

Much love to Father
& Mother & Charles

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Washington D.C.

Oct. 11 1861

My dearest wife,

I resolved, this

morning to get up early enough to
write you before breakfast & I am
doing so. You spoke of getting the
letter I sent you with the check
but did not speak of receiving the
check for two hundred dollars; I
presume you did. I go daily to
Arlington to examine officers. There
much of the questioning to do as Gen^l
Mustardale has been some time out
of service. Gen^l Blenker is a German
& Col Stahl also. I feel a little
wornied about not having been
assigned to a command, especially
as General Jameson has been, but I
can trust in the Lord in his dealing,
with me; All will be for the best

A rumor reached me that I was
to go with Genl Sherman on
the Secret Expedition but nothing
definite came of it. I went to
see Col. Townsend of Genl Scott's
staff, the Author of that Bible Class
Question Book called "The Pentateuch"
which I used with the large boys
at West Point. He appears like a
simple hearted Christian, and I
felt much drawn towards him.
He talked with Dr. Mercer & me
a good deal about the Bible.
Very breakfast till her ring.
Give love to all & many
kisses to the children. Papa
prays for you & them constantly.
Always pray God to give me
wisdom & strength of purpose
very lovingly yr husband
O. V. W.

When is Charles to turn
homeward?

It was only the first Bell so I can
fill up. I find Capt. Sewall just
such a man as I ought to have
with me both for companionship
Christian communion & counsel.
I feel very sorry about the coupons. Will
the Rail road (A & St. Lawrence)
go into the Bondholders' hands? It is
really providential for us to have
made the exchange. Has the
war diminished the paying
freight on that road, or rather?
I should have thought that it would
have increased. How do you &
family get along. Does he pull you
down much in flesh & spirit?
He must have changed so much
that I would not know him.
Think I would Guy? I am glad
Grace thinks about Papa &
prays for him. I should be
delighted to have the children's
photographs - send 'em by & by?

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Dear Sister

Guy arrived safely last night. I met him at the depot & we took tea at Sarah's. From what Chas. wrote the evening before we were expecting you Sarah is now nicely settled & wants you to come & stop with her. Ella does not expect to be back till week after next. She does not get strong & as she does not expect to bring Mary back she is waiting till Abby Abel can come. I will board at a Mr. Hopkins most of the time. Guy gave me the note after we got home & I will go to the depot for the things this a.m. = Mr. Caswell goes to Washington today = Guy came home

with me after meeting & we slept nicely.
He thinks I can cook as well as a woman!
Says "Mamma can't cook a thing!" He
is very well indeed. Franky & Jimmy
are just up to see him - I want Guy
to stay till Monday - I may go to work
then - He can go to school with the boys.

There is nothing new about a house
yet - tho: one will be vacant next
week probably - I don't think your
things will be harmed at the depot -
Guy didn't say whether you would
come tonight - Will be glad to see
you any time & Sarah expects you
soon - Affly - Rowland

E. W. Woodman
Major 8th Me
Oct 10 1861

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Annapolis Oct 10. 1861

Dear Cousin.

Your note & the
one enclosed for Col. Corney
was rec'd & duly read & the
Officers of the Regt. but it
was not rec'd until after
Gen. Lee had their minds prop-
osed to vote for one Lyman Cutting
of New York, (not present). He was
elected - that was a week ago.
& it is not yet known whether
we can have him. Col. Fickett
at once notified the Governor &
the only reply yet received is a
despatch that yesterday that
I am appointed Major.

I now need your advice
& if we leave this week. need
to know how I can be ready for

with Uniform & and Horses -

If you can come on
here & assist or advise
me. - at once - I will pay
you - That is by & by, - I did not
come with money for this emergency
& have not time to send for it.

You know about the matter
& whether you can conveniently
come on here - If not able
to come. be sure & write at
once - Can I get a horse
of the Government, ~~or~~ Must I take
a horse with me on this
Expedition. I understand
that we will leave here in
few days - but do not know
that my information is correct.

Col. J. - has not been examined,
but 19 out of 29 Officers have
respectfully & in writing asked him
to resign - No go.

Write me frankly what
you think about my
accepting this Office.

I cannot understand
why Gov. Washburn should
appoint me & without my
asking. Unless he felt that my
course at the field Election
in Augusta entitled me to it.

If I do not accept. I
shall ever feel grateful -

Your Cousin Truly

E. M. Wrothman

Co. 2nd 3^d Maine Regt
Camp Howard, Virginia
October 11th 1861.

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Brig. Genl Howard
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to reply to your note of the 10th inst. On receipt of your note I placed it in the hands of Major Burt for advice. At his instance I showed it to Colonel Staples who at once gave me the assurance that he had specially noticed me, and that, as there was to be a vacancy in a few days - perhaps in a week - he would then appoint me a Lieutenant in this Regiment.

I have only to state, Sir, that my good fortune thus far has been wholly owing to your encouragement and that I am disappointed, in view of such promotion, that I am

Faintly marked

obliged to ask a release from my
appointment in your Brigade. In all
cases, and in whatever positions I
may hereafter be placed, I shall ever
remember my duty to My God, My
Country, and to you - my benefactor and
friend. I hope, if commissioned before
your departure from Washington that
I may be able to thank you
personally for your kindness to me.
With the highest respect, I remain.

Very Truly

Your Obedt Servt

Frank W. Haskell

Annapolis Oct 10th 1861

Dear Cousin,

The bearer Mr Clark has
 offered to take this note to you. I presume
 you are acquainted with him. I wrote
 you about being appointed Major of this Regt
 & of hesitating about accepting, but have ~~now~~
 now concluded to accept. I need a saddle
 & bridle &c. - Not an expensive one. - And want
 you to get one for me on credit until I
 can draw pay. This is an unexpected call on
 me for money or I would not trouble you -

Hope I shall get a letter or see you today
 & learn what you think about the matter.

The Mr Clark is a friend & would get
 what I want, but I had rather trouble you.

He says if you are absent he will send
 the things forward. If I cannot do better, I
 can buy a horse of Strickland. Could I obtain a Government
 horse!

Yours Truly

Wm. Morrisman

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11.
Oct 11. 1861



E. W. Woodman
Maj. G. W.
Oct 11. 1861



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Annapolis Oct 11. 1861

Dear Cousin,

I wrote you by
hand of Mr. Clark this morning
in regard to saddle &c for horse,
but forgot to mention that I would
need a pair of leggings, as I cannot get
any books here. Please send me
a pair, of large size. My leg is large.
I conclude to accept the
offer after consulting with
the officer of the Regt. I am
really sorry to be obliged to trouble
you -

Yours Truly,
E. W. Woodman

Dec 11. 1861
 Mrs. J. W. Moore
 S. W. Worcester

Mrs Webb: babies all asleep; stand to take
a cup of tea. She gets scared at every prospect
of advance. I felt the advantages of
having my precious family in Maine.
Though at first thought it seemed
pleasants to have such a luxury as
Webb has, neither Mrs nor Major
Webb could be prevailed on to take
anything for the stair rods. At
last he promised he would let me
know when he found out how
much they are worth. I did see
Mr Henry Timburlake. I sent word
to him to come & see me if he could
He has gone to Annapolis with his
regiment. If possible I will go up
there before the regiment leaves.

Mr Farwell says like Mrs Brown
she could not find a better boarding
place than the one she named. He
says he will let us have his house
for a year for a hundred
dollars, commencing I think

in December, I am not certain
about the month. He is a pleasant
friend. The examining board on
which I have been serving is to
be broken up & Division boards formed
for the same purpose. I shall
probably be relieved from this duty &
be assigned to a command, though
it is uncertain for I have not been
able yet satisfactorily to account for
the delay in my case. Charity makes
me impute a good motion & suspicion
a bad one. Time will show. You spoke
of the check - did you get it safely? I feel
sorry about the Corporals. The bond-
holders are doubtless safe but it would
be satisfactory for them to pay the
interest. I wish you had a super investment
& a better provision, darling, but I can't
help saying to myself, "Je hovah jerik".
This evening I visited Mr Fuller's. Saw
Mr & Mrs Fuller. I saw their son yesterday
at "Halls Hill" & told him I would

Portland Oct 12 1861
 Mrs O O Howard
 Dear Niece

I am glad now
 to inform you ^{that} the Coupons for
 Rail Road Bonds are paid -

I have just ^{collected} those you sent to
 me - amt \$150 also dividind on the
 Bank Stock - Casco \$44 - Canal \$28
 International \$18 - Balance on deposit
 before \$143 - in all - \$383-00

Cash sent you by letter 50
 balance now on deposit — \$333-00

if you wish me to invest it for
 you I will do so as you may direct
 I think the Gov: Stock is as good
 as anything offered -

all well)
 Yours Affectionate
 Uncle E. White
 H. O. W.

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Boston Oct 12 1861
 Mrs. O. O. O. O. O.
 Dear Sir

I am glad to
 to inform you that the Company for
 has been chosen and paid
 I have just there for sent to
 Mr. and \$150 also division on the
 Bank of Mass. - Cash \$150 - Cash \$28
 In the amount of \$18 - Balance on deposit
 before \$143 - in all - \$383.00
 Cash sent you by letter
 \$383.00 -
 balance now on deposit
 if you wish me to invest it for
 you I will do so as per my agent
 I think the Govt. stock is a good
 as anything offered -

Yours Obediently
 J. W. F. F. F.
 (all well)

Portland Oct 18 1861
 Dear Elizabeth A. Howard
 Dear Anne

I receive your
 letter with the draft \$72 —
 will procure for you a Gov^t
 Certificate for \$400 — they have sold
 to the Aust of about \$50,000. at the
 Canal Bank — and are daily expecting
 more Certificates —

I am glad ~~that~~ to hear that
 you are willing to trust your Dear
 Good Husband in the hands of
 Our Heavenly Father. I pray that
 he may be preserved through all
 the dangers which he may pass and
 again returned to you in safety
 with much love to yourself
 and all the Children } Your Affectionate
 with your friends } Uncle Elliott

the money for it. as he was nearly
out and would like some to use
by and by. I did so very willingly
to oblige him. but I don't care to keep
it, although it is good, and will sell
if anybody should want it. I payed
it in your treasury notes. but I felt
sure you would have done the same
and I like to do as I think you would
in everything. I have thirteen dollars of
New Jersey money I cannot use here.
I will enclose it to you. I wish
to make up to them the expenses of our
stay here. and shall in some way. but
not directly money. Mother will want
a water bonnet, and now and then
something useful. my and Grace eat
a great deal of crackers and milk I can
get a half barrel crackers for general use
at Lewiston and a few other things.
I miss Guy very much. You did not
tell me you were on "that board" till
your last letter. Who are the others?

Leeds. Oct 13. 1861.

Sunday Evening

My dearest Otis.

We had a prayer-
meeting here last Wednesday evening
and I must say that I enjoyed it very
much. this was the first one and there
were twelve present. Mr Gilbert continues
to have the same warm Christian
heart. (John Keen's father-in-law) Guy
went to Farmington that day
to visit Rowland. Ella and Baby
are in Bath. Mother and I took
Guy to the Depot and put him in
the care of Mr Goff. When he went
I thought I should go up one
day to see Sarah, but it has not
been convenient or good weather.
He will return to-morrow morning
with Brother Rowland who will be on
his way to Bath. Charlie is also going

to Augusta the same train by the way
of Brunswick on the new rail road.
and I want to go to Lewiston to-morrow.
I wish to take Grace with me, and have
Guy join us at the Depot and all return
in the afternoon train. I let Annie
eat quite a great deal during the day.
he comes to me so sweetly when I have
been from him some time. He has never
made a stranger of Charlie all evening
in the kitchen though I suppose. I am
glad Capt Sewall is with you for company.
I think of Mrs Sewall often. she is going
through my experience and I can
appreciate her trials. I am also very
glad you can have John to take care
of you. I hope he will remain with
you he and continue to take good care
of you for my sake. Charlie was at
Linnmore Falls four days last week or
since Wednesday. I would have the
company of them both ^{for} ~~for~~ Lewiston if I
should go to-morrow. I will mail this

letter there if I do go. So you will know.
But if you do as I do throw away the
envelope in my haste to get at the inside
and read down half a page before I
think of looking at the date. never should
look at it till I had read the whole
letter if Mother did not ask me "what day
my letter was written?" while reading.
I saw a notice in the Daily Advertiser that
the coupons for I mentioned before are to
be paid, and since then I have
received a letter from Uncle Edward
saying he had collected them, and
also dividends on all Bank stock.
so that now I have a deposit \$333.00
besides that I have your draft \$200.00
I intend to make up four hundred and
get Uncle to invest it in the Gov loan
he thinks that is good anything now
offered. If you have objections please
write me. Col Belmont asked me the other
day if I would like to take one of the
"Bath Bonds" (\$100.00) and let him have

for the 3rd Maine =
ditto Charles = ditto
H. C. Davis^{of} of Youngs
Ken: Cavalry = now in
the Summary Hospital
Can't you find out
what became of them
3. P.B. & Co. We are about
sending a package of
socks & blankets to
the general Dept. =
Charles works like a
good fellow in recruiting
& if he does not succeed
in getting many men
it is not his fault =
He ought to have a
Commission -

With Brotherly love -

Rivland

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Hamington Oct. 13/61

Dear Brother

I received your
last - last evening - Guy has
been put to bed and is
now asleep - He is very good
to say his prayers with us
& always adds - "bless Papa"
&c. = He is a dear little
fellow & I love him, it
seems to me now quite
as much as my own little
Danie = He has been at
meeting all day - Mr Rogers
preached for me this A. M. =
Guy preferred coming home
with me to staying at L. & S.
I did not insist = He had
rather be with me than at
Lacabe where he spent yes-
terday & last night = I am
going to run down to Bath

over the new R.R. tomorrow
& will take Gay as far as
Leeds or farther if his Mother
thinks best - My horse, whom
he feeds, affords him some
amusement - ditto my cook-
ing - I preached on Eph.
14. - Our S. J. Church of whom
the whole family in East
& Keenan are named - this
P.M. - Our little family has
been sadly broken by Bro:
John Litcher's death - I am
blest to be so much
nursed by the Church of Christ!
Will it be so when you &
I go? Our prayer meeting
was small this Ev. on
acct. of the rain - I married
Mr. Wm. Gay & Miss Keenan.
just before meeting told Mr
Harnell - Gay went with

me and on acct. of
the "fever of the people"
was uncertain whether it was
a wedding or not even after
the knot was tied!

Hope that old Rheumatism
has left you - Washington life
is not so good for you as
the Camp, is it? Ella is
getting nervous over some
fantasy-finding reports
that she hears from upon
the Kennedys - & fears
Mr Scott is a spy! Have
you been there any since
you came as Gen?!

I have written a note
to Maj. Staples in ans.
to one of his to Chas. sent
here - You have stockings
& underclothes, ^{addressed to you} sent in
Bols. from Washington

Camp McClellan
Oct 14/61

General Howard

Respected Sir,

The reason
of my not being punctual to the
time appointed for the examination
of Officers was caused by not
being able to procure my
conveyance to Arlington House.

Trusting you will not
think for a moment that I
failed to obey orders.

Remains
Yours Very Respectfully
Jas. B. Smith
Lieut. Col. 1st Regt.
N.Y. V.

Ms. B. 1. 1. 1.

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1st Co. 3^d Regt. M.V.M.
Camp Howard Oct. 14. 1861

Genl Howard:-

Dear Sir

I was sitting here in my tent to-day not having much to do & I thought I would sit down and write you a few lines - to let you know matters & things went in your Old Regt. there is nothing of noteworthy occurrence transpired here during the last few days - with the exception that last night we were ordered to have two days rations cooked & were supplied with 40 rounds of cartridges apiece - and were informed that the Utes were advancing upon us - that it was deemed to enliven the boys and the universal wish was that they might come on - & I think that the [Third Regt] will do itself honor if it has not already - Col Staples gets along fine. Quartermaster - Tullman is under arrest for some misconduct - and Lieut Elliot is also. Our - Capt Jarvis is

Oct 14 1861

Henry C. Thurman

going home I understand - I know of nothing
more in respect to the Regt.

My chief purpose
in writing this letter was merely to ask
you a question, if you will be so obliging
as to ans^r it for your humble servant
& that is this. If I can be transferred into
the regular service of the U.S. for a term
of 5 years. if I wish. you may think
strange in such an idea in me - but I will
tell you my reasons.

First. I like the life
of a soldier and think I shall recruit if
I can not get transferred - but why I do
it now is because I think a person stands
a better chance for promotion with strangers
than here & as there they will promote
for their good merits - while here if a
person does not do anything but lay around
the camp. if he is only on good terms
with the Officers he can get any chance
he wants. however if I could have remain
ed with you. you would have done well by
me. but I understand you are to go to
Baltimore - and therefore there will be no
probability of your having this Regt - in
your Brigade =

From your Humble Servant
Henry C. Thomas

If you will tell me in reply to this
if I can be transferred. I will do anything in return for you I can

John Campbell
Oct. 14th 1861.

"Suzanne for his son"

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Livermore Oct. 16th /61
Genl Howard

Dear Sir

Will you have the Goodness
to inform me what you
know of my son John W
Campbell. He belonged to Co
K of the third Me Regiment
I want to know if he was
a good soldier while in
health and what he said in
his last sickness if he said
any^{thing} about his friends or if
he said any thing relative to
his future state or any
information about him
would be gratefully received
by his afflicted family
if you will be kind enough to write
Please Direct, John, Campbell, New River
Bridge

Letter of congrat-
ulations from
Mr O. Parker
Nov. 14th 1861

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West Point N.Y. 16 Oct 1861

My Dear General,

I could not close the envelope
without offering you my Congratulations on
your important Command. Indeed I feel
assured that you will do honor to yourself
& to your Country, for it is a glorious cause,
that you have to fight for, & it is the opinion
of this Institute & Professors officers &c. that
you will own your Command with success,
but may the Almighty, strengthen both
your mind, & Body on this brilliant occasion,
is the sincere offering of your old &

Esteemed friend,

I makes

My kind regards to your dear Lady & the
little one.

Capt Tillman is gone on the 14th inst
The Governor of Ohio was anxious that he should
receive a Brig^d Ship. If you would, when
it is your command, only give me a line I will beseech
it a great favor

May 12th 1861
 Wm. O. W. W.
 Wm. O. W. W.
 Wm. O. W. W.

by him who wrote all things
I will. What did you think
of his letter? Could he read it?
I want to fill up very
soon but leave for the
letter to take to the office
I am in excellent health.
I hope you & the children
are well. Love to Mother
& father & Mary
Turner to the letter ones

I trust you all in
the hands of God

Affectionately
Otho

Washington D.C.

376 H St. Oct. 17 1861

My dearest Sizzie.

I was in hopes
to have found a letter from you here
last night, but I got none from
anybody. Yesterday morning, I went
to the vicinity of Alexandria, to
attend a Court Martial as a witness &
returned at evening to the city. Capt
Sewall accompanied me, though he had
a touch of the rheumatism, poor fellow,
which made it hard for him to
ride. When we got to this house, we
found Mr Willhouser who had come
in from camp as I had suggested &
urged, in order to get well of a
severe attack of dysentery. He has in-
let his wife know about it yet. He is
afraid she could not eat or sleep, so
with his usual self-denying spirit, he

messages to write her every day.
I have been with Capt Sewall &
had a better picture taken for
my friends than the last. Howland
called that "Miss Goddard's" style
because the artist caused me to look
up. Today he told me to look up
as before, but I kept looking at
the place I had selected. I shall
send these photographs by Mr
Censwell to Farmington to
Howland. One is for you, one
for Mother, one for Ella &
one for Laura. I was
turned over by Genl McClellan
to the War Department to be
sent to Annapolis for that Secret
Expedition, but Genl Wright made
objection to sending me, as I ranked
him, after he had been so long
engaged in getting up the Expedition.
Old Army officers are a little
sensitive about serving under those who

have been their juniors in time
past. I don't wonder. I have assurance
from Genl Marcy that there is no fund
between me & General McClellan.
I would not have objected to serve
under Genl Wright, but for the precedent
& the feeling that prevails that an
officer is acknowledging incompetency
if he serves under his junior in rank.
Col Townsend advised me not to do it.
Col Townsend is the Christian officer
here. We have heard of him before.
You will remember from Mrs
Carroll. Dr Mercer went with
me one evening to call upon
him, I felt quite drawn
towards him. I spoke of Willhouse
he occupies the next room &
is very sociable & quite comfortable.
He sends his remembrance to you.
It is quite uncertain what will
be done with me. but all
will be directed for the best

Camp Howard
October 17th 1861

My Dear General.

It is with feelings of pain that I address you this morning in relation to our company affairs.

Cot.

Staples has detailed one Morgan to take command of our company after the protest of Sicut Stearns & myself against him. Mr. Morgan has been here acting as clerk for the Colonel for two weeks. Cot. Staples sent for his commission before he came here and it has not come, to my knowledge at least. Cannot you give me some information in regard to the legality of Morgan's appointment. I'm doing so you will confer a great favor on the company and save any trouble in regard to the detail as the men have perfect confidence in you.

Respectfully Yours

Jefferson Savage

2nd Lieut. Col. 3rd Main

Brig. Gen. C. C. Howard

Letter No. 100 -
Containing 100
the order

Gen. L. Gilmore

Friday 18 Oct 1861

Religious inquiry

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Boston Oct 17. 1861

Brig Genl. Howard

Dear Sir

It may seem strange to you that I should address as I do but I don't know who else to address. As a Christian man I write to you to find out the state of religious interest in the army.

The question is often asked in our meetings as to the interest for Christ in the Army and no one can answer. Prayers are offered for our soldiers that they may become soldiers of the cross but we do not hear from them. I fear your time is so engaged that you

18 Oct -
- Wm. M. M.

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answered this but if so would
you hand it to some one
who will so that from time
to time we can hear how
you are getting along and
whether there is an increase
of interest or not and any
thing that may be of interest.
I fear one dread the return of
500,000 ruggedly young men
who have been learning in the
camp the attendant vices
and my prayer is that
Christ may change their
hearts and that they may
become Christians

There is more than usual
religious interest here and
we soon hope for a copious
outpouring of God's Spirit
Pardon me for this for I
did not know who to write

to and I knew you were
a Christian

Respectfully Yours

James D. Wilmar

142 Commercial St
Boston

Camp Howard
Morning of Oct. 18th 1861

Dear Genl.

Mr. Winslow Charles Cook
has been called home, will leave on Monday
and I write to ask if George is still
engaged to you, and you are not going
to home-keeping immediately; if he
would not like to come and stay with us
until you want his services. If not per-
haps he would come for a few days until
we can get some one else.

I ask from your brother Portland
a few days since States Men Bells of
Wings for our Hospital is on the way
from Farmington; with packages for you
and Charles. He can be very kind &

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Sept 61 - 19th Oct
Sampson next
Jesse J. Wm

will forward them to you. How shall I
direct?

I made a nice pie for you Saturday
and fried doughnuts from ^{the} "Maj" and
then you disappointed me in not coming.
Send me when you will come, and
I will let it again.

We have few cases of Typhoid -
I have lost one patient yesterday, shall
lose another today, if he has not already
gone.

Truly & Respectfully Yrs.
Wm. C. D. S. Sampson.

for Mr. Plaisted's Regiment

Nov 6. 14

Quarterly issue of stationery.

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Camp Howard
3rd Me. Regt Oct 18/61

Sir.

I propose applying to the
Governor of Maine for a position
as Adjutant in one of the new
regiments now forming there, and
Should you think proper to
give me a letter of recommendation
to him I should be under
many obligations

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
James H. Plaisted
Sergt Major

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...
 and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. M. ...

For Mr. ...
 ...
 ...

to Charlie I presume from
 Lieut Wiggin says he has ten
 men enlisted, and some one else
 has two. Every body seems to prefer
 a new Regiment Charlie will
 "seize up" quite a number but
 they will join finally some other
 Regiment. Grace came to the table.
 I asked her if she would like to
 write a letter to Papa. She said yes
 and was quite delighted. I enclose
 it. She did this alone with the
 exception of the straight mark of
 the R. and when she got to C. "Oh how
 shall I make C a dot first." She is now
 writing another. John Harrison's health is
 very good. he has just got employment
 at Farmington in connection with
 the Rail Road. \$400. a year.
 I expect they will move there. He
 owns no property in Leeds. I will
 not write more at present. Mother
 has just come into my room with

and no letter to go
 express the sentiment
 you do in your
 letters and that your
 dependence is in the
 support. All the
 children want some-
 thing and I must
 close. Your own-
 Lerrie

Leeds. Me. Oct. 19. 1861.

I am feeling very
 anxious to night that you should
 get another letter from us before
 you leave Annapolis. You must be
 going with some fleet - I am sure.
 and I won't hear from you for a
 long time. I don't believe, until
 within two weeks, that I have ever
 thought you might leave Washington
 and vicinity. You mentioned "a rumor
 that nothing came of it" that put the
 thought into my mind. I am happy
 you did, for I am better prepared for
 the event. I have been thinking of
 it every day since. I don't know what
 to think or what to write. I can only
 lift my heart - pray to God and say, Thy

will be done. If she will only continue
to take care of and direct us, it will
be well. We cannot force results
but all is right when the Lord directs.

Wednesday Oct 23. I send the
above, dearest, but it seems very
foolish though, as you are not to
join the fleet. I am so glad
you are not. I think it is too
bad that you have got no letter
from me for so long. I have
written a number of letters but
not to you. I hear Dr Palmer
is home. I hope to send your
shirts by him. three are all done
the other three nearly finished. I
will send your cake if it is not
too much to ask him to do.

I cannot agree with Mr. Tillman
in not letting his wife know of
his illness. I don't want you ever
to do so. I shall be happy to get

your new pictures. You was at Far-
mington when his letter came.

I haven't much doubt but that
I shall be exceedingly thankful
to have Mr. Farewells house.

It is a very pleasant, inviting
looking place, and near Sarah's.
To-day is a rainy day. I have a nice
pleasant fire in the fire-place. James
and I are perfectly well and having a
good play creeping on the floor. He ^{almost} can
get up himself and walk. Guy and I have
some ^{he is unwilling to keep short} ~~thoughts~~ but I feel sure they will be
no worse. Mine won't but you know Guy
helps cold so easily that I shall have
to be more than careful. I took cold
getting up in the night to see to
Guy. Rowland was here yesterday, and
returned in the evening. We did expect
Charlie to day but as it rains I
presume he will not come till
to-morrow. A letter here from Bath

had one of them two. If I am going in the Cavalry & shall be compelled to remain with them I had better know it so as to learn the drill &c. I feel very reluctant to grow, however.

I saw Charles Mullikin yesterday. He has the Chronic Diarrhea & looks rather poorly - Is writing for Mr. Boker now.

Mr. Turner came down yesterday & brought Dexter Howard who will keep me some by staying in the office.

I hope to get a chance to ride home tonight. Dr. Palmer is at Cordova. Wouldn't you like him for your surgeon? I see he is appointed Brigade Surgeon. Wiggin has 5 men - Bradworth ditto.

I enjoyed attending prayer meeting with Joshua the other night. I was not well & that I wouldn't go at first but felt the better for it. Rev. Mr. Haines then Pastor somewhat expects the Chaplaincy of the Cavalry Regt. All the officers are obliged to sign the pledge before being commissioned. Goddard began it. He is up & on the ground at 4 1/2 o'clock. Can't get a wheelbarrow in a manger the other day. said he should punish him severely.

People shook very highly of you in Augusta. Those the Lord is with you & that his

Providence will soon bring us together - tho' I do not know precisely how it is to be done. Lev. Goddard has not much of an opinion

Strong, will give you - Thanks he can do any thing he wants - Get out and write to Brown, when I can't have

any more. My kind regards to - Accept of small - Your office - James B. Boker - Co. H. Howard - A letter or his - patch will reach me here.

I have been waiting some days for a letter from you before I should write. Rowland wrote that Perry had written to Sarah that you have a Brigade at Annapolis - I feared my letter might not reach you.

I came here last Tuesday, taking the new route to Brunswick when I met Nellie, & Rowland who had gone to Bath the day before in the first regular train & was returning. We had about an hour there. I called at Mr. Merzman's the first time since I came home. They seemed glad to see me and appeared as usual with the exception of considerable reserve on the part of Nellie & some coldness & embarrassment on the part of Mrs. Merzman.

Rowland said Ella was not well & strong as he hoped to see her.

I had the jaundice come upon me at a terrible rate the day or two before & was rather sick at the stomach then as I have been since. My skin & eyes are yellow.

As soon as I arrived in Augusta I called upon Dr. Briggs who has given me medicine

which seems to have benefitted me. I think I am getting better of the disease but I should not feel compelled to bowen not have attempted to do business for a few days. I had advertised to be here. Put an office over Deering & Turner. Got a flag etc. There are two other offices. St. Moorhead has been here six months recruiting for the Regular Army and got only 15 some no. as there now. His office is on this St. just above - A few doors above him is an office for the 11th Regt. They have got about 70 & began not far from the time I did but they send men about the Country.

Maj. Fortman now in charge Recruiting Service here told me last week he would like to have me come to Augusta & assemble my men as to Estaback & Rindigbous. Said he would have them provided for but I find he went away that day & has not been back to day since. When 4 of my men came yesterday I had to make provision for their subsistence & lodging myself -

I have paid all my expenses since I came home & nothing refunded but I expect to get most of my transportation bills.

Not being a Commissioned officer I do not get Commutation of fuel & groceries you know -

I have been boarding at the Mansion House. Col. Goddard boards there & that I have become well acquainted with him. He tells me he wants me to go with him & says he will speak to the Gov. about it. But when he finds that it is to be only temporary & that I am to go on your staff he may change his mind. I hardly want to have a Commission to go in the Cavalry except for the sake of joining you. I was almost afraid I would get the appointment & then not be able to be with you. By accident yesterday morning Col. Goddard was prevented from speaking to the Gov. about it. & perhaps it was providential for the Col. has gone to Bangor & will not be back till Monday. He seems to like me & I think will ask that I may have a Lt's Commission but do you think I can go with you if I get one or had I better look for a ^{some vacancy} ~~place~~ in your Brigade. We do not know what troops you have but saw by the papers that the 2^d Brigade at Annapolis contained the 10th & the 3^d the 9th Maine - I thought likely you

I don't know whose from
that from. I have got all
Sizzie's letters I believe. The
last mailed the 15th.
Everything is pretty quiet
over the river. The Generals
are playing checkers. As
Johnston withdraws, McClellan
moves up & intrenches. The
latter moves with caution
& so is not to move back. I
am sorry at the impatience
of politicians. They want to
drive & run to fight on horses.
It is of the utmost importance
to us to lose no important
battle in this vicinity.

Give much love to Father
& the rest. I shall be glad
to see Charlie, but don't yet
know how I am to get him.
I shall write to Dellie lovingly
affectionately yr
son Otho

How do you & Susan get on - Is she a good little girl?

Being a good
& sensible boy.
He must be
kind & caring
to Grandmother
& a better boy
than his father was
when he used to
play
with them
Grandmother
O. O. 76
Washington
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I have been writing
all the time to Sizzie since she
has been with you, but it is not
fair for her to receive all the
letters, nor is it quite the same
thing to read a letter written to
some one else, though it
may contain precisely the same
things. And again I do not
get any letters from you, as
I would like to do when you
have time to write. Sizzie spoke
of a prayer meeting at our house.
Are you going to have them
there or round about from
house to house? I am glad
Sizzie had the privilege of
attending. For she is

have an abundance of religious
privileges, while Homer keeps
her so close. Last Wednesday
evening I called with Sewall
Dean, on Mrs Geo^C Franklin
& afterwards on Miss Paris, the
daughter of Albin R. Paris, former
ly Governor of Maine. She
is a lady between forty & fifty
yrs and much interested in
religion. She keeps a store of
facts & books; very much, ~~etc~~
Sizzie after the style of
Miss Blanche Berard. She was
formerly an Episcopalian, but
has lately joined with the
Presbyterians, at Dr Gurley's Church.
She invited me to attend the Thursday
evening lecture & I did so & was
introduced to the minister
afterwards. I like his simplicity
of style, & his faithfulness so
much that I think I shall

attend there when in Wash^{ington}
often, if not habitually. Last
night Col Kingsbury, late Capt
Kingsbury of the Ordnance, came
for me to go to a prayer-meeting
at the same church. We went,
but I did not enjoy it so well as
I sometimes do. The remarks, however
& the prayers offered were very
good. I am now assigned to duty
but I have plenty to do in answering
letters & in preparing myself
for future duty. Capt Killhouse
is still with us. He is very weak
& quite poorly today. Oh! he is one
of the truest & best of men.
With him & Capt Sewall
for associates, I ought to
do my Christian ^{duty} well.
I hear that there are some
cases of the typhoid fever
in the 3 Regt. Day before
yesterday there was one death (but