

Lamington Apr: 2nd 1861

Dear Brother Quid

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I am getting
very hungry for a letter from
you & news from your dear fam-
ily. I will begin by sending my
most sincere love to my little
nephew - Gus. Tell him just
as soon as he can read writing
I shall write him letters. I often
think of him & pray that God
may help him to be a good
boy, & an energetic one too. Oh,
you may smile, but I begin
to look to the children - the boys
particularly - to take my place
in the world. My great hope is
that in the years of ^{my} ministry,
even if they be few - I may
leave behind some humble
earnest worker in my place.
"Many little children have
gone to Heaven to live" from

Among our dear people this
winter - We have been drawn to-
gether & taught to love each other
by these things - But the sickness
has now wholly left us - I have
not heard of a new case for
a fortnight - Ella has been away
at Bath now three weeks but
I hope to see her again before
the close of this week - I have
been unusually well & preached
the last three Sab., with only
a half a days exchange with
Bro. Monill - Give my best love
to little Grace too - I can almost
hear her saying "hall uncle
Powland" - Jamie I don't know
but if father & mother & brother
& sister love him, why, I must!
Has he shown any signs of
well yet? - Much love too to
Sister Lippie - You don't know
how much pleasure I am

Excuse me from having you all
with us a part of your fun-
cough - We have engaged a nice
large house with plenty of room
& we will try to have enough
to eat & plenty of Christian love
& merry thoughts - Our house belongs
to Dea. Patten whom you met
at Keapswell. He has just mov-
ing out to live with his aged
father - It is on the hill, N.E.
of the village - quite overlooking
it & a long quarter of a mile
from the Church - This last is the
greatest objection - for our view
in Summer will be splendid.
But the hill is hard for Ella
to climb & the winter seems
coldest up there - But Providence
has supplied us with it at a
reasonable rent & we hope to
get settled by the 1st of May -
Capt. Patten will buy & send

the heavy articles of furniture!
the rest we must get as
our means permit - Yesterday
was Quarter Day - Our fees, &
very prompt - but after paying
my bills I believe I have had
but a little over \$30 - to comm.
mence housekeeping with! But
that will do nicely - Two of our
brethren are Grocers & will
gladly supply us till the next
Quarter comes around - Our
meetings are well attended
on the Sab - but we still look
in vain for any special visit
est - thro: there is evidently a
improved feeling on the part
of the Church - God is blessing
me abundantly - O may my
heart respond most gratefully
& dutifully - Our Sun still re-
mains to the depth of a foot
The crust these mornings

Do you hear from Cousin Leah?
I wrote her last month in
reply to her letter about com-
ing to Farmington to live -
I would like to hear from
her again - If she is coming
I think I can now secure
her a snug little house - but
how long ^{I can stay} I cannot tell -
I was so busy with the Faculty
when in B. that I called on
no one but Nettie - I regretted
not having time to call at
North Sands - but Ella was in
Topsfield & I had to walk
a some distance to meet my
engagements with the Col. Officers.
Give my kindest regards to
Mrs. Wing - Ella would join me
in all these kind wishes
were she here - Do write
soon & your aff^l brother
Rowland

Makes beautiful walking -
must preach ^W last day Leman
next week & I am dreading
it exceedingly - We have a Union
meeting on that day - The people
will feel disappointed if my
Leman is ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~at~~ ^{at} all religious
but I don't see how I can
conscientiously make it other-
wise: - Ellie got involved
in an unfortunate brawl
with the Freshmen at Coll.
& is suspended - He is studying
at Yarmouth - I went down to
see the Faculty & I hope they
will commute his punishment
at the beginning of the Summer
Term - I. E. if the ends of punish-
ment - making him more
careful & conscientious in future
shall have been subserved -

I have not heard from our
other friends for some time -

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Portland April 2 1861
 Lieut O O Howard

Dear Sir

Your Note with
 Coupons & Orders was received Last
 Evening I have to day collected the
 dividends as below

Say on Coupons	150	—
Genl Stock	—	28
Casco "	—	44
International ..		21
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		\$ 243

Cash Enclosed - 100
 deposited Subject to your Order 143 \$ 243

Don't forget to make us a call
 on your way East should be glad to
 know at what time we may expect you
 with much to your good Wife & Children

From your Affectionate Uncle
 J. Mait



But I should
be glad to hear
from you

Professors & I
were very much
pleased to hear
of your success
in your studies

150	Pay on Prof's
38	Small book
14	" "
21	Stationery
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\$213	

Prof. in class
I hope to see
you again

I hope to see
you again
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you again
I hope to see
you again

- ~~sent~~ copy to my. ~~first~~ ~~copy~~ ~~sent~~ ~~to~~ ~~my~~ ~~brother~~
 last evening also expressed the
 same. A daughter of Mrs. Woodhull
 Mrs. Pickart said she had met
 you & I think Lizzy too at
 Auburn. She hoped to see you
 when you should come.
 Is Mrs. Wing still with you? I
 would so much enjoy being there
 I want to see the children very
 much. Tell Guy that I have
 let his father to give him one of
 his best kisses for one & another
 of the same sort to brace & if Guy
 thinks James likes to be kissed he
 may give him one too. I hear from
 Rowland often - but not from Belle or
 Mother - as to the Churches - I
 prefer the Central but you will of
 course suit yourself. I shall certainly
 want you to hear some of the sermons
 I do if not all - It is now time
 for bed - the ice left the river today - It
 has been delightful pleasant for a week
 Affectionately
 Wm. H. Howland

P. S. You will find a cordial reception
 from either Church - I didn't know but
 you might desire Bangor Apr. 10th 1861 -
 to write with one ^{that} I would do the same -
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My dear Brother

I have been hoping
 to get a letter from you for some
 time but have not had as much
 leisure for writing of late as usual
 I had a Dissertation as also did all
 of my class to be read before Prof.
 Harris last Monday - I had for
 my subject "Summary of Prof. Agas-
 sie's Argument" - It is found in
 the 1st Vol. 1st Chap. of his Contrib-
 utions to Nat. Hist. which I believe
 you have in W. P. Library. A
 short time ago I had a Dissertation
 before the Rhetorical Soc. but I read
 over an old "post" - soon I have an
 original Dedication before Prof.
 Shepard & the Students - You see I
 have considerable extra labor - We are
 reading some of Isaac in Hebrew now.

This is more difficult than what
we have been reading which was
made easier from the help of the
Chrestomathy.

I have been thinking a great deal
about West Point of late - I was
gathering *Epigaea* at this season
a few days & wandering over the hills
about West Point - I wonder how
it is with poor Mr. Gray - I've
thought that perhaps you were occupied
in preaching for this people - I have
felt much anxiety to hear about Mrs.
Gray & Miss Jeanie - sometimes have
thought of writing to them. Johnny
has not written for some time. How
much I would like to have him
for a companion in some of my
spring walks as I did last year - The
ground is getting to be dry enough so
that I have taken my stroll & intend
to follow that with many more in
quick succession. I am living in

great hopes that you will come
to share these fall day pleasures
with me. Shall I expect you in
June? Dr. Lincoln has gone
to keeping house in a very pleasant
location on Cedar St. I took tea with
him a few nights ago - I saw him
at the paper meeting this evening. He
took part in a very interesting & edifying
manner as he always does - He is
very single in his purpose & spiritual
in experience I think. I have
seen Gen. Stevens several times ^{at plate,}
Mr & Mrs. S. were greatly rejoiced
at the news of your last letter both
as to your coming & also the Revival.
Hope you will tell me further about
the work in the S. M. School - Gen.
S. wanted me to invite you from him
to attend the Hammond St. Church.
They seem quite anxious to have you
or their. A Mrs. Drummond & Mrs.
Woodhall whom I met at Dr. Park's

Thursday Apr. 11th 1861

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Fast-Day -

My dear Brother

I have just returned from the funeral of Rev. Mr. Smith of Brewer Village. He died very suddenly last Sat. night. He has had a disease of the heart for some time but was about as he has been all Winter. He leaves a wife & two children. Several of my dears accompanied me. We crossed the river in the ferry & walked down about 2 miles. Prof. Harris preached a very excellent discourse & gave a brief sketch of Mr. Smith's life. He has been settled there ever since the Church was formed, 15 years. Prof. H. has a good deal to say in Commendation of him. His home was originally in Sitchfield. He became fit for college by his own exertions & graduated

at Providence & then here at the
Seu. --- Rowland was to exchange
with him a while ago but on
acct of sickness Mr. S. failed to
make for him. He has been
upon an agency for the Seminary
in hopes it would be beneficial to
his health as well as serve a be-
nevolent purpose. This forenoon
I heard a somewhat political
sermon from Rev. Mr. Gilman of the
1st Parish - Do you think many
more officers will resign if there
is a war? Dr Stevens expressed
that opinion. I met him in the
Gymnasium yesterday - He was in
spectator, remarking that it was
rather too much exertion for him
to do anything there. He has that
appearance. Heavy very heavy Whiskey.
When is Jack Wilson now? Do
you expect Mr. Wright to take your
place? Let me hear soon if but a word -
Yr. Affc Pro. Charles

me to George Williams, & Lady
also by Harry Hasbrouck
& esp. to your Lady

Your friend
John P. Doe

Auburn

Cayuga Co
N.Y.

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Auburn Theol. Sem. April 13,
1861
Lieut Howard U.S.A.

West Point

My Friend

Expecting soon to
see you face to face I will
not write much at present
I trust that the acquaintance
made under such pleasant
circumstances may ripen into
a firm friendship esp. since
we have animosities & tastes so much
in common. I believe me
in taking the pos. which I feel
to be very trying for a young
man & a mere student of
Theol. I will lean much on
your assistance you shall
have full credit both for
past & future your aid, coun-
sel, & sympathy will be of great

value to me & I look forward to
some happy hours that we may
be permitted to spend together.

You are doubtless aware (since
it was owing more to your influence
than my preaching) that I
have received & accepted a call to
the Ch. of the Falls for the
Summer, & I look forward to
your busy ones I shall give
myself up to the Ministry of
the Word & I hope & pray that
the Great Head of the Ch. will
bless my labors & continue
His favors to that people & Ch.

It will be necessary for me to
find a boarding place for the
Summer & after enquiring & advising
I think that if found conve-
nient by the family I had
better board with Mrs Gray
it being more convenient
for me to the Ch. than elsewhere

& also I understand that there
was a stipulation in the sale of
parsonage that either it should
be used by a Ministers family, or
if unmarried he must board
there if otherwise used the proper-
ty reverts to original holders
I understand that the family
would have no objections to such
an arrangement & I shall en-
deavor to give them as little
trouble as possible. There are
reasons why I should like to
board elsewhere but on the whole
I am satisfied that this will
be for the best I enclose with
this a note to Mrs Gray which
you will be so kind as to deliv-
er when at your convenience
also to Mr Eberard who was
delegated to Presbytery. I send
along with this a Cat. of
our Dem. Please remember

New York April 16th 1861

My dear Cousin

I arrived home
last Tuesday have been
intending to write you every
day but put it off from time
to time thinking I should run
up and spend a night with
you. Sarah was quite sick
when I left she had a
Bad fever the 20th March
and had a hard time of it
but was out of danger when
I left she thinks of going
to Farmington to live but
I think I shall write her
to remain in Nassau another
year on account of the trouble
here as we cannot tell
where this Civil War will
end and she has many

friends there that would like
to have her stay and it would
be better for the children's
health to stop another year than
every thing here is in great
excitement on account of the
news of Major Anderson's surrender
what do you think of it I feel
that if there is going to be
a war I would like to have
a hand in it if I could get
in the Navy and I should
think officers would now be
wanted. Please write me of
our eastern friends are they all
well I have been away so
long that I have not heard
any news of them for some
months remember me to
Lizzie and the children Tell
Miss Lavinia Gray that I have
just received her letter written

two months ago if I go
out to Mass again I should
be happy to have her father
go with me but I do not
think I shall go in the brig
again with her I remain
your affectionate friend

J. S. Allen
write me for a week to the
Washington Hotel n. y. as I have
lost several letters that have
been sent to Mr. Cressier

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Pinefield Apr 17 1861

Dear Sir

Your favor is rec^d. It is now impossible
to tell what may come out of the present state
things. I think however that no calling for this
State to any arms will be done. Volunteers
will be had by asking. If any chance occurs
to which you allude I will be glad to advise
you

Very truly
Yours P. Merrill

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Philadelphia Oct 17 1861

Dear Sir

Your favor is recd. It is an interesting
to the other way over and the
thing I think I have the
to the way over and the
with a view of getting
to the way over and the

Yours

Very truly
yours
A. J. [unclear]

West Point N. Y.

Apr. 20 1861

Sir.

I have the honor to request a
leave from 7 Am. Monday till 1/2 past
9 P.M. of the same day.

Respectfully submitted

C. J. Howard

1st Lt. OrdnanceA. A. T. Mott^{Sr}

To

S. B. Holabird

1st Lt. 1st Infantry

Approved. The sections will be heard by
myself or some other officer of the Dept.

O. E. Church

S. J. Mott

Wm. D. ...

Apr 20 1861

Wm. D. ...

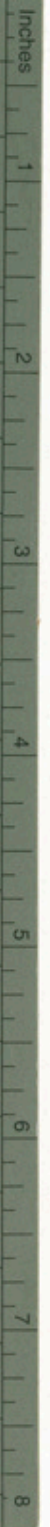
Wm. D. ...

Dear

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for a new commander if you were to remain in the army another year, or years, it would seem desirable to me, for you to have that station but I do not wish to ~~bores~~ for you my desire is to be submissive to the will of our Heavenly Master, I do not hear much from Hallward since Fanny's death, I heard through Rowland that Ellen did not take her little girls to Philadelphia with her, your father went to Augusta in March, alone, but I was prostrated with an attack of Rheumatism, we have had a very severe winter which has kept me very close at home, Martha writes, all her family are well and ever have been since they have lived at Richmond she mentions writing to you and Lizzie, this present winter and your answering her, she says the state of the country makes her heart sick to think of it, but not so with your Mother, I feel drawn in prayer to the great Ruler of all things & to ask Him ~~to~~ not to leave us to ourselves but to take us into his especial care, direct us in all things whatsoever we should do, and I hope all will be for his glory and our best good, Give my love to Lizzie tell her I think of her much in ^{her} case of love in her little family, and hope her strength will hold out to bring up her dear one, I have thought of late that she was sick on some other ones of your family and you did not wish me to know it, because of the anxiety it would give me, remember me with much love to Guy, tell him Johnny was in here to day, talking in his punny way, but he has improved some in speaking his words, give my love to Grace I suppose she has grown perceptibly since I saw her, Grandmother looks forward with some degree of pleasure ~~now~~ to the time when we shall all meet again in this house, kiss the little one, for me, I hope he remains healthy, remember my regards to Mrs Winy if she is with you, and Susan, much love to her. Your affectionate Mother Eliza Gilmore

List of Rowland

Otis, my dear son, Leeds April 21, 1861.

After saying to you that your father and I are in our usual health, I ask, how is it with you? it is now 3 weeks since you wrote, it seems a long time since, because I have been in daily expectation of one from you, your last letter gave me the blessed intelligence that the gospel was not preached in vain in all places, when ever I meet with christians in conversation there seems to be a healthy state of feeling towards their Saviours, but no further, we do not progress, appanantly, in the great work of salvation Mr Chapen seems always to be a tender, and affectionate Christian and a ready helper in his companions, our subscription is filling out better than hene to fore, nearly all who have subscribed have added to their sum of last year, all these things, are favorable and we have reason ~~to~~ to thank God for them, we have a comfortable place of worship and a minister ^{of} Christ to preach to us, today is Mr Holt's last day on the ridge, there will be ~~at~~ this congregation, I think, as no one goes from here, neither from the other house, and Capt Turner's family, will not probably attend, those who do attend, must walk as we are having our worst travelling now, the frost is coming out of the ground, which makes it dangerous traveling about here, we have had sickness in the neighbourhood for a number of months the most of the sick ones are gaining, Jason Bates, walked down here Friday, he has been suffering severely from a scrofula abscess for a month past had it lanced a number of times his looks bespeak him soon for the grave, Patsy Bates is recovering from a severe sickness she walks about the house, Capt Turner has got his clothes on again though feeble and Mrs Turner goes from one room to the other but is very feeble Joshua's wife has been here two weeks with them, she came to Leeds in the

public conveyances which makes her quite an invalid. Charles Jones
wife has been sick six or eight weeks with an inflammation of ^{the} lungs, I understand
she is recovering, John Turners wife has been confined to ^{her} room all winter
beside all these almost every family has been afflicted with whooping
cough, so that much of the conversation when we meet is about the
sick, I have had a rheumatic attack in March, but am nearly recovered
from it. I walked to Capt Turner's last evening and back, Thomas Ambler
and wife are established here for the season, to do our work, they are
hired, they have lost their infant of five months old with the
whooping cough, the little creature was buried the 2 day of April, which
delayed his engagement to your father a week Abby his wife
has been here four days she seems enfeebled by long confinement to
her sick babe, but seems quite reasonable in her grief she thinks she
shall be able to do my work through the summer, The snow is nearly gone
except patches of drift over the fields, your father sowed some early Peas
yesterday, but we do not call it early spring, the weather is cold, the farmers
are repairing their fences and packing their wood into their wood sheds
Thomas has drawn some dressing from the barn, on to the corn land, and
I begin to look over the garden, to see what the cold of winter has left
us to cultivate this year, all these views of spring remind me that the
time is approaching when we shall welcome you and Lizzie and
Guy, and Grace, and the sweet little Fannie to our humble but
quiet home, I am often reminded of Guy as I go about, his rake and
hoe are here. I intend to have a blade put on ^{his} hoe soon as the ~~travelling~~
will do ^{and if can} ride up to Mr Lath's shop. I received a letter from sister
Martha, & Strickland a few days since, it was a pleasant happy letter
and I prize'd ^{it} very highly, because I do not deserve it. I have not
written ^{her} since last Sept, her birth day, she said it was just four years

since she was here, then you were in Florida and Mrs Waite
Lizzie, and Guy were inmates of our family, many changes since
that time, Howland and Ella have not written me for a long time
& wrote them last, I shall write and enquire into their case soon, I suppose
they are about going to house keeping, as he wrote me in his last letter
he had obtain'd a house, Charles has not written for a long time but a
News paper from him a few days since told me he was still in the
land of the living, I got a letter from Gellie a few days since, he
says he is doing well in his studies, but never had so little time to
write as at this time he got behind his class by having a felon
on his thumb and is now making up, your father has awakened from
a long sleep in his chair, and asks if I am writing to Otis, and to ask
him what he thinks of ~~the~~ ^{the war} I never expected to live to see such a state of
affairs as this, I think it calls upon every Christian to seek to know the most pure
spiritual manner the Sovereign God can be approach'd and to supplicate
~~his~~ ^{his} divine assistance in our Country's behalf, I have thought of you much
since the state of ^{our} country has looked so warlike, whether it would affect your
calculations or not, the last evening's papers seem'd dreadful to me, their account
of Lieut Jones manner of leaving Harper's Ferry, has come very near
my feelings, as it is but a few years since ^{we} were filling similar stations and
then the treatment the Massachusetts regiments received at Baltimore
and the Philadelphia troops, it shocked me to think there were those so
near us, who could desire Jefferson Davis to march to the Capital of
the United States, I see by the last Kennebec Journal that there will
be a change at the Arsenal at Augusta as ^{Major} ~~Major~~ Baldwin has resigned
his command at that place to accept an office in the state of Virginia
offer'd him by the governor in the Military department, to take
charge of the Ordnance, of that state, now that Arsenal is open

"Orphan's Home of Industry".
Iowa City, Iowa. April 25th 1861

Lieut. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir,

Your very welcome Letter dated March 9th was duly, and thankfully received, - and the enclosed con- tribution of \$15.00 came safely to hand, - and, in a very acceptable time, and I owe you an apology for this seeming neglect and real de- lay. It is not that I have been unmindful of you, and of those associated with you in the timely offering, or of the donation itself, but since its reception, I have had so much to occupy my time, in the daily routine of "the Home of Industry", as to give me little lei- ure for writing Letters, - and, therefore, I have before me a file of unanswered Letters, aid-bearing - similar to your own - which I have not been able to acknowledge. You will, I am convinced, congratulate me on the reception of more Letters from the friends of our cause than I am able to answer. My appeal for re- lief has been most promptly and liberally responded to, and, by God's blessing, we have passed the long winter very com- fortably - and paid up most of the small debts contracted by my managers in my absence, last summer. - Since my sickness began, I have found good homes for some 25 boys and girls in this State, and demands are made for children almost daily. - My health is not yet quite restored - or I should go again, at once, to the East for more money and children. - I would thank you to accept, for yourself, and express to the Cadets, what names,

you have favored me with; my heartfelt gratitude for your sympathy and Christian kindness and their. It is my earnest prayer that "God, even our own God, would give you His blessing" - and, return your generous offerings, in spiritual blessings, in good measure, and running over, into your own bosoms. - I still remember, with pleasure, the hour of prayer spent with you, - and, as I suppose, some - if not all of the Cadets who have joined their offerings to yours in this token of sympathy in our cause, and it gives additional value to the contributions to believe that it came from that circle of prayer. - May the blessing of God rest upon them all. - The Christian Patriot and Soldier will need unwavering confidence in God in such perilous times as these. - Possibly this long delayed acknowledgment of your gifts may come too late to find any or all of you at West Point. - The Call of the Country is loud and imperative you may all have gone to the defense of its outraged flag; or, if not, you will doubtless go; - and the trial must come - not merely of your steel and skill - but, of your faith in God. Those who have daily passed the evening hour with you in reading the word of God and prayer - will not forget you, and the holy lessons you have taught them - on the field of battle. - How precious are the thoughts of God in the time of danger! Would thank you to say to each of the donors, - if you have the opportunity; - that our prayer and our gratitude will follow them wherever they go.

Many an earnest prayer has been offered that the God of peace would dispose the hearts North and South to pacific measures, - and make them to dwell together in harmony and unity; but, as the war is already begun; we must pray that the blessing of the Lord of Hosts will rest upon those whose

cause is righteous.

"Thrice is he armed, who has his quarrel just." The patriotic feeling runs high in our vicinity. The Eastern papers are in great demand. The Enlistment goes rapidly on - and already - our county has enrolled three times the number demanded. One of our young men has enlisted in his country's service - and I hope he will be as faithful in that service in the field, as he has been in ours at the Home. - I would gladly furnish more, - and, if possible, go myself to the defence of my country - but, my duties are here - and many; - and we propose to aid, as far as we can from our farm - the families of the volunteers.

We can also offer our prayer for the success of our flag, and defend our own homes - when the war is brought to our doors. - We are now very busy in farming. I have bought another farm - and, with a view to feed more of the hungry next winter, we are farming on a larger scale - and hope next fall to have enough and to spare. - I have recently received a letter and contribution from Miss Biddle - living near Philadelphia who visited you last fall. She speaks in terms of heartfelt gratitude of the kind attentions she received from yourself and Mrs. Howard - and, as she called upon you at my suggestion - you will please accept my thanks for the same. Col. Dillefield sent me \$25. through P. P. Sea - and I addressed my acknowledgments to Col. D. Please remember me, with much gratitude, to Mrs. Howard - and the Cadets you name; - and may your hearts and minds be kept in the knowledge and love of God.

I am, gratefully & truly yours,
Chas. E. Townsend.
Shipway.

if needed. Perry was here night before last. He wants to go
into the navy. I gave him letters to Judge Carroll
Ch. of Supreme Court of U. States & to Col. Craig, Colonel
of Ordnance. & Cadet Fuller recommended him
to his father one of the Auditors of the Treasury.
He probably left N.Y. for Washington today. Perry
is now very strong for the Union. He says he has
hoisted the old flag too often to disown it now -
The flower of New York. The young men of every class
rich & poor have gone to fight for their country -
The enthusiasm has been beyond description. When I
was in N.Y. Monday. The streets were waving with
flags: the roofs, the signposts, the doors, the carriages
the women & the people had flags or badges of Union.
Susan heard her brother was going in a regiment. With
tears she hastened off to stop him as he was a slender lad.
He enlisted but his employer hindered his going. Susan
returned to us tonight. The Government would not let her
go to Augusta now. Maj Baldwin was ~~not~~ a military
storekeeper - his Major comes from some militia
appointment. All the commissioned officers are needed
now. for a host of Southern officers have gone. Colonel
Robert Lee, my old Superintendent here, has gone. Col. Hodge
you have doubtless noticed & Maj Beauregard. Many of my class
males & friends are in array against us. God is indeed allowing
us to be scourged for our sins. My trust is in His arm. Jesus
can say Peace, in still & we may behold a great calm. But
let us keep our hearts & watch for his coming. Nobody
but me to send love. all abed. Affectionately
for Son. Stacy

Do not come too sanguinely on my coming home this
summer. I do not much think I shall have that
privilege - I may. If ordered away I shall probably take ¹¹³
send Siggie & the little ones to make you a visit -
I hope Warren Southrop is well. He must seek a high position
in some militia regiment - of Point N.Y.
It will not prejudice his line Apr. 25 1861
Tell him this if he is able to do duty.
My dear Mother,

I received your letter today & think you
ought to have received one from me before you sent this.
We have been sick. that is Grace & Guy & the baby. Grace & Guy
were quite sick; this with the sickness of Mr Carroll's children
& the death of his little boy has caused us much anxiety
& watchings. Mr Carroll's mother came on to the funeral
and we gave her a part of our house while she staid.
Dr Hammond was exceedingly kind & attentive during
the illness of the children. They had catarrh & fever. They
are now all well and we must thank God for his divine
goodness & sparing mercy. I realize that He doth all
things well. I am glad to hear that all is well with
you. I have been thinking how father was off for money -
if the rail road paid him anything now. I am really
sorry to hear that our neighbors are so unwell. I did not
know before that Capt. & Mrs Turner had been sick. You
must give them my love & sympathy. I can think now

sore must be the trial to Mrs Butler in the loss
of her little one. God alone can bind up broken
hearts. Happy is the afflicted soul that already
is united to him in faith & love. Father inquires about
the war; it is with me war! war! I read of it, I think
of it. I pray about it & dream of war. I don't seem
to be much excited. When in New York Monday. I felt
abashed for my lukewarmness, when talking with
an enthusiastic clerk who was soon to start for
the defense of his country. I am in principle strong
for the government. I do not feel that I can leave the
Army now, while there is so great a call for my services
& when our own people would suspect me if I
tendered my resignation. I doubt if my resignation would
be accepted now. So many officers have been taken from
here, that Prof. Church says I shall soon have to take a
whole class instead of two sections as I now have.
I shall probably be kept here. St. Warren, the 1st
Assistant in Mathematics, has been requested to become
Lieutenant Colonel of a Volunteer Regiment. Cadet Ames
of the 1st Class has been asked to become Lt. Colonel of one
of the Regiments from Maine. The Officers continue

the same rank in the regular Army, while serving
in a high place in the Militia if the Government
allows them to do so. In this way regiments of new
men get disciplined officers to instruct them.
I hear from private authority that Jeff. Davis is at
Richmond Va. There has been ever since the Virginia vote
of secession. As soon as Maryland declares herself free
from the Union. Washington will be attacked.
Our troops at Washington are surrounded by enemies.
And there are still plenty of lukewarm friends in the
District of Columbia. The defense will be vigorous &
probably Baltimore & other obstructions will be
cleared away. But I think between enemies & friends
our beloved Capital will be destroyed. Judge & Mrs
Carroll have returned to Washington from here. We
shall soon get reliable news from them. The papers
cannot be relied on. They have got the war fever themselves.
Dr Hammond & Lieut Kelton were ordered to Washington
yesterday. Left this morning. Large numbers of Southern
cadets have gone. Very few of them now remain. Our
Cadets of the 1st & 2nd classes have applied for duty ~~at~~ to
Washington. They will probably be graduated immediately

West Point, N.Y.

Apr. 27th 1861

My dear brother,

I received your kind letter in answer to mine. My plan was to go to Bangor & unite with one of the churches there with my wife & not to preach without a license. But the state of the country is such that I feel hindered from consummating my purpose at present. If I should tender my resignation I doubt if it would be accepted now. And if it should be the general impression would be that I favored secession. I do not feel that it is a proper time to change my profession for the cause of Christ and I am willing to do all I can to strengthen the hands of the Government. Perry Lee is seeking a place in the Navy. I gave him letters to prominent men in Washington. I presume he is there now tendering his services. I don't think the union of Northern men warranted. The line is so distinctly drawn now that I can see nothing but war & ultimate division. Still God can do

all things. Over a hundred Cadets I believe have left.
Many of our officers have been asked to join volunteer
troops in the capacity of Col. Lt. Col. Majors - Cadets
Amos has been chosen Lt. Col. of a Maine Regiment -

If they get permission from Washington they will
accept these places & still retain their rank
in the regular Army. Our children have all been
sick with Catarrh & fever. Isaac & Gay were quite
sick in succession. So was Katy Carroll & the little
boy - The latter died. He was a beautiful boy - not
could exceed his beauty as I saw him in his
little coffin, with his cheek tinged & the indescribable
peace appearing in every feature. Cannot pray, but
I fear he has not yet given his heart to God. Give much
much love to our dear Sister. We are all well. The
state of the country is awful, but we think Washington
is safe, though surrounded by enemies to the government.
Let us commit everything into the hands of God
while we do what we can -

Affectionately Yours
C. V. Howard

Washington, D. C. 27th April, 1861.

My Dear Sir,

We arrived in New York about 9 o'clock
 a.m. Thursday, and ascertaining that Mr. M. had
 there known nothing whatever of the route and means
 of getting to this place, we left at 2 o'clock for
 Philadelphia. We learned from Genl. Patterson, on
 coming there, that a train would leave the next
 morning at 11.30 for Perryville, communicating
 with a steam transport for Annapolis. We accordingly
 made our selves comfortable until that hour. Leaving at that
 time we struck the first sentinel about a mile east of
Elkton

They are completely ignorant. The first thing is to protect the
 City - and what then, no one knows. The City is perfectly
 quiet, the people are under no apprehensions, and make
 no pretence how boldly we are seen in the streets.

When I was out on ride from a train I saw some night birds, but
 a single bird's note of Virginia was heard in Carolina. Virginia has
 not only secured but has the firmest in the Union. Confidently

and pleased every thing in the hands of God. I am, dear Sir,
 Carolina has no other news nothing but success in the States -
 the Confederacy. I say I do not get out.

I would write you more in detail but am so sleepy that I
 can scarcely keep my eyes open. While writing you in a day or two
 by the first of May to the States. Yours sincerely,
 J. F. H. some more.

Elkton. They belonged to Sherman's battery, which we found incamped at Elkton, in command of Ransom - Hele having resigned, and Sherman being absent. We reached Perryville at 3 P.M. and having had our orders revised by a Col. Comdy. there, were shipped, bag & baggage, on board of an iron steam transport for Annapolis. It felt this craft 2 masts & aw, and one half of the deck was occupied by a number of guns, and the balance by an armed and manned guard of twenty five men and a second Lieut, dressed in as many different uniforms, and upon entering about as many metallic stores. We arrived at Annapolis at 9 P.M. The travel & check was received by troops, the said shipmen having all departed the day before, and the 7 papers were awaiting inspections from

from the Capt. We could not judge of the number of troops there, because it was so night. There were certainly hundreds, but may have been thousands. I found Stoughton of another train, a private of the 7th "Regt" - Detained by Capt. Butler, who was in command there. The next day we prepared for Washington, and at 9 o'clock this morning we left on the cars for the junction line and then City. There were one or two companies placed on the cars as a guard. The road to the junction was lined with soldiers. At the junction we took one parol and a company of 200 men, and arrived here about 5 o'clock P.M. The R.R. from Washington to Washington is in charge of the Capt. Smith. Some of the cars were taken from the junction to Washington. We have not found to our satisfaction since we left Perryville. I saw the Capt. there and several others had been, and had been