

Head-Quarters, District of Annapolis,

ANNAPOLIS, MD., April 1st, 1865.

My dear Sir.

Some of my friends have presented my name for a Medal, and may I ask you for such a letter as you think proper to give me.

I do not claim it for any distinguished service in the field, but think that I am entitled to it for faithful and diligent service. You know how I served up to the time I left my former Regt, since then I believe I have secured a good record at the War Dept.

I have been in command of this District about two mos. It is a a place of work, and I like it much.

Let me congratulate you on your well earned promotion.

I have often wished myself with you in your recent Campaigns. We at the rear feel that you are dealing the last blow to the rebellion. May God aid you.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Whittier.

and to Col. Howard if he is with you.

I am Gent. Very Respectfully
and truly Yrs.

F. B. Small

Col. J. C. Regt. I. R. C.

Comd'g. Div. of Annapolis

Maj. Genl. O. A. Howard

Comd'g. Dept.

Albany N.Y. April 3. 1865

My dear brother:

We have not heard from Charles for a long time. Have you seen him? He wrote me about the time he was to start from Washington with a Commission of Colonel of a Colored regiment to be a part of Gen. Saxton's Colored Corps. He was going to the Army of the Potomac, then to you, with the view of getting some officers for his regiment. Mother wrote me a day or two since. She had not heard from him and was anxious to know his whereabouts. I had a letter from Rowland about the middle of last week. He had not heard from him.

Since Charles left you of course there has been no means of knowing your situation except through the newspapers and frequently they have been very much in error. A new, and I fear quite a taxing duty will devolve upon you now that Charles is gone and that is to write to your brother. While Charles was with

you he did all the correspondence for you
both and I used to write wholly to him,
but now I can hear nothing from you unless
you can get the time to write yourself.

You are probably aware through Lizzie
and mother that I have been here since
the last of November except a fortnight
about Christmas time when I went home.

Once since I came here I have been
to West Troy and that was with Charles.
He made me a ~~the~~ flying visit in February
when on his way to join your army at
Beaufort S.C. We visited the Arsenal
and one of the officers kindly showed
us the works and the house where you
used to live. I knew the house & the
Arsenal itself from the ~~the~~ painting
it in our house, which I think was
the Artist, G.O. Howard.

My name being Gilmore I have taken
no pains to hunt up any of your friends
and acquaintances.

Rev. Dr. Alvord, the Tract man was here
some two or three weeks ago. In some
remarks in the Church he spoke very

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beautifully of you. After the meeting I
was introduced to him by a mutual
acquaintance and I took the opportunity
to thank him for his kind words in
regard to my brother. He informed me
that he would join you as soon as you
any might be heard from. - Rev. Dr.
Palmer whose church I attend told me
of meeting with you at J. B. Brown's
in Portland soon after you lost your
arm. I think it was at the same
meetings. Mr. P. has an unbounded ad-
miration for Gen. Howard especially since
Mr. Alvord was here and stepped at his
house.

Perhaps mother or Lizzie have
written you news from Ludd. Mother
does not write to me in very cheerful man-
ner. The case of the James and all connect-
with it is too much for her. I fear unless
there is some change she will inevitably
break down under it. - There we ~~are~~
now threatened with a lawsuit in regard
to one of father's alleged obligations. I think
we can defeat every attempt to do anything

which will result to an injury still, we
may not and that is a source of anx-
iety to her. I wish you would write her
as cheering letters as you can. They will
have great effect in making her happier.
I cannot leave her very well before the
26th of May at the close of the term. I hope
then to go home though it is possible I
may go to Richmond, Indiana, as soon
as I leave her, to study in the office
of Mr. Suddall's a lawyer of Uncle Henry's
acquaintance. I am hoping to get into
some practice there, perhaps enough to
pay my board. — Lizzie is, I suppose,
still with mother. I hope she will remain
there as long as she can, for it will be
very lonesome as soon as she and the
children leave her. I hope they have all
enjoyed the winter very much. They have
of course missed society, but the children
certainly have not been in or seen any
bad society. — Mother in her last said
she hoped you would be able to go home

before Lizzie and the Children went to
Augusta. If you do go to Maine 67
I wish you would inform me, and if
you were to remain any time, say one day
in New York City I would go down
there to see you. We can go down now
in the Steamer to New York very cheap.

Of course you would inform me where
I would find you.

Is Prof. Whittelsey with you
now? If so please remember me to him.

Capt. Whittle, formerly of your staff
passed through here a few weeks since
and I happened to meet him.

He wished me, in case I wrote you
to remember him to you. He thinks
his regiment is with Gen. A. J. Smith
in the vicinity of Mobile.

A letter directed simply to Albany
will reach me in due time.

Your affectionate brother
R. M. Gilmore

R. H. Gilmore

Albany N.Y. April 3.^d 1865.

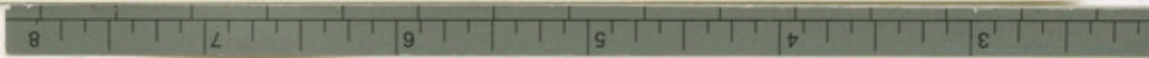
Head Quarters 10th A.C.
Faison Depot April 3rd 1865.

Major General O. O. Howard
Confed Army of Tennessee
General.

Captain
Edmund F. Wynn, formerly of the 9th Me Vol.
but now a Commissary of Subsistence, was detained
for exchange at Wilmington in February last.
I suppose that by this time he must have been exchanged.
At the time of his capture he was serving on
my staff in the Army of the James.

Very Resp^t J. W. Smith
Lieut. Genl.
M. Genl.

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Baltimore April 5th 65

Dear General

I arrived here yesterday morning - Tuesday. Could hear nothing of Mrs. Howard. Could not learn that any despatches had gone through to or from her.

I at once telegraphed to Mrs. Whittelsey. She replied that Mrs. H. had not left home - was undecided about coming, & would telegraph me to day. I am waiting to hear from her. If she is on the way I will wait her arrival. If not

I will return as fast
as possible. In either
event I fear you will be
on the new Campaign
which the fall of Rich-
mond must inaugurate
before I can reach
Newbern. I shall
probably find orders
from you at Newbern.
I wish I had authority
to advise Mrs. Howard
to stay at home until
something more can be
known of your movements.
But it is impossible
to communicate with
you by Telegraph in
time to arrest her
progress if she has
started.
I found Pearce

at Norfolk & directed ⁷⁰
him to report at once
to you. Nothing has
been heard from Gil-
breth.

The whole land
is jubilant. Let us not
forget to give God
the praise which is
his due.

With much respect

Yours truly

E. Whitney
Maj. &c.

Wm. L. Whittier

April 5th 1855

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

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April 5 1865

By Telegraph from Morehead City 1865

To Maj Genl O. O. Howard

The following Extract
from N. Y. Herald of April
1st is the latest news from
Genl Grant the Second 2^d
and Fifth 3^d Corps moved
from their works on last
Wednesday moving their
places before Petersburg
being supplied by Portions
of the Army of the James
from the North Side of
James River Sheridan's
Cavalry also participated
in the same movement.

The Route of March was to
the ~~southward~~ Southwest for
some distance & then diverged
to the Northwest towards
the South Side rail road
the Second Corps met with
no opposition slight

1865

By Telegraph from

1865

To

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Resistance was made however to the fifth Corps on reaching Gravelly run but the Enemy was soon driven away & the stream crossed. A short distance beyond it the rebels were found in a strong position and one division of the fifth Corps soon became engaged in a sharp fight which lasted about an hour and a half and resulted in driving the Enemy from the field. Genls Grant Mead and Warren were present during the engagement Union loss 250. One hundred 100 Rebel prisoners were taken the Rebels were believed to be in strong

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U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

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By Telegraph from

1865

To

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force in the vicinity
 of Gravelly Run and
 a heavy battle on the next
 day Thursday was expected
 heavy firing in the direction
 of the front was heard on
 that day at City Point
 from half past ten a.m.
 till half past one p.m.
 indicating that this
 anticipation had been
 realized but the latest
 dispatches received give
 nothing definite regarding
 the matter General Sherman
 was last heard of at
 Dinwiddie Court House supposed
 to be ~~among~~ ^{arriving} arriving at
 the South Side Rail Road
 he had met with but
 little opposition ~~very~~

U. S. MILITARY TELEGRAPH

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Telegraph form

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No.

force in the vicinity
 of Knoxville, Tenn and
 heavy fighting on the part
 of the Union army was expected
 during fighting in the direction
 of the front was feared a
 attack on City Point
 from half past ten A.M.
 to the half past one P.M.
 indicating that the
 situation had been
 serious but the latest
 reports seemed give
 nothing definite regarding
 the matter. General Sherman
 was last heard of at
 Nashville, Tenn. where he
 was being surrounded
 by about 25,000 Rebel
 troops but
 the reports were

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By Telegraph from

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Very Respy

Nicholas W Day
Col Comdg Post

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Morehead. C.
April 5th

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Dept. of War
Col. Cong. Post

Pass Reports

Col. Cong. Post
Dept. of War

United States Military Telegraph.

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By Telegraph from Howards Hd Qrs

Dated April 6th 1865

To Maj Gen O O Howard

The Genl in Chief has
just sent his compliments
to you with the information
that a portion of our
Army occupy Richmond
& that the Remnant of
the Rebel Army is retreating
towards Danville. Genl
Grant in chase pursuit.

Yrs E Strong
Lt Col & A D C

4 5 6 7 8
April 6th 1865,

Long, Wm. C.
1st Regt. Va. S.G.

Concerning the Federal
army occupying Rich-
mond Va. &

Union Signal, Richmond, Va. 38

By Telegraph from Morehead

Dated April 6 1864

To Maj Gen O O Howard

Morehead Papers of the 4th
received today. State
that Richmond & Petersburg
are ours - 25000 Prisoners
and 500 Guns are captured
Sheridan is in the rear of
Lee & Grant pushing
him

Nicholas W Day
Col Comdg Post

Morehead City,
April 6th 1865.

Gay, Nicholas
Col.

In relation to the Cap-
ture of Richmond &c

now doing good to their fellow whether white or
black. I expect during my life to have a great deal to
do with the negroes. Particularly that I have no
higher work in the regular service. For, both
on account of the ~~increased~~ demand of the
Government for soldiers and that the Government
will be obliged to support a large number of these
people so suddenly set free. General officers will be
obliged to organize & superintend this new department
of the service. The negroes here at New Bern seem
inferior to any I have seen. They mostly look lean &
worn & unhappy: probably this is owing to the nature
of the climate and country. The yellow fever is wont
to prevail here. The city is pretty with beautiful
shade trees. But the land is low, sandy or marshy
for miles & miles. How much love to Mother. I am happy
she is cheerful and happy. I shall dare to telegraph
you to come next time. But will take the con-
boats &c. and trip home. Much love to my dear family
and Channing and may God bless & prosper you all
Lovingly Oliver

New Bern N.C.
April 9th 1865

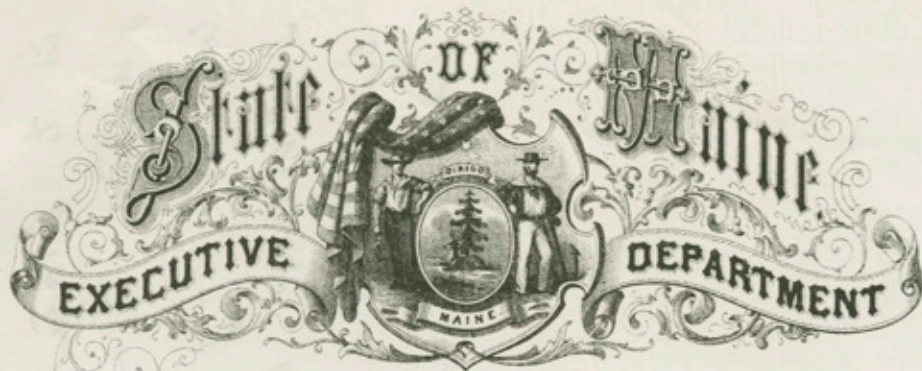
Dear Sir,

I have been expecting you in
with Major Whittier. I did not get any answer to the
dispatch I sent asking you to come, and I had
Capt. Gillette telegraph you on his way down &
Major Whittier, went to Baltimore to meet you.
I received your letter yesterday one in the morning
written the 2nd and the other in the afternoon
written the 2nd. I do feel much disappointed
because I was hardly prepared for it. I found
Gen. Sherman would wait but 16 days and accordingly
I was obliged to make only my report & make
preparations for another campaign. The General
was unwilling to have me meet you in Baltimore
for fear I should not get back in season.
I expected you would take the Gen. West for
company and leave the other two with Schell &

motion. My heart can hardly give up the idea
you will come, but after all it is probably for
the best - Mrs. J. H. Palmer, who is in command here
and of the old army has her wife & family living here,
we are cordially invited ~~to~~ to stay with them
while you are here. Our time for leaving was
fixed for next Monday, but the news from Richmond
may modify the General's plans materially. I
think it will be ~~hardly~~ with now be likely to
force a junction with us instead of our forming a
junction with him. I ~~was~~ so sure you would be
able to come that I have not written you
a line since I sent the telegram, but I am
in happy Charles' letters to ~~write~~ inform you
of everything. I wrote Francis one day and
you must tell me how he liked his letter.

Richmond with the 10,000 prisoners and several hundred
pieces of artillery, ought to make us rejoice and feel
very thankful. The war surely is far off. We
only got the news yesterday. I received the vote of

Members of the State, on Wednesday with the Seal
of the State and in the shape of a Commission - 595
with a very handsome letter from the Governor.
I had written the Governor on asking the resolution
in the Newspaper. ~~I have not~~ yet received official
information of my appointment at Brigade.
In the regular Army though I have seen it announced
in the Gazette. I believe I can detect some little ill-
feeling on the part of old Army friends. They
probably suspect us of manoeuvring to get the
best and some of them forgive us for wanting
them. I have had a good visit from Charles. He
left last night for Beaufort S.C. I am
reconciled to his going for his own good. He sees
others whom he regards as hardly his equals,
promoted, and I often stand in his way then
against him, and again he is obliged to be directed
so much by me when we are together that he is
not fully himself. When he is now going good men
are needed - men of principle and men who are interested



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Augusta Sept 8 1865

May Gen A. A. Howard

Dear Sir

Yours of the

31st with come to hand last evening -
I will state that some time since about
the middle of March I communica-
ted you officially the Resolutions of
the Legislature of the State, recogni-
zing your eminent merit & ser-
vices. You of course had not re-
ceived the same at the date of yours.
My communication has been in
some way delayed & I hasten to reply
that you may know the proper trans-
mission of these resolutions has not
been neglected. Should not after

Original will 25.4.76

know as a theological university to preserve it all,
 & to improve those who attend on them it.
 The idea that we are to have places we which
 is to stand upon the in mutable basis of God's
law in class as it ought, will very long be heard
with joy - we think our Government, we think our
colleges and schools all we ought to be in them.
we a great many before him who has been the
one that of our university - the presence of our law by

Charm my Trust
Sweet Deamy

the lapse of a season at the time the copy which
I sent be received, I will forward another
to the end that the same may be ⁷² ~~also~~
repeatedly acknowledged -

Genl the war is coming rapidly
to a conclusion - the past week has
been "big" with the fate of Caesar & of
Rome - Grant has annihilated Lee's
Army captured the Confederate cap-
ital & broken the rebellion in a
fatal part - we are now holding
our breath to hear from Genl
Sherman - we have no fears or doubts.
You will be triumphantly victorious.
I trust & do not doubt the South
will now be rapidly subjugated
that is the word exactly - we want
down our Rebels to about this con-
flict but they would accept no humili-
ation & appealed to the sword & now
let them perish by the sword - The only
Unionism I have thus far been able
to see is that enforced by federal bay-
onets - they are to be taught that we

Thos. Samuel Perry.


August 24th 1865

Leeds Apr 8. 1865

My dear Papa
a letter. I have been
writting for Wash. The
Pony is getting very tame
we put him in the sheep
yard plesent days. I always
lead him to the Barn
nights and put his halter
on in the yard. The
snow is most all gone
here now. I should like
to see you very much
do not you think that you
can come home this sum-
mer. Wash and I ~~went~~
went to the store at
Green depot to buy
some things for Grand-
~~ma~~ in a wagon.

Chancy is playing
with Ponny in the back
room; Chancy says wate
Ponny. I will enclose a
letter to go to Capt. Pearson
water. Grace went to Far-
mington a week ago yesterd-
ay. I led my Ponny to
water this afternoon.
There is water in the
tub now.

From your
affectionate
son Guy

and give her a good kiss for your
papa. Once not long ago I was
her little  boy and running
about her house as you now
are. I hope you are a very good
boy. That you help mamma &
are very kind to little brother.
Cousin Sue will tell you about the
Blessed Saviour when He was a
little boy and the Star stood
over the place where he was. Give
my kind regards to Isabella
and may God bless you my
little son - Your loving
papa - G. Howard

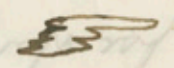

Head Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,



April Chickasaw Mts. } 1865
Mar. 4th

Master James Howard

My dear little boy.

I have sent
for your dear mother to come to me
and I think she is now on the way
perhaps with Gus and Grace and I
think you Jamie are left with Grand
mother and it may be Isabella &
Deaney are keeping you company.
Papa did want to see you very much
indeed, but General Sherman thinks
he cannot spare me long enough

to make the journey to Maine.
By & by Pappa hopes the war
will be over, so that he can go & stay
with his little boys and house all
the time. Tell Mamma that Aunt
Charles is here and very well. We have a
very pretty little dog, called "Tipp" 
. He has a very bright collar
on and flies about the room just
touching the floor with the tips of
his toes. He belongs to the Masters.
His Sister, Mills and is often called
"Tipp Mills." Pappa would like to buy
him & send him home but it is
too far and Mrs Mills would

not sell him. You can hardly think what
a great number of little black children
Pappa has seen ... the little
bits of ones are sometimes called
"Pecuniaries". You must ask "Wash"
about them. Pappa thinks "Wash"
a very good man. He is afraid
Slavery treats him so well. "Sam"
was very glad to hear from Wash.
Sam is a very good man: he helps Pappa
work & does every morning. He has
his boots shining 
after breakfast when it comes time
to put them on. - and still
him much love to Mamma &

Personal

Pine Level N.B.
Apr 11th 1865

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Dear Genl

I feel a thousand times thankful to you for the very kind and favourable mention you make in your report of Commissioners during our last campaign. Usually Commissioners get no credit but there work as hard as they will day and night, expose themselves in all ways, and many Commanders think that we have simply done our duty and no more, while some other officers who are not exposed to bullets no more than we are are praised very lovingly, but we Commissioners of the Army of the Line feel very thankful that we are commanded by a Genl who appreciates our services, and we are all determined to continue to perform our duties in such a manner that we shall still enjoy your good opinion and merit your good report, which we prize more highly than any other honour that can be bestowed upon us in the Service. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and most sincere regards and may God bless you in your every undertaking. I speak for all the Comms of your Army =

I have the honor to be

Very Truly

Yrs Humble Servt

D. Remick

Subal People's Friend

Maj Genl O. Howard
Comd'g of Line

Answered

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Apr 11 1858
Pine Grove N.H.

Dear Sir

I feel a thousand times thankful to you
for the very kind and favorable attention you have
given report of Commissioner during our last com-
munications. I am sure it will let them know
in time as they will say and right, expose themselves in
all ways, and leaving Commissioner think that in some
degree have our duty and we have, while some others
will not be so bold to expose to public as we know them to be
and are very friendly, but the Commissioner of the
the time feel very thankful that we can communicate to
the public especially our friends, and we are all deter-
mined to continue to perform our duties in such a
manner that we shall still enjoy your good opinion
and present your good report, which we hope will
help them say other persons that can be better upon
in the future. Please accept very respectfully
at most sincere regards and may God bless you in
your every undertaking. I shall for all the
I remain the same to be
your country =

Very truly
Yours, Wm. H. Smith

Wm. H. Smith
Pine Grove N.H.

Wm. H. Smith
Pine Grove N.H.

Head-Quarters Department and Army of the Tennessee,

Newbern April 11. 1865 ⁷³

Dear Genl.

I returned last night. Mrs. Howard telegraphed me that she could not start till this week. I replied, advising her to remain at home, as I feared she would not see you here this week.

The journey would have been a very hard one for her, & though I regret your disappointment, I think it all for the best.

I shall finish up my
work here tomorrow—
at the latest, & go at
once to ^{Fredericksburg} ^{April 11th 1862}
With much respect

Yours truly

E. Whittier

Major

P. H. Grant is rising up
Lee fast. Had another
battle (can't tell where or
where) Captured 15,000
more men & 19 General
Officers!! A salute being
fired here this A. M.
E. W.

Raleigh April 11th 1865
Major Genl
O.O. Howard
Genl

St John A McQueen
15th Ill Cavalry of your escort will hand
you this. He has been a friend to me, & mine,
& it has afforded me much pleasure to
assist him in getting back to his home.
He came to the house at which I was
staying in Columbia, & saved it, with
much effort, from the flames, on the
fearful night of the 17th Feb. He staid
with us, & did all that a man could
do to relieve us, from there, he went
to Camden, & spared the aged, & blind
Bishop of this Diocese, (Loca) all
interference, or disturbance, he did the
same for several families, & extended many
acts of kindness, for which the recipients are
grateful, he was wounded, & left at the house
of a Mr Dubois, in Darlington Dist, who ten-
dered him with much kindness, he was brought
to Camden, & placed in a Hospital, I heard
of it in Anderson, & you can judge of his
deserve by the efforts we have made to effect
his release, I walked 36 miles, & took the
rail for near 100, got a wagon & rode 30 -
the authorities appreciating him, turned him
over into my hands, I brought him over to
Charter, & thence to Smithfield, all the author-
ities consenting, there failing to see Genl John-
ston, I brought the matter to Genl Hardee's
attention, who kindly obtained Genl Johnston's
consent, & you find him with the proper

papers. I am very glad to have made
his acquaintance, as I have found him
a Soldier, a Gentleman, & a Christian.
I am truly

Respectfully

Yours Obt. Servt.

A. Doomer Porter

Rector of the Church of the
Holy Communion

Charleston

South Carolina

Rev. A. D. Porter.

Relinquish April 11th / 1861

Seeds. Me. April 14th 1865

Dearest

I returned to day and received by the mail on the train a long, most welcome letter from you. I could cry a great deal more for disappointing you so much. I do want to come now but do not regard it to be safe to do so. Since you were not to let me go to Goldsboro if I had gone earlier. If Isabella had only done as she said she would and come. This letter of yours was written one week ago to day the next day after Charles left you. Mother received a letter from him in Baltimore written Sunday last. I am anxious now for Johnston to surrender and then you would come home soon. Would you not? Could you not obtain a leave immediately after? I took dinner with Alice today and called on Mrs. Whittier afterwards - had a delightful call as I always do there. They

were well so far as I could ascertain. The dear little baby was down stairs. It is a beautiful baby. How much the May must want to see it. You were very naughty - no just a little naughty not to let him come to Brunswick.

Miss Anna Tappan was with Mrs. W. for a few hours between trains. When I reached here I found the children all very well and happy.

But very glad to see 'mamma'. When will they see 'dear papa'? I will hope that pleasure we will have very soon. I could not let other letters go without sending a short letter to you. Roland came for me and forgot to mail some letters for Mother. So Mark will have to go to the Depot in the morning. I am now alone one after another left as their fixed time came. I rather write you as this is now very meat and drink. Jamie was perfectly happy over his letter and I think it is as good to him now as at first. "It is Jamie's own", he says "but I had another late letter once". I was glad to learn that May W. went to Phila. I would not see any ill-feeling on the part of old May

friends. What will they say when you are promoted to Maj. Gen.? Well if B. wanted the letter now, but not yet, ought I to tell you this? I know you did not try to get the position and would not do so, and so don't mind what some few may suspect. I wonder while more but not tonight. I wonder if you are sleeping. Don't let Henry think of resigning.

He may be detailed to take care of me till you come home for good, or he go to you. Grace is still in Farmington, happy as can be. I may go as far as Boston when Gilbert returns as I shall have to go soon. I do think there is better prospect of your coming home now since the surrender of Gen. Johnston will do the work, or he will get badly whipped.

Good night. Love yours Lizzie

I have sent you Lucy, Grace's photographs and mine not at the same time. Have you received them?

Auguste Apr 12/55
1865

Dearest.

I came here to see Capt. Gilchrist
and to open the house, to find all the best &c
~~and~~ but I find everything in good shape
to leave longer. if I choose. I am so sorry
I could not leave to join May Whittier.
It was too bad. I shall start with Capt. Gilchrist
next Monday, in Baltimore and if I ought
not to go further than that, you must telegraph
me there. and I will turn back to Phila.
but I should not want to though. I know
not when you will get this but if I should
get it you I don't believe you would
be sorry to see me. Mr. Blair has just
returned from Richmond and I will ask
him what he thinks. I return to Leeds today
I have been here two nights. Mrs. Stinson sends love
and Aunt Louisa and don't say and May says Capt
Harry resign the ought not if he never is able to

be more during the war. I almost know you
will think he ought not. knowing all
the circumstances. I am going to the
Bank to get some paper to send to
Uncle Ed and. Every body I have seen, has
desired me so warmly, I think you have
some very good friends here. I met Mr. Thomas
Lambert at Brunswick and put myself under
his protection and his carriage was at the
Depot and he took me to the hotel. I
was very grateful indeed. I write in great
haste but thinking ever of you. and hoping
if I go to you you will return with me.
I should go without either child. Mother
wants them with her. all say go but I hesitate.
If I am sure the army comes at Goldsboro
till next Monday I think I shall start.
I don't want you to meet me anywhere. I want
to go to the Spa same. Now I must go down
street to the cars. I can close this after
I get started in the train. ^{to send by} ^{"Baltimore April 10th"}
the packet. Charles told me to Mother ^{was} reminds
to me her father. Portland writes ~~she~~ don't

I fear Lizzie ought to have gone. and adds
why don't she and Mrs Whitting stay along.
Mr W. sent me the Maj. dispatch for Baltimore.
I shall spend one day in Boston. At Mrs. Heyden's
I should have to go to Boston this spring and
might as well go now. I will put in the
cars.

On Board train
Capt Gilbreth met me
in Freeman's bank Mr
Blair said just as he. and
I told him that you know
had heard of your appointment
as Pay Gen - as soon as there
is a Va. a ^{Brig} Gen, I wish
I could go to you. if
it would be right - as best.

We may see you here
but God be your choice

Hillsboro. N. C.
April 14th 1865

Gen Howard.

U. S. Army.

Perhaps

General I have faded from your
recollection, but the remembrance
of the many pleasant hours pass-
ed with you at West Point is
still so fresh within me, that
I am encouraged to make a
request which I feel that you
as a Christian soldier and
gentleman cannot and will
not refuse. My friend Mr^{rs}
John Kirkland with her

daughters will remain within
your lines at this place, and
I ask that you will afford them
protection from your Soldiers - I
am under many obligations to
the family for their kindness to
my brother whom you may re-
member and who died at their
home just three weeks ago of
a wound received at the battle
of Bentonville - For any kindness
that you may have it in your
power to extend to them I shall
feel greatly obliged -

Very Respectfully

To

Gen Q. Howard

Maj. G. Hardie

U. S. Army.

Lamington Apr 14/83
Dear Izziie

You didn't send
Charles letter & I hardly know
what to say about your going
South - Charles wrote me
that Alis was greatly dis-
appointed - but that he had
said that he "was almost
sorry he had sent for
you when he found that
the Army must move
so soon" - now it may move
no more, & Alis may come
home soon - If he does
not expect you now - wouldn't
it be better to stay away
till matters are settled - if
he does go by all means -
We will take Jamie as
long as you wish - Grace
is very well - has been
visiting yesterday & today

With Ella & our children =
So Mother will buy the
Crown = Dillie has sent
an Order to Capt. Patten
to collect for the knives
& she will have something
there before long - We are
all well as usual - will
look for you Monday - Give
much love to Mother & the
Children - Tell her I am
trying still to find a
buyer for the farm =
affly.

Reneau

I got a doz Photographs for
Gracie & her friends must
take their choice in kind =
She has had no time to
sit again for a vignette