the risk of getting
into the cars, how you see run the risk
of it and had to RUN too, but I got
on board and in about an hour was found
standing ⁱⁿ the depot at Andover Mass.

I looked round, found my baggage where
it had been put on the night that I went
to Boston. Man carried them up and after
paying a 25 cent piece to him I found my
cham.

cost of money that he had sent him
and he got it all by this bargain. P.S. I will

I got settled that night mostly and
was admitted into the club. That
night it was cold, Wednesday it was
colder, Thursday Coldest, the thermom-
eter was 14 below 0. I have not
done any thing since I got here of
any importance except getting my
lesson. My Churn is a rogue he
is about half sailor and half land-
man. His father is a lobster fisher.
and I don't think he and I can
do much together but I shan't
say any thing to disturb the
harmon^y. Don't say any thing to
mother about my Churn because she
will be troubled more about me than
she is now. Had I better accept an
agency which I can obtain? Write
me what you think about it. I wish
to make some money if I can and
not depend entirely on father for all.
I wish for as I do not know how

He will be able to furnish me all with money and I want to receive
some of I can by any exertions of my hand, Give my love to Otho's
big sister Mrs. Smith, W. M. Day. and Churnin & your father.
Mr. Richard B. Howard
H. A. Gilmore

nothing to make me so. The ship was moved on as smoothly
as a river boat. I have been on deck the most of the
forenoon.

It is now Monday morning and the sun is bright &
warm. What a delightful passage we have had. Last
night I retired before nine o'clock & had another good
night's rest. As we passed Cape Hatteras, we had a little
smell & many passengers were sick, but I was too
sleepy for that & came out in good shape this morning.
My companion of the voyage is a very pleasant man -
there is a strong fellow feeling between us, not
only that we both belong to the Service but he too leaves
a wife & one child in New York. (Monday evening)
I am about to "turn in" my dearest wife and I
will finish up this letter as I expect I will have
little time in the morning for we will get to
Savannah pretty early. I could not have enjoyed
a passage more than I have this, except
you had been along & been well. We have
breakfasted at eight, lunched at twelve, dined at
three & lunched again at six past nine. Our
fare has been just rate. The machinery is
so covered that you do not have that city smell
that you object to on the steamboat. I suppose
you are sleeping & that little boy is picking you
as he did me. I would like to kiss you both
before I go to sleep, but cannot. Give my love
to all. You & Rowland must be the best of
friends. Write me everything. I want to know all your
little troubles & great ones. May Heaven bless you.
I hope your mother is in good health & spirits.
Good night. I do hope you will get on well.
It won't be many days before I write again.
Your affectionate husband, O. H.

Steam Ship Atlantic
Dec 28th 1856

My dearest wife,

It is now eight o'clock Monday night
and I am several hundred miles away, on the ocean & out
sight of everything besides the stars the water & the
ship with its contents. We are going on smoothly. I have
had a remarkably good passage thus far. I haven't
been sick yet. Slept soundly all last night
and was up bright & early to see the sun rise
up from its watery bed, but was disappointed for
there were clouds to obscure it then, though we have
had it bright and warm all day. We have forty
or fifty passengers about a dozen of whom are
ladies. I will give you what I have scribbled down in
my diary so as to account for myself since I was taken
in the paymaster's office. I then enclosed you
fifty dollars what I hope you received. I want you
to write me directing your letter to Tampa Fla. as soon
as you get this if you haven't done so already. I
went from the paymaster with Mr. St. Vincent & Messrs
(who by the way had just returned from Tampa & gave me
quite an idea of the place) to the Treasury office to get
my check cashed & then to the Post office to mail
your letter. I bought two pairs of shoes & a semi-union
cape like that of Mr. Popps. Then went to Chambers &
Clark where I had left my trunk, put my things in

and sent it by an express man to the ship. After this
I proceeded to Maiden Lane & bought a sword. Then went
to Frankes Office, where I wrote a short letter to
brother and returned to Brooklyn & spent the
night. Now for the diary for the rest: viz.
Dec 24th I took leave of my friends in Brooklyn
about 10 past 9 a.m. today and went to see that
my trunk was on board the Steam Ship Alabama
& find my room. I then went to Appletons to procure
a Travelers Guide & was surprised to find an old acquaint-
ance & distant relative of my wife, Emerson Whitman
a clerk in the establishment. I talked with him awhile. He
had been there over a year & lives in the city with his
wife & child. I went to the Register Office in South St. to
bid them good bye & then returned to Appletons & bought
several presents. One for Mr. Margaret with illustrations
in etching struck my fancy. I bought it & directed it to
be sent to Lizzy for a New Year's gift. Emerson & I
took dinner together at a Saloon & then walked to Pier
80 & to the ship. He stopped with me about an hour
as then bade me good bye. This is the first time I have
been in a Steam Ship & I find much that is new to look
at. I had a curiosity to scrutinize the countenances of those
were to accompany me on the voyage. Striving to get an
impression of their character, profession & place of nativity, by their
physiognomy, their language & their manners, as they were
coming on board talking with the friends they were to leave
behind & who had come to see them off. I stationed myself
for this purpose near the gangway. Seven hours left

this place & went on deck. walking about generally. We
left at 3 o'clock. After awhile I made the acquaintance of
a Navy Officer. Mr Thomas & through him of the Capt
of the vessel, who has the Epithet name of Schenck. I was
also introduced to a young man by the name of Gosner.
The Navy Officer calls himself is on his way to Pensacola
Fla. under orders. We smoke, talk & walk together. In
the noon time the hawser is stowed off & the wheels begin
to move. The passengers crowded upon the upper deck &
were handkerchiefs to friends left behind who return the
compliment with interest. The ship moves off in a graceful &
easy manner. New York begins to recede. The forest of shipping
at the docks begins to bristle in the distance as we take
in a more comprehensive view. Now we are gliding on
between the Sea-Girt Isle (Long Island) & the Jersey shore.
How beautiful (a panorama indeed) is this part of the
harbor. We stopped upon we reached Sandy Hook to
put off two men who would not pay their fare. Had
a good supper at 5. Went on deck to smoke a cigar
and then down into the cabin, where the passengers amused
themselves with reading, games of chance &c. Now I am
in my room. The boat is very steady. Trembles a little, but
not enough to do any harm, ~~not~~ even to a weak stomach.
It is 10 o'clock & I will try my bed. I am fairly on my way -
Goodbye Lizzy & Guy & all - Good bye New York. May
the time not be long before I see you again.
Dec 24 (Monday) I went to bed at 10 last night & had
a comfortable sleep till 9 this morning. We have had delightful
weather. I have not been sick at all yet. & really there is

so through out the whole correspondence. Not every one of your letters has a letter of mine enclosed. But just where they belonged (by the date and year there they are enclosed. I shall reread them some day and would you not destroy those unpleasant ones? Darling how much 'I love you' now, truly love you. In many of my letters I saw that expression. But then it did not mean ^{then} what, or half it does when I say now I love you; even those words do not seem to express my affection for you. No, my darling this, not one night has passed, or shall pass without my asking, God's blessing to rest on us, and that she will be with you during your absence, and teach us all to love him more and more, and to turn to him for support in times of trouble. I have already written a long letter to our mother. I wrote as cheerful as I could, told her the brightest possible view of ^{the} your change and that I would always write her as soon as I ever heard from you. We received a letter from Nellie last night who has just returned to Andover, from vacation.

The clock just struck ten and as I have nearly covered this sheet I will not write more tonight but finish the morrow or let brother Rowland add the next sheet. With the kindest and best feelings of affection towards you I remain your little wife, Lizzie

Waterville, Me.

West Troy N.Y. Dec 30. 1856.

My dearest husband,

I was very happy to receive two letters from you, while you remained in New York. And knowing you will be happy to hear from home as soon as possible I will write thus early, hoping it will reach you soon after your arrival at Tampa. It is now Tuesday evening: dear little Guy had but one nap to-day, and has gone to sleep so early this evening that I will have a time to write a long letter to you, dearest.

I desire so much to hear of your safe arrival & to receive a letter written after you have arrived at the end of your journey. I do think of you constantly, and cannot help feeling lonely sometimes: but, my best Olia, I do bear this our first separation with fortitude, and you would say so if you could see me a day. My dear little boy is so doubly dear to me now, and I do pray that he may continue in health and be spared to us many years. He does not miss you as much as I thought he would, but I think it

is because Mr Lee and Brother Bowland play
with him so much. My dearest Ohio I feel and
am convinced of the truth of all you said to
me in your second letter from N. B. and will
anticipate the future full of pleasure and happiness
and not pain. I received yesterday by Express
my beautiful present you left me. I like it
very much indeed, nothing could have pleased
me more, and what you wrote in it is so pretty.
The ^{looked so natural} writing, and the "Two hours before leaving for
Florida" and the pleasure of getting something from you.
I must say brought a few tears that I could not
express. Mr Lee and Brother Bowland have gone
to the "Lyceum Lecture". We all went last eve.
to hear Brother R. and I did not know and
had never heard Mr Holland (who lectures
this evening) therefore preferred to stay and write
this letter. I have received a letter from Mr
Bernard Gilpin saying, "I am very much obliged for the tracing
received, think they will be quite sufficient for my purpose.
I have instructed Messrs E. N. Lawton and Bro. ^{of Boston} to transmit to
you \$20.48, &c." by the next mail came from them
a check to the order of M. C. Howard on the firm in
New York. Messrs W. M. Haydock & Co. 71 John St. N. B. Check

dated Dec 26. I intend to see what I can do about
it at the Broker's. I shall ask Mr Lansing. Bowland acknowledges
the receipt of it for you. You see I am well supplied with money
and shall not need more from you for some time.

Mr Parks called to see me yesterday. I told him
"Lieut Lee might purchase my furniture, but if he
did not I would like his assistance". I get along
exceedingly well with everything. I shall settle the
bills for the month to-morrow, and do a little shopping
in Town. I hope you will not give yourself and
unnecessary anxiety about us, who are at Waterville.
Brother R. says his term finishes about the 22^d of Feb.
therefore I think we will be in Maine the first of March.
I do not feel that it will be hard work to get ready to
move. I know Mr Lee will purchase many things, and
some I do not wish to sell, so there will be very little if any
to send away. I think only the sofa and table.

I have been collecting all your letters today looking
them over and not keeping those of no consequence
whatever; then I came to our two boxes, and have
selected our letters from all others (excepting a few
from your Mother and brothers) and arranged them
in this manner. I put my first letter to you in the
same envelope containing your first letter to me, and