Hallowell June 3d 1861

My dear daughter,

I have come from my home to see Otis, arrived here yesterday, after learning that he would not be able to come out there, & determined to come here, and shall remain here until after the regiment move, I saw Otis at the time of service yesterday P.M., and at nine last evening he rode down here to Mr W's to see us and stoft through the night, last night he made out a list to you, of what he he wisht you to do and I enclose the list to you, Charles is to come to you at the time the regiment move on to Washington you have received my last letter to Otis ere this, I come to Hallowell with a full determination not to give way to any of a mother's weakness but to ask for strength where there is perfect strength, I hope you will have that strength which none but God can give, kiss all the Children

I intended to have written messages to the Children but the time is nearly expired for the letter to go kiss them for me if nothing in Providence prevents not many weeks will pass ere we shall see you at our house, with much respect and love I subscribe myself your affectionate

Mother Eliza Gilmore

Mrs Lizzie Howard,

Augusta Me
June 8th 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I send this by Mr Ex K. Osgood Esq of Gardiner. please ask him to stay over night with you - & come down Wednesday in the boat & stop at the Astor House with Susan & the children & the things I have named in mother's letter - We leave 5 A.M. Wednesday morning - will arrive in N.Y. Thursday by 7 P.M. train. Charles will accompany me - Think if you would like to have Capt Pope's Village now empty - near the Arsenal gate Murphy wants to do all he can - bringing mails &c - They seem to love their Colonel -

It is hard work - The last camp came in Friday - Groups without smile - but fine looking men - I have a fine staff -

Affectionately Your
Husband O. O. H.

Rev Dr Potter

Milwaukee

Topsham Me June 7. '61.

Dear Sir – Excuse the liberty I take in troubling you with this note – In your regiment is a friend of mine – a brother of my wife – who recently enlisted in the Augusta Co. Capt. Bachelder – Benjamin Crane of Readfield – We feel much solicitude on his account – knowing the temptations of a Soldier's life; & knowing, too, his disposition to yield to the circumstances about him – He has been tenderly cared for at home; & has been till a very recent period a clerk in Boston – where being exposed to the influence of intemperate associates, he contracted a fondness for drink – which, unless checked, may prove his ruin – It is with very great pleasure we hear of your determination to discourage the use of intoxicating liquors in your regiment; we know in this you will be sustained by every man, whose desire is to give efficiency to the army – So far, Sir, as your duties allow, any word, or watchfulness exercised by you in behalf of our Crane, will be gratefully appreciated – If you should have occasion to address me, please direct, Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham. That you may be honored of God in doing much for our country at this crisis is my sincere prayer –

(Col. Howard, 5th Maine Regt –)

Daniel F. Potter

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~~Mrs~~
~~Charles~~
~~Sumner~~

Col. Oliver O. Howard

New York June 7 1861.

My dear Sir

To contribute a little to your stock of news & relieve the monotony of the Camp, I have directed the publisher of the World to send you 10 copies of that paper daily to your address for the use of yourself and officers, and the men also, as far as they are available. I also send copies of the Rebellion Record (which I am publishing) for yourself, Lt. Col. and Major Hopkins, with whom I had a pleasant wind at the Astor yesterday. I send also the Commercial for the other purposes, noticing the transits of your Doble regt through our city yesterday

G. P. Putnam
Commissioner

The rain yesterday was a great drawback on the comfort of your men and on our satisfaction, but it was an occasion of peculiar interest, nevertheless, and we Maine boys felt proud to see our native state so ably represented.

It will give me great pleasure if I can in any way promote, even to the least extent the pleasure & comfort of your officers & men. If Mayor Shepley or yourself shd. find a leisure moment to drop me a line at any time suggesting any little matter that would be acceptable, I shd. be really glad to do all that is possible to counteract the dullness & discomfort which must attend a great part of your life at the seat of war. It is inspiring to us to know that our soldiers are commanded by men who fear God and who take an interest in the welfare & health of their men.

Very truly yours G. P. Putnam

West Point June 7, 1861
Sunday Evening. Alone with the Children. My study

My dearest Ellen

Prof Church has just been in to see if I had anything to send you by him. I wish I had something useful for you. We are all very well. I had a visit from Mr Finch after Evening prayers. He came to inquire from you me. He found me at tea with Guy, Grace and Jennie (for a wonder) at the table: Guy in your place, and Jennie in his high chair. I invited him right out to see my little family he sat down by Jennie, said Grace, and took a cup of tea and talked a while then left, wishing to be remembered very affectionately to you. Mr Guthie is here. I shall go to see her this morning if possible. I sent a bundle to you by Mr Hinsley which I presume you have by this time. I don't think you can put on the white colored flannels at present. I wish you would get you some thin drawers (woolen mixed) like the white shirts. I have plenty of money. I am going to send you what Gold I have. I paid Susan, Catherine, and John

Rec'd the Gum bill 1.50 I don't know about Pat Barnes, I have had the papers every day

yesterday. I handed Mr Dexter $50.00 the day. I walked to the Falls with John and Guy (met Mr Blaine on the way down) Mr Blaine did not come here on his return. My eyes are not very pleasant now. I assure you was very happy to get your last letter Saturday Morning. Thursday is Marie's day you in the immediate vicinity of Jersey Court house. I know you must move soon. I shall not know when, or where to direct letters hereafter. I am glad you send this by Prof Church. I want Charlie to write me oftener. Did you find the stamps in the trunk I took to you? they were in the top, in the little pocket. (I don't know what other name to give it) I think now I shall go to Farmington some time in August. may stop on our way there at Lewis, Pullam, or somewhere but will like to be with Ella then in August if I could. Mr Bacon sent me two hundred dollars. I can have more when I wish and I have some on deposit. more will be due in August or Oct. I have forgotten I am broke at the papers. I will enclose Mothers letter to me.

I dont think it will be much trouble to come, send to N.B. by the Orange county (because less than by stage) then by steamboat to Pullam then Cars to Farmington. Everybody is ready to me a favor. I dont feel alone here or that I had no friends. I am thankful to be as well off as I am. Guy was in bed before I began to write, but was not sleepy, and has been up. seemed most interested in this letter to Papa. returned to bed before I asked for a message. Prof Church will tell you what Col Bowman said about going from Troy. take my own time God keep be with you wherever you may go. Much love

Lizzie.

Guy and I are to take this to meet Prof Church on his way to the Boat in the morning. "and Sense too" if he gets up early enough" as Guy said. when I proposed it to him. He said I could make him if he was not awake in time.

Lizzie

Perhaps I may see you for darling mamy, I would like to hear that.

Col. O. O. Howard 3rd Reg. Maine

My dear Christian friend

Be assured of a prayerful interest in you and your command felt by many friends. We have deeply sympathized with yourself and Regt. Had we supposed you would have remained till morning I should have seen you at the Depot in this City.

Are you provided with the Havelock caps for the Regt. If not I think the ladies here would help you. Please write at once and if wishing them state the kind of caps the Soldiers leave.

We are preparing a Soldiers Prayer book from the Episc: prayer book with additions. It has a short service very simple chiefly collects in usual order then several collects suited any

Rev. R. Lowden
Brunswick

one of which may be introduced in place then instead of the Psalter & Selections from the Psalms suitable each about 25 verses — then 40 Hymns all familiar half from the prayer book half from other sources. The whole being the size of McDuffy's Soldiers text book or Duffel's Soldiers friend (half the thickness of the latter or 4½ x 3 inches & less than ¾ inch thick. All that perplexes or is local to the Episcopal Ch. is left out and the hymns make a beautiful collection. I think our marine friends here will send you for your Regt. 1000 copies if acceptable. The advantage over all other little manuals for this occasion is that while others are for private use this may also be used for a Regimental service by minister or lay reader.

Please advise they can be sent week after next say on Monday.

I enclose a good letter from a father in this city to his son private but now printed. If you need any tracts please advise.

Pray tender to your brave Regiment the kind wishes and a "God bless you" from their friends in Philadelphia and assure them of remembrance in prayer by a Marine Man.

Affect Yours

Jno

John A Vaughan

June 10 1861

1433. Filbert St. Philadelphia

Olly Hazard
needs no answer

Boston June 10th 1861.

Dear Cousin,

I hope you will excuse me if I intrude on your time which I am were aware requires all of your attention, but I have received some information since I last saw you which leads me to address you at the present time.

I have been out of business now about two months and naturally enough have used every effort to secure a situation of some kind but as yet have not met with much success. Having been connected with a military company I gave a good deal of attention to that, and was very successful in obtaining a situation on the staff of a volunteer regiment of that city recently quartered at Long Island under command of Col Rice formerly engaged in the manufacture of Oil cloth carpets at Haverhill Ms but more recently was Consul at Japan.

A day or two after you left here three of our companies were drafted into another regiment in order to fill it up to the requisite number of a thousand, and ten men, according to the last order from headquarters, and on Friday last two more companys were taken from us, and the balance of the regiment notified that they would not be wanted, and we received an honorable discharge.

This morning I met a freind who is going out

in the Navy as Paymasters Clerk. He told me in the course of our conversation that if I could obtain some influence through some military officer or friend he had no doubt but that I could obtain a similar situation. I told him of the position I had held here, and also that I had plenty of friends in the Volunteer Militia of this state, but that I knew of no one but you in the regular service.

He assured me that if I could get you to apply for the situation forme, or use some influence in my behalf, he did not doubt but that I would get it. I have therefore addressed this to you to ask if you would be willing to aid me in getting a situation similar to the above situation in the Army or Navy. I have consulted mother with regard to this, and it is with her approval that I have written you.

She was very much set against my going as a private in my company and to please her I left although I was almost the only one to leave. Mother has never objected to my going as an officer, and therefore I shall endeavor to get a commission or an office of some kind if possible. I am not acquainted with any politicians of any note with the exception of the Hon Anson Burlingame, and he is not here now I can not bring any political influence to bear in my behalf. I have permission from Col Davis Quartermaster of the first division Mass Volunteer Militia (whom you may remember was imprisoned at Baltimore at the breaking out of these troubles soon after the sixth regiment was assaulted) to refer to him in case you wish any reference, and if necessary he will use any influence which may required here. Do not feel that in asking this favor of you I shall be offended if you do not see fit to do anything with regard to it, as I know that your time is very valuable, and must be devoted, the greater part to your command.

As I have no one else connected with the Army whom I could address in regard to the situation, and being ambitious to secure employment, I resolved to try, and see if there was a prospect of a situation being had; you will readily see that I could not obtain any influence or information without addressing you.

If cousin and the children go to Maine this summer Mother would be very much pleased to have them spend a few days here, and make us a visit. We are all well. Mother desires to be remembered to you. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Your Cousin

O. W. Cazard

P. S. Please direct your letters to care of Saml L. Hazard Esq. 21 State st Boston. Your in haste

We expect to see Cousin Sarah Sargent about the eighteenth of this month. She leaves Stillman the tenth (to day). O.W.C.

Washington D.C. June 11 1861

My dearest Sizzie,

Mrs Carroll & daughter found their way out to our Camp this morning & after morning parade invited me to accompany them home. As I had set apart a portion of the morning to go there, I concluded to accept the kind invitation. Mrs Carroll wants you & the Children to come & make her a visit & stay just as long as you can. I told her it was almost too tempting an offer. Poor John Gamble's death struck me like a thunder bolt this afternoon. It seems to have been a disastrous fight under incompetent leaders. His parents, his wife & the Frenches — What sorrow for all. I remember now the relation I have assumed of

Godfather to little Clara. I recall the walks & talks that Johnny & I have had together & sorrow fills my heart. "Be ye also ready" sounds plainly for you & me - darling - God must comfort them. I shall write Mrs Goodale as soon as I can have heart to do it. I hear also that Warren is slain. I hope it is a mistake.

To night the band came to my tent & played a piece in honor of Lieut Goodale & the soldiers crowded around & heard what I said of him in great sorrow - The Regiment is encamped just north of the 1st Maine Regt. on Meridian hill about a mile & a half from Washington. I served on a Gen.l Court Martial today for the trial of Lt. Brady of 3d Conn. Regt. & will have to go again tomorrow.

I can see Guy's little serious face while listening to papa's letter & Grace, how papa would like to kiss her cheek & Jamie boy. My eyes sometimes fill with tears when I think of them & yourself. I hope you are very happy - Our mess is just organized. The Chaplain, Surgeon, adjutant, Qr-Master - Charlie & myself mess together - We have a colored man for cook - My horse is almost well - I have a slight cold, but not one that will do harm. Give my love to my respected professor - to Mr & Mrs Carroll & Katy - I can't write you my heart at all - but want you to pray for me - I have one graduate Lt. McQuestion will have another tomorrow to help me drill the ~~Battalion~~ Companies. Affectionately your husband Otis

Nest Point N.Y. June 12. 1861

My dearest Otis

I mean to keep a sort of journal for you, of what we do "little things at home", which are almost always forgotten in letter writing. Jamie was my companion at the table when I finished my first and only scrawl to you. (I hope it is destroyed) I shall be so very glad to receive your first letter, or Charlie's if you dont get him. He can write all about you. I have treasured everything in the Papers with regard to you and the Regiment. Saturday Morning Mr Henry Weir came to drill with you more. I had a very pleasant visit and conversation with him, his is a big, noble heart like his father's. Mr Pragell moved, Miss Cady taken his house. Lieut C. left the day after you for West. everybody says stay to me, plenty of houses. I might want to stay till Sept. when I would again have Mrs Jamie if I could go to you for a little time. You must not think I am gloomy, I am not. You are just where you ought to be, I've no doubt, but I am not prepared to say. I will sacrifice my beloved, freely. I regret I have been too long in finding out, that I have so noble a husband. I thank God he is prepared for life or death. Guy remembers (and I wish to impress upon him) that you said as you went, you wanted him to "grow up a good boy". L. P. came in the same (Saturday) morning, enquired about baby's head (merely an excuse) I was apparently stupid, but I could see his heart was full & believe he was much attached to you. the new full Surgeon, will

Lizzie

Lizzie 86

I think this a shabby letter but I cannot write more, my mind is not known it has been with you all the

see the place, & observe

be away soon. A very young man newly admitted is here to fill his place. Blanch came to see me also says tell Mr Howard we miss him everywhere and at S. School. The Misses Warner are coming over to the school. I saw Cadet Smith the first Sunday, told him you were away, got him to take charge, he did, and some Cadet will every Sunday. He changed the prayer-meeting to Sunday evening. Mrs Wheaton sent you a little book written by 'A Grateful Sinner': advice to a christian brother, or duty of &c will send it to you when I get it from Mr Smith.
Sunday went to Church, sat with Mrs Brett. Cheerful, best sermon, text Luke 11, 34. 35. Single eye to duty. Likened the ~~round~~ graduates to a vessel - man of war - ready for duty and service. The Candidates as the ship yard with all the drawing, models, timber &c &c. Remembered those who have been here ~~now~~ your leader "your scholars your soldiers and your Christians, God bless them" but how saw the family mourn, the death of Mr Grebble and the regret it might not have been, this is but the begining. I want to go to Washington can I? May I? I am like Guy I "want to kiss papa good bye again"
Mrs Church was in after prayers, alone the rest of the day, waiting to the children, teaching Guy. Monday, busy sewing, want to go to Washington. Mr Carroll wants me to keep the Children clean, is anxious to have me keep up the respectability of the family in your absence. Tuesday, all well, Jamie as sweet as possible. Grace wishes papa was at West Point with his Graduate (meaning regiment) instead of at Rates Washington then we could see him. Guy told me Nicholas Grebble's papa was shot, with his little hands moving up and down his hat elastic. I told him it might not be true, but if it was it saved somebody else, hard to explain it to his little mind. I did not know then it was by accident. God grant I may live for my dear children and not for myself and do all my duty faithfully towards them. Saw your arrival in Sat. Morning Paper. Received your short but precious letter. You were a naughty boy to ride that way. I hope your foot is better. I wish it was well. I greatly fear it will trouble you some time. I am so glad Mrs Sanford is along as I see female nurses are to be employed. Grace comes running up stairs for something out of the play they draw. says tell papa I am happy (the cries yesterday and I tried to shame her out of it and she remembers) and sends a kiss. Now as Charlie, he ought to have uniform (!) Guy has gone to Newburgh with Susan the mother to take him and he is to make Jenny and Mattie Williams a visit. Mr Banks was here a week ago Saturday, guess he had a pleasant day. I can't write fast enough. I think of so many things to say all at the same time, and I write "between times" as Susan is away today. Mrs Blunt was in again yesterday sat and talked a long time together. We came to the conclusion that we had a great deal to be thankful for yet. She and Mrs Church both dropped a moment this morning as they were drawing the baby past. Mrs Rotting is staying in my room, she wants some things I would give them to her but she rather sew for them, so I will give her some and let her pay little. I had not seen Mr Blair till this morning. He thinks you twice stay in Washington till the fall. People tell such big lies to comfort you. I rather look at things in every light. I have become so much attached to your regiment. My kind remembrances to all I saw. I think some that I may visit when the companies are formed before I

New York
June 12./69

My dear Madam

I have been dilatory about sending you the money, but I have been so worried with other matters that I trust you will excuse me –

I hardly know how best to send as you have no bank and my check would not I suppose be of much use to you – I send by express ($200 –) two hundred dollars which I hope you will receive in safety – If you dont want any more to use at the Point it is best it should remain with me until you are ready to go and I then will furnish you with a check

on Boston - or if you prefer I send the money please let me know -

I hope you have good accounts from the Col. he has a good regiment, and with such a leader they must do well - I pray for his safe return -

With Mrs Bacon love, I am very sincerely yrs

John R Bacon

Letter from
D. Washburn

{Needs no answer}

Augusta June 13. 1861

Col. Howard,
3d Reg. M. V.
My dear Sir,

I hear complaints of the Knapsacks furnished your Reg. & the 2d — and I will thank you to write me in respect to them, & particularly whether those of either or both, are defective beyond alteration & improvement. I would like to know what kind of Knapsack you would recommend us to buy in future.

I am glad to hear good accounts of you, & the other Maine Regiments. The Secy of War commends them highly, including their outfits. An early answer will oblige

Your Ob'dt Serv't,
D. Washburn

How do you like the tents?

Dear Anna, Perhaps it is selfish to be so specially mindful of home — but we shall remember you in our little prayer meeting & hope you may be the means of bringing many souls to Christ. Barney was here yesterday & is in a nice tin — I need not tell you yt we are all very much surprised to hear from you from Washington & in ~~a~~ to but for our sake I am glad you have ~~done~~ as you have done, for I cannot but think you may have a chance of doing a great deal of good & I shall pray for you often yt you may be kept & guided by yt some unseen Hand wh I have no doubt has ~~called~~ led you thus far to some good work. Certainly yt war is terrible enough w. all Christian influences yt can be thrown into or around it

O how I do wish our officers could more of you feel yt yr is a God of battles, & yt he is not such a God as to overlook sins of men & yt we have no right to look

Dear Sis. I wrote you a few words in our meeting. I wish you could be present. Pleasant wishes as ever. Yours truly, James A. Fuller

Dear Sis. Hope this do a great deal of good & be abundantly blessed

for victory from him while we are in rebellion against his lawful government & provoking his wrath by open blasphemy & vice.

I am sure your brother deserves grateful thanks & fervent prayers of all Christian patriots for noble stand he has taken in discipline of his regiment — thanks for men he will save from ruin & service he will yet do his country — & prayers yet he may be sustained, & kept & divinely guided to know clearly what is right; & I am glad yet you are w. him to help him — I hear your chaplain well spoken of — hope you will find him right man for place — I was glad to hear yet word from young Hornor — He wrote his brother yet he felt very lonesome sometimes & only wished Christian company or even a chance to attend service

I am afraid Col. Jameson does not encourage religious service much in his camp — I hope you may have a chance to encourage Harmon once in a while — I have just been reading the World's account of yr Great Bethel affair & I feel thoroughly indignant yr lives of our troops should be thrown away in such a bootless affair — of course it is hard to say just who is at fault but you must certainly have been gross blundering somewhere

We just begin to feel sure yr Harpers Ferry is really evacuated & are looking anxiously to Alexandria & Washington — but I need not write up to you — I have not had chance to attend to all matters of wh you wrote me but will do so immediately

Monday morning — Your class are in great tribulation over their loss & charge me to remember yr to you

& if they will not give you
& if you must come back so
Misses Ella & Kittie were especially
troubled at state of case - very
& still very sorry - I wish you could
have been by & seen group as
came crowding around me to
news Yesterday was very
so if our school at Beecroft was
there - I shall try & get Douglass
superintend of school - yours
shall be very well welcome to their
old quarters indeed yr or mine
if yr if I cannot well do without
Your white vests are in
all right as you suggest & I
been doubting whether to send
you or no but perhaps you will
have other things to order so I will
wait further directions You
seem all send your regards as
every body else whom I have heard
of you - ah is almost every body I have seen

I will give you an account of your affairs soon

you result of logrolling — Jacky
k so & yt. it will gain little support
ly among people but I am
very inclined to believe yt Dona's
majority yt. fall will be larger yn
as Jameson's — I was surprised
to lea find how many people in
y our part of state were talking of
was war as an abolition movement
lers &c &c — however such men evidently
n thful very mean when yy speak
their it. — yy were busy enlisting men
nto for eighth Regt. while I was at
Withhom One Company goes from Willi-
dra Jay & a good company it will be
ha too & one from Livermore.
nd I don't know but I ought to have
ill enlisted w. yn. — I have thought all
wi along yt. I was willing to go if duty
lea called. am I waiting too long
nde Is it my place now to enlist & go
D as a common soldier? I don't know
Ed
see Tell me wh you think & pray yt E. will

guide me. Prof. Chamberlain
came on w. me in cars.
He is really talking of going, says
he thinks he could do service yet
might be valuable. By the way
you are perhaps aware yet he has
been transferred to chair of
modern languages. He is
go to Europe when he chooses
have his expenses paid & his
salary continued $500 bonus
not a bad offer yet. Says
intends to go as soon as
is over. I have just begun
to write a sermon on invitations
gospel my text is Rev. 22:17
is an interesting subject would
could write as I thought.
Wilson is here now. Has accepted
a call from ch at Winterport.
He is at present suffering under
spell a severe attack of paralysis
affecting whole left side of his face

Sam. is at Springfield to see about
going to Boston to see his uncle
Please write me
soon & let me know how matters
stand. Hope you will
spend Christmas with us.

Extract from: A[mericus] Fuller to "My Dear Chum" [O. O. Howard] Bangor, June 15, 1861

[on page 5:]
I don't know but I ought to have
enlisted w. you. - I have thought all
along yt. I was willing to go if duty
called. am [sic] I waiting too long
Is it my place to enlist 3 years
as a common soldier? I don't know
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State of Maine.

Executive Department,

Augusta, June 17 1861.

Col. Howard,
3d Reg. Me Vol.

Dear Sir,

I send by the 4th Reg. which left Rockland this morning, one additional tent for each company in your Reg., & which I presume you will receive by the time you do this letter.

I regret that the Knapsacks are not liked, & will thank you tell me what changes in future you would recommend.

The Council adj.d last Thursday till the last of June — it being the

Gov. Nathan Dane

Answered

first vacation they have had since the middle of April — In their absence I have no power over the funds of the State —

I will see Capt. Gardiner tomorrow, & learn from him whether he has any U. S. funds which he will turn over on your receipt, & inform you what he says.

Of course our good State does not intend that her sons shall suffer while in so noble a service.

I am happied to hear such flattering accounts as I do on all hands from our Maine Troops.

The loss of your gallant friend Lieut Goble is sincerely regretted by the country, for it is understood that he was a good man & a brave soldier.

Very truly yours,

J. Washburn

West Point June 18. 1861

My dearest Otis.

I received Charlie's letter this morning and one from you last Saturday. I have written three to you, dearest, before this one. I directed two to Washington D.C. and the third to "3 Regiment. &c We are all well, and have been all the time. I wouldn't go to Washington if there was any danger of an attack. but if there is not I can see no objection to boarding there while the Regiment remains. I would want to go the last of next week. I wrote all about it in my last which I hope you will get. you will remain there 2 or three weeks I hope Charlie will write often for he writes little things you do and say. John Weir wants much to join your regiment. anything above a private? have you any vacancy? (Paymaster's would be a good position, I suppose you have seen the recent promotions. I shall write to Rowland as soon as I know if I do not go to Washington. to get me a house there. I wish him to be with Guy. Daty to get my other letters. I did not intend to write to day but since dinner thought I would sew a line. Everybody is very kind to me. I am only sewing, not packing yet. I think of you dearest morning noon and night. I cannot help praying for your safe return. not now, but when it is best.

Ever your own true Wife

Lizzie

Head Quarters 3d Regt. Me. Vols.
Washington D.C. June 19th 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

I received your letter last night. The third you have written, but the first I have received from you. I dont see what has become of the other two. I wrote you Mrs Carroll's invitation but I feel very sorry I did not name my serious objections till my wife & darling children had got so strong an expectation raised in their minds. Gen Tyler, & also Gen McDowell have expressed a wish for my regiment on the Virginia shore, I expect to march tomorrow. I could hardly get a chance to see you if you were here. It would take up my attention & my heart. I find it difficult to keep off the homesick complaint from myself & my men & you know the strong proclivities of this region to chills & fever. The families, that are acclimated usually leave for the North in the summer. The expense is not a small item. I owe already nearly two hundred dollars in Augusta. and I must pay. The expense of living in Washington now is double that of any other place.

I could cry rather than disappoint you & my dear little boy, but my judgment is against your coming now. You get the news sooner than we do. We have to get ours from the N.York papers.

I should like to have John Wier come to us. We could make him a corporal & as soon as possible a sergeant. Alex. is to be a sergeant, & detailed as my

Office clerks. Chas. made a visit to Alexandria yesterday with Major Stapler. He saw Everett Jones there. He said Everett Jones came to see me & paid me a visit of half an hour. He was quite gentlemanly in his bearing, but I half suspected him as a spy. He told me he was on his way to Illinois to his brother - but the next day was seen in Alexandria. I think if he comes in my way again, I will have him searched. Is Mr Blaine still at West Point? If so give him my love & thanks for all his kindness. Oh, how much I should be delighted to take Jamie in my arms & hug & kiss him. Love Guy & Grace happy & yourself. You did not mention John Goble. Much love to Johnny Weir. We would be too much delighted to have him with us. I cannot write more for business pressing. Pray for me & tell me if your judgment does not coincide with mine. My affectionately

Yourown husband

Sis

My dear Dizzie

Capt. Sampson of Co. D says that Johnny Weir shall fill a vacancy of Corporal in his Co. if he will come - so it is sure to be - We have no Regimental Paymaster his allowed that Pomp of a Commissary now. How glad I would be to have Johnny come if he could be contented. We counted certainly that we would be ordered to Alexandria today - With we are sure of staying here a few weeks, so at least

Fleet June 24. 1861

Dear Sister Lizzie

We all think a great deal about you & I hope remember you in our prayers. We feel disappointed that we do not hear a word from you & the children. Charles writes from Washington the 17th inst. but does not mention you. We are anxious to know whether you will remain at West Point a while or come East. We heard a rumor that you were coming on with Mr Blaine. Otis seemed to think you would like to be in Augusta. I prefer

be can come as with you & the children as he first intended. Tell Guy that Mother has got a great ugly yellow pup called "Lion" - and a little wild duck & 17 little turkeys. Mary (our girl) & I have been strawberrying. I never saw them more plenty. hope you have them now-a-days. Ella sends write but her walk of 35 miles has tired her somewhat. She is very well indeed. but we shall be surprised at sickness the last of Aug. or there about. With very much love to Guy & Grace & baby & kind remembrance to Susan

yr. aff. Brother
Rowland

to him the language of my heart at parting with him in Portland in saying "I will most willingly do any thing I can for Lizzie & the dear little ones" — If you would be happy in Farmington — it would give Ella & me great pleasure to have you so near, where I might be of service to you such as only a brother can be. Ella & I are now on our way to Bath with our mother. We will be away from Farmington a week. Our State Conference is at Brunswick which I shall attend. Mother & our friends here are well.

Laura's cousin (Miss Brewster) came in alone. Sarah writes from N. G. that she will be on Early in July. I have not got a house to suit her yet, on acct. of severe sickness in the one that I expected to have. Farmington is beautiful now but there are some lingering cases of Diptheria in the vicinity, but perhaps no more than in very many places. Ella gets along well doing her own work with Mary's help before & after school. Chet has written but once & Otis not at all since they arrived at Washington. Charles enlisted & is detailed for the Cole's Service, it seems. I hope

Keep our Spirits buoyant in trust from you

know when Sarah is. Perry is on board the Freetown. Thursday Morning. No letter from you this morning but a paper from Charlie I was very glad to get it. I hear from you through the Carolls. Shall hear all about you to morrow when Mr C. gets home. The first class have not gone yet. I want to send some things to you by Mr Carter. Prof. Church will go to Washington in a week or ten days (they are now in Conn) Will you tell me what I may send you! You must put on flannel. I think of getting the gray instead of white. Don't Charlie want some paper collars and his measure. As soon as you get this, tell Charlie what I may send you. and he will write for you. I know you need many things and I have no sewing to do now. (for a wonder you may say) Do you want any of Naight's shoes. I know Everett Jones is a spy. that is just his character. he is too lazy to work likes to eat the gentleman, and is too big a coward to fight. all he wants is money to spend.

Charlie, write what I may do for Otis.

Write as soon as you can. Tell Charlie to write. Bowlands letter this morning says all well. Nancy is sewing for Otis. Write me what I shall do when he write. Shall I write to Betty. Are you with their own house or with your mother. Write next week. I get my letter Friday & will answer Otis letter the day I write you, and just how to word my letters so that they would give you no anxiety or pain. Let me tell you first, I am not wretched or gloomy, but I am very lonely. I am trying to live for these your blessed children, and to do my every duty towards them. God grant I may do just as you would do were you with them. Since you went away I feel a deeper interest in all your past labours here the Sunday School, May it prosper. I want to look after it. Mr Smith said, that Mr Henry & Hamilton are going down as teachers this Summer. and also many Christian spirits among the new comers. My own short comings I see more and more every day; like Mrs Chapman "the agony of self reproach". I wish I could have been in Washington a few days with you, but looking at it every way I

Write me what you want for Otis.

June 26, 1861

Good bye
Your own
Lizzie

agree with you, it is better not. I hear Mrs Benton's little Girl is very ill and she has got to leave with her. I would not wish to expose these children. Mr Blaine left here Monday last for Washington, said he should go to see you, but Mr Carter fears he will be too lazy. I am not packing yet, had two boxes cleaned yesterday, (the two to put chairs in.) I have returned borrowed books, given Blanch those for the Sunday school, assorted the papers that were in your desk. Guy's little heart has been fixed on Washington, but I am gradually getting him to look with pleasure on our going to Farmington. Dear little fellow, I wish I could shield him from all sin and wrong. I dont mind myself at all, and of myself I am nothing, but I have a Mother's duties to perform, and with God's help I shall be enabled to do so. Trust in the Lord, have confidence in God, was the substance of our sermon last Sunday. Mr French remembers you so kindly, spoke of you at the Cadets bible class. I hear that your regiment repeat the Lords prayer at reveille. I wish Charlie would write me all those things in detail. I have had no letter since the one with Charlie (Sergeant Howard) added a note at the bottom, saying you might move the next day. Mrs Grible was expected to-night. I met Mr French and Clara. She told me everything was very satisfactory with regard to Mr Grible. An officer went to see him the evening before he went out (I think it was Mr Kingsbury) and found him reading his bible &c. Mrs Grible bears her affliction wonderfully. She knows in whom to put her trust. I wish you could get my first two letters, this is the fifth to you. I wish I could hear from you oftener, but not if it would take your time from more important duties. Col Reynolds left yesterday to take his new position. Mr Williams (on the sick) acting Com't for the regiment, & Cadets a Captaincy. Mr Blunt also left. But you probably know all of this about the new regiments, Mrs Blunt thinks her husband will be here in six weeks, then going to Fort Hamilton to recruit. I have written to Rowland, and enclosed Charlie's letter for him to send to Mother. I do not

of explanation they rallied under the Colors at Command of Col. Howard –

Otis just extricates himself as being more Comfortable than he had been today & I gave him some Arrowroot gruel – as I called it – He said as I suppose, humorously it was not gruel but tea –

After I wrote you Letter Otis said to Dr. Palmer "A wife & family on a very great sleeping" –

I thank you for those pretty & know Otis always likes to see such things. – We also had a letter from Rockford with from Seeds

Johnny W is not come will he? I am not a Sergt but 1st Principal Musician acting as Secretary for the Colonel – but I care about publishing my rank – however, I come to serve my Country, to aid my brothers & do the Will of my Maker – I have been very glad to be with him the last two days –

Camp Morrill
Washington D.C.
June 29th 1861

My dear Siggie

You have probably heard from Vincent that Otis & I met him Thursday night at Willard's – Otis has had an attack of Cholera – morbus since then. He is doing well this P.M. Keeping now – He was taken about 3 A.M. after we got back from the hotel – Yesterday he vomited a good deal & had the cramp in his limbs but today he has not vomited & has taken some nourishment such as Beef tea – Arrowroot gruel – We have ice for him – Our Surgeon is here pretty much all the time – He is a very fine man – of good

of Experience I dont nd will adopt the very best course as he seems to have done thus far. Mrs. Sampson is one of the best women for the sick-room I ever saw - At a house nearby she makes the tea &c - the provided that - two nice pillows in addition to the one you gave us.

As to Clothing, Lizzie, I know this needs another undershirt - He has only two - He has College I have sent for some things to Maine - you know they have good chances to send from there now so many are coming on.

This could not be made more comfortable. I read your letter to him - the last part of it little o'hour ago & he seems to wish you to know just how he was - A little girl - very nice pretty little girl came in with Mrs. Sampson little o'hour ago & Otis asked her to come & kiss him which she did.

The Lieut. Col. is here now but the men dont seem to have very great respect & confidence in regard to him.

Every time I show my head out the men come up to ask how is the Col. -

Two refused to take the oath night before last but they had no ill will toward Lieut. H. It did not absolve them from anything as they had been mustered - Night should have sworn them in I mean the whole Command but he forgot it. We had a good deal of excitement the night of taking the oath 5 or 6 refused at first but after a few words

The Governor wants to move the Regiment Wednesday next. I dont think he can get it ready quite so soon - though he may do so. —

Augusta Me 30th June

My dearest Siggie,

I found lots of friends & lots of inquiries for you. The Regiment as fine a set of men physically as I have ever seen. The Captains intelligent men - The Lieut Colonel on whom I depended to take the Regt. on resigned or rather declined - Another however has been elected, who can I think take the Regiment creditably. I sent my resignation to West Point to be forwarded to Washington to take effect on the 15th June or as soon after as possible, but I think the Governor has asked for my immediate services. I have appointed - Mr Church Chaplain Surgeon, Dr Palmer of Gardiner

Adjutant - Ordnance Sergt Burt, if the Government will discharge him - an invaluable assistant -

Mr Haley of Bath, a Bowd Graduate, Qr Master. Mr Smith of Bath a brother of Tom of my class, as Qr. Master. Sergt. Dr Howes of Hallowell, Hospital Steward &c. You cant think what a pile of letters lie before me reminding me of old ties in younger days. If I do get an immediate reception of my resignation, still if possible I will fulfill my promise to Professor Church - I shall know better tomorrow - I spent a part of this evening with Blaine - Mrs B. send love - This is the first private house I have entered in Augusta except on business - Mrs Mulliken is here but I have not seen her - Kiss all my darlings - How is pony? I shall be at West Point probably tuesday night - Col - Col Col - astounds one - May God help me to take care of these lives & these souls - affectionately

Yr Husband
O. B. Howard

Bowdoinham June 30 1861

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Col Howard

Dear Sir

I recieved a letter from my Son the 23 of June saying that he was sick & had been for some days & he feels that he cannot endure the fatigue & hardships of a soldier's life as he is under ~~age~~ age & has no Father & I am his guardian I write you to know if you will give him permission to leave & come home as soon as he is able to come he says the Capt has been very kind to him for which I am very thankful I feel that he can be of no use to his Country as he is sick & it will be a great relief to my anxious mind to see him once more his name is George Littlefield Capt Hezeltines Co

Yours Respectfully Olive B Spear

I enclose this note in a letter to my Son
Say to George he must be your Child in the day of battle

Col Howard

Letter
From
Mrs. Howard