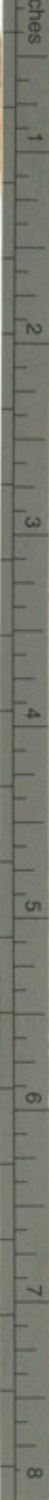


Sir, Howard. My dear Sir: You cannot imagine the thrill of delight, which shot through my heart, as I read to night the in the Southern Christian Advocate, a Communication from Rev D B Lyne of Tampa, in which your name was mentioned in a connexion which endeared you still more to me. Immediately recurred to my mind our meeting on board the old Gen Clinch last winter, and our subsequent intercourse until we parted on the stage road near Ocala. You may perhaps have lost, in the busy scenes of an Indian Campaign, all recollection of myself. But, Sir, your image, features, & all are indelably stamped upon my mind. You gained a place in my esteem - in my affections, long before we parted. You may conceive then my joy to find you entering the ministry of the Church, under whose banner I am enlisted as an humble Clasp leader. Nothing has occurred for years to affect me so much as the announcement in the article referred to above. How delighted I should be to find you in the South Carolina Conference. Will you increase my gratification by writing to me? If so, my address is Columbia S.C.

Permit me to subscribe myself your Brother
in Christ -

John A Kinoler



Dear Howard, I have not
yet managed to think of a
subject that would interest you
in the Southern States...
I have had a number of
names mentioned in a
column which I have
not yet had time to
send you.

My friend, I have not
yet managed to think of a
subject that would interest you
in the Southern States...
I have had a number of
names mentioned in a
column which I have
not yet had time to
send you.

I am sure that you will
be glad to hear of the
success of the cause.
I am, dear Howard,
your true friend,
John A. ...

John A. ...

Camp for Mr. Whitney
at West Point 5th - 1857

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New York Herald
Oct. 5. 1857

Dear Aunt.

Please accept my warm
thanks for your note of the 29th
Oct. & the copy of Capt. Massy's
letter on Col. S. Ripley's - I was
in Hartford last Saturday, showed
the letter to Col. S. Cooper & to
Col. Pratt, both requested a copy
I have given them, suggesting
on the latter not to publish any
part of it without your consent.
I am glad to hear you have ar-
rived at West Point, have Mrs.
H. & the babies with you, and do
heartily wish you every happiness
you may desire. I know of no
greater delight to a believing
heart than to be engaged in the
cause of that precious Saviour
who has done so much for us.

And I feel you are happy in the
religious privileges you enjoy.
The spiritual destitution of this
Island is one strong reason urging
me to a more congenial spot, &
I long to pitch my tent where the
lectures & prayer meetings can be reached
& enjoyed, as well as the preached
word. In winter we do not hear
more than one sermon in a month,
and my children are entirely out of
group Sabbath school. This Island
is a very pretty place, but does not
suit a Christian desiring to grow
in grace & to work in his Master's
vineyard. Please remember
Mr. W. & myself very kindly to
Mrs. F. ~ When you visit N. Y.
we will be glad to see you, and
if I can do any thing for you in
the great city, command me.
Mrs. W. sends you her best respects.
Yours truly ~ E. H. Whiteley

I did not think of writing so much
when I commenced, my object
particularly in writing at
this late hour, was to let you
know what we have done about
the bandbox, it is now eleven o'clock
remember me affectionately to
you wife and children in
much haste

Your affectionate
A. B. Howard, Mother Eliza Gilmore

Dear Son, Leeds Oct. 4th 1854.

Your last letter
which came in mail due, was every
happily received, & am glad you are
getting along so happily, your
father has been to Auburn this week
and saw the depot Master, he
says your telegraphic dispatch did
not reach him in time to send the
box that night and he sent it
the next morning to Portland
he introduced your father to a
man connected with ^{the} railroad train
and gave him in writing a
description of the box you left
he promised to send it to
West Point by Express it will
if found in Portland soon reach
you, I wrote to Dedie on the
reception of your first letter
but could not describe it you
said so little about it

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Winfield Lathrop died
this morning, he came home
from Winthrop three weeks since
sick with a fever, and this
morning his spirit departed
& called over there this evening
their affliction is as much as they
can bear, he look'd very natural
his manly, ^{and} high forehead and
arching eyebrows with pleasant
countenance gave him a very
interesting ^{manly} ^{like} look, & stood by ^{him}
some time, his spirit had gone to
his long home, his sufferings were
ended. O how much I desired God
^{would} sanctify this terrible affliction to the
family and all of us, he made one
of our family, one month of
the past summer, he was one of
the Juvenile Temperance Society
here in South Leeds and ^{is} worthy
member they had no other son they
have four daughters

Coburn Coffin's remains
were brought into this neigh-
bourhood last week, the funeral
was at his brother Nathans last
Friday, his father was with him
^{during the} week before he died, and came
on from Boston, together with his
wife and two children, accompany-
ing his remains, he was laid by the side
of his Mother he was a prosperous
man in business in Boston, I cannot
but reflect on these Providence's, and
think, how long shall I be spared
these heart ~~rent~~ ^{rending} pangs, but I must
stop it is very late, no one up in
the house but myself I had a
short letter from R. H. this evening
yesterday I heard from Kadelphus,
and not long since from Charles,
he has taken a school in Brunswick
for the winter for 30 \$, per
month, not a large school, he
thinks the advantages that he
receives in B. will be worth more
than enough ^{more} to him than
any made in any other place

Her courage I think has held out won-
derfully & indeed I think she is rather
a good & wonderful woman - & it would
be very strange if eight years of sickness
suffering would not discourage even a saint
with in my mind she comes as near too much
nearer than the most of people tho I will
acknowledge myself to be inclined to partial-
ity & I will freely admit that I am not as
sound ~~now~~ as I was one year ago neither
on my physical powers nor as good so
if I say foolish things you will excuse me
for in ^{full} confidence in your goodness
perhaps you may think I am trying to flatter
for the sake of favor or gain & it is not so
it is a true sentiment if I know my heart
it is free from covetous desires at this
at this time but not in former years
so wealth does not make happiness in
my opinion a competency is all that is need-
ed here for comfort & happiness - so no more
at this time - my wife joins with me in most
sincerely love to you & yours
Wm. Wadsworth

North Turner Oct 7. 1857

Dear Sir

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I have seen the Administrator
of Father's estate he says that there only
120 \$ after adjusting all elements
there is ten shares to said estate making
12 \$ to each share so you or your
wife have a just claim on me for that
amount the real estate has not been
sold I own 7/10 of it I bought all the
heirs out except yours Olive South-
land and Wm. H. Timberlake my ob-
ject was to save cost and trouble of
administration but it was not done
when your Mother was here last summer
we talked the matter over we thought
that Sarah & Harkella might get agree-
ments for nothing that we would
for Father's I had bargained for them
price 17 \$ now if you should carry
out the plan matters would stand
thus between us I have a claim

And a just one too of some where but
between 2 + 3.75 as far back as 1848
I charged your Father with a note I held
against a man in Saco of 200.00 that
had been an interest two months mak-
ing 202.00 I received 150.00 the latter part
of the winter or spring of 1850 the first
of May I received 165.00 by Mr Lurston
on his arrival from Biddeford I should
not recollect these circumstances if I
had not dates showing the facts the cost
of digging your mothers box for coffin +
satisfying one of the ministers was 3.75
there was not notice enough given for me
to satisfy both ministers as the lines in
different directions - If we add the sum
due from the Saco debt 2.75 and the in-
terest about nine years - would make an
3.75 add to the funeral charges makes
6.75 add one half of 17.75 which is
8.50 making the ^{now} 14.50 against you
your claim against me is 12.75 leav-
ing a balance in my favor of

Of which I lay no claim now I am
not willing to receive any thing from you
but on the contrary I am perfectly willing
to pay you if you require it so please write
at your earliest convenience + tell how
we shall settle it + what the state of your
business + what else you please to better
would be gratifying to me at this time as
I am in an unusual gloomy state of mind
+ my health not the best + my nervous system
very much disordered ~~It~~ ^{is} probably it is
partly occasioned by a want of sleep some
nights I have not got any sleep other but
little my wifes health is very poor - has
worse - the whole season than usual - has
killed 4 physicians within the last six weeks
appears now some better does not flatter
myself with any great degree of permanency
about it as she is subject to be up + more
especially down I think she is getting some
what discouraged about herself - has not
been able to leave her room or sit up
much for several weeks past

Fort Brooke Florida

October 14 1857

My dear Howard -

I received yours of the 21st ult. and as there was no other officer in the Department available concluded that I would take charge of the Ordnance Depot myself. I hope that your business will all be arranged to your satisfaction and the necessary papers will be duly transmitted.

I am glad that you are comfortably located and suppose that by this time you are duly initiated in your new calling. We are getting on pretty much as when you left us.

The Colonel has been absent some time on a trip to Fort Dallas. He selected a very bad time to go and

My dear Howard
Oct 14 / 57

I fear he has been weather bound -

Kilburn accompanied him and constitutes
his fac totum in the way of Staff
My health is still poor - but thank
God I am the only invalid in my
family all having enjoyed good health
thus far.

By way of recreation from equations
quadratics & Curvatures let me
hear from you occasionally -

I had strong hopes of terminating
this everlasting Florida War when
you left, but now I am doubtful whether
we can do any thing with the present
force - the loss of the Moral effect
of Regular troops in the Country is
beginning to be felt and the volunteers
are fast becoming worthless.

Mrs P. and Hissie desire to be
remembered to you -

With the warmest wishes for

your health & happiness

I remain

Very truly yours

Francis N. Page

Lieut. O. Howard

West Point -

N.Y.

N.B. Please remember me affectionately to my
old friend Kendrick.

Henry Lee

Post Emon n.s. Mt
19th 1867

Dear Otis

I have not written
you before as I expected to
have seen you before this but
I have been so busy I
could not leave New York
I have got the Big Bell
Flower a fine vessel of 400
tons a large corner & fast
sailer am loading coals here
for Aspinwall I passed
West Point last night
on my way here with the
vessel and shall return
to New York Saturday night
or Monday & sail for Aspinwall
about next Wednesday

Mr Bacon said he wrote you
all about the Burke affairs

and as you left it with
him to settle with you he
did not tell me how you
came out in his accounts
the vessel was 155\$ in debt
for each share. the outputs
not being covered by insurance
made the loss. I feel very
sorry that you should have
lost by the operation as you
done it for my interest and
I shall always feel that I
am in debt to you for the
amount of your loss and
shall pay you if I am able
as I consider it the same
as your lending me so much
money how much did you
lose & has Mr Bacon settled
up with you & Kingsly let
me know when I please
write me to the care of

Frank & Dearbourn 62 South
Street New York.

I have bought a small part
of this vessel and had just
money enough left to pay
down so now I have no
commission or interest to pay
and hope to make some
money this winter

I with love to Lynn & the
children I remain your
affectionate cousin

J Perry Lee

Frank & Sarah will be in
New York the first of
next week & return to
Nassau the 15th November

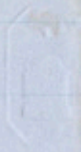
Ordnance Office
Washington, Oct. 24. 1857.

Sir: O. O. Howard
West Point, N. Y.

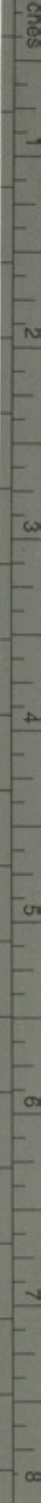
Sir:

Be pleased ^{to} forward the
cash account for part of the 3^d quarter, which
yet remains due from you as disbursing officer
at Fort Brooke Depot. The amount re-
ferred to in your letter of the 8th August,
as received from officers under the 1237th part^h
of the Army Regulations, may remain where
you placed it - viz. under "Ordnance Service"

Respectfully
Yrs. ob. Serv.
A. K. Craig -
Secy of Ordnance



Spencer



Perry Lee

New York Oct 25th 1854

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Dear Otis
your note of the
19th was duly received I
should have gone up to
spend the Sunday with you
but you said in your letter
that you was going to Troy
after Leggin & the Children
Uncle Ensign is here
he will remain a couple or
3 days he went to Peekskill
Saturday and came down this
morning he would have
spent the Sabbath with you
if you had been at West
Point and perhaps he
will go up with me and stop
a night if he can leave
his business he is getting
some Rail road iron and

and is very busy
I chartered the vessel this
day after we bought her for
a voyage to St. Lays de Cuba
and back to New York get
2600\$ charterers paying Port
charges in Cuba. It is a good
business and if I am fortunate
and make a good voyage it will
leave after paying for her sails
out fits &c about 800\$ it will
take 3 months to make the voyage
from the 14th inst the time the
charter commenced I like the
vessel very much she is good
and I hope to make money
in her. I think the freight
will be better when I return
and if they are I can clear
400\$ a month easy enough it
I do not have any accident
about the bay you wrote about

I do not think I can
take time to pay him
wages as he will not be any
use the first voyage. But
I will come up and see you
before I sail perhaps this
week and I will see him
and see what I can do
give my love to Lizzie and
the children. Tell Robt. Mer
I want to hear from him
tell him to write me if he is
going with me

mother remains as comfortably
as when you was here she sends
love to you & Lizzie Mr Butler
wants to be remembered & you
remember me to Mr Kinsley
tell him he had better get
this voyage to Cuba with
me I think it would be
pleasant for him. Love him
& so your truly Perry

Banger Theo. Seminar,
Oct-26, 1857

of & sister

Your letter was
from Wallwell to Leeds
while Ella Charles & I
& we were all rejoiced
to give news from you -
& Ella returned & I came
Friday last - all of us
just a week at Leeds.

Mother well - but pretty
ing me off & Charles too
go home again this fall
school begins at the close
of the term -

glad to hear of Lizzie's
glad too that the former
blessed Ordinance, as
received consecration &
tion in the Faith once
to the Saints -

not had the children
yet?

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so glad that Geo's

health is so much imp
dressed times for "uncli"
oo - I hope you have
your house by this time
go to my for your
to hear all about the
baby - I have not
my room yet - I
very cheaply but
comfortable yet so
with a Clapnet - little
fiction + Room Rent -
are free - We board
for less than \$175 -
I hope my expenses
light all the time -

We had a meeting
in the Greek Testament
like a Bible class in
it was opened by me
like everybody I ever
to see -

The Bible Religion
my work - my mind
thought! How can
other wise than happy
Dr. Shepard is Pa

1 2 3 5 6 7

church & I attend there - I heard
a deep in that H. of no
del me in a School House
Clock T. M. -
The Professors are familiar and
tendly - Religion is all their
me -
ay for me that I may
cept from evangelists that
ting sin of all Christian
Especially of Theological
it - A may I keep me
& Master always before
the worth of human soul
imperfect in my heart
it will go with you
me & make you me
you go if you live like
I am very interested
in the "Ridge" at home
Week's Evenings - At the
we were few dry eyes
praise that there were
affectionate hearts -
great deal of love to
- Ellen & I were to me

3 4 5 6 7 8
You both together at Leeds
the employed suor of her
in sewing for her "old man"
Charles is in love - no doubt
of that - whether he will be
married immediately or
is a question -

I do wish that Lee,
not not - so very "blind" -

I remember you both & the
little ones always in my

Pray me on both your
to the throne of grace

When I get settled in
room, I will write you

my dearest letter

you details of Mary
"Leminary" - my own

dear

Your Aff. Brother

Rowland

Adelaide - Bangor, Me.

P. S. Capt. Hardy has been elected Lt. Col. of Rogers Regiment. Col. Rogers was elected. Dr. McKim

to kill his duck through jealousy at a party, they parted for a time. Some religious in the community since your departure. Mrs. Branch died, I think, since you left. Bro Clark had been interred last week, and so was brother Robertson whom you knew. He died in the fall. Capt. Dady died, in the Garrison, the burial service by Rev W. Meredith, W. Redbrook. Merchant married by self to Miss Robertson of Singers school memory - There is scarce any Indian news. The Spaniard from Key West committed to jail here, for the murder of a free negro at Key West, was tried last week and found guilty of murder. The Negro Murderer will be tried this week and supposed cleared. For we have but meagre trials, impossible to hang a man in this country. Write soon and often, direct to Jackson. As I expect to leave soon for Conference. Please present my kindest regards to your wife and kiss the children for their unknown friends. Pray for me always, and may the God of love and peace feed you on meat convenient for you & yours and make you abundantly useful & happy - Yours - D. P. Lyman

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Tampa Fla Oct 26th 1837

My Dear brother Howard,
Your welcome precious letter was rec^d. Saturday week, just on my return from the country, when I enjoyed a few days recreation; not on the fair scenes of your City "Commons"; but in the wild desolation of Fort-Brook reserve. But, then I had the benefit of the exhilarating breezes, on the charming bay: it did me much good; I was highly delighted with your account of your trip, your religious privileges; and above all, the heart in the "right place" May it never be otherwise: and certainly it never will, if you watch and pray as you have set out, and as the blessed Bible teaches. How precious to meet with such a Christian as brother Prory, and in such a place; and how profitable to hear such discourses from the Ministers of the various denominations, as you have described - your delight in them proves two things: the genuineness of your religion & that God is no respecter of persons, so as to allow any one people to monopolize his merits. How cheering to hear thy prayers and entreaties with those of a brother. Converted since you last met. And Oh how sublime the privilege of bowing before God! in your own home: with your own lovely Companion and little ones, and commit them ^{to thy keeping} of our Father in Heaven.

Glorify to God for his unspeakable mercies, and abundant grace
conferred on you and yours -

I am disposed to believe that West Point is the very place
for you and believe that Providence has kindly opened your
way for usefulness by your call to that important position,
where your religion in "the recitation room" will be made
available in promoting his glory as long as you are faithful,
mixing religion with your lectures, and letting your
light shine before those young men: so strangely by
God committed to your care -

The President of any theological institution, or the
Minister of any Church, may well content himself
with your opportunity for doing good, in your present
blessed employ. I am glad you have the opportunity
of improving your talent at the anticipated prayer meeting.
Trust in God "who giveth the increase" -

I hope you will obtain license to preach as soon as
practicable: for then you will feel bound, on Sabbath,
to extend your labours "to the regions beyond" and thus
enlarge your field of usefulness, as well as your desire
for the study of the scriptures and of theology, &c.

Several reasons not necessary to name hindered me from
writing sooner. I met the Col often at Church, &
in my room he seemed a little jealous that your
letter to me was longer than the one written him -

Precious Old Man pious, what a treat to have such
a friend. He contributed \$20. toward my support
and at my Collection last night, for the Orphans & Widows

The Collection amounted to \$68. it will increase to \$75
of Ministers, paid five dollars, Would you believe it, Messrs,
Clemens & H. ~~W.~~ paid five dol: each, and Mr. Hutton
contributed also - We had a religious time, and I
had great liberty in presenting to the Congregation
my theme, Benevolence, in the light of a privilege from
Matthew 23. 6. 13. inclusion. He ~~W.~~ was much overcome
with emotion, when he asked me to put him
down five &c. This is the work of the Lord &
marvelous in our eyes -

We are doing well in this station. They have paid
me some \$90. only, yet, I am inclined to have
a protracted prayer meeting embracing, Ninth to the
fifteenth of November, at which time bro Cooper will
come to his fourth Quarterly meeting. Dear bro
will you remember us earnestly thru in your prayers.
The Church was glad to hear from you, and
Oh how sweetly the Col. prayed for you after
I informed the brethren of your desire; and
good will toward us, I believe I speak truly
when stating the fact, that, the members of our
Society here love you much -

I very much prize the kind word your lovely
wife sent to me personally unknown to her,
even to such a one as the humble writer -
you remember I once hoped to behold her face,
but Providence has planned better things for her. May
God bless her and you & your little cherubim day by day.
Sickness is somewhat abating here. We had several