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General Davis &
Dear Mr. Davis
I have been very
cold for 3 or 4 days -
so nothing was done
I have just come into Otis
tent chiefly because he has no much better
fire-place and fire than I have in
mine - I find Otis writing to Grace
sending drawings of tents &c. The wife
him often now - a - days and good
letters - only 6 years old.
There were some questions in your
last which I did not answer in my
letter written after its arrival - I had
I think answered them before - 1. May
Otis under Hooker's all? No - The
two ~~first~~ days of the Battle we had
orders direct from Thomas or Grant.
The third day as well as on the first
of Bragg and the campaign
against Longstreet - on orders came
from Sherman direct. This or-
ganization of having a "Head quarters 11th and
12th Corps" through which all our papers
have to pass is a great bother and
hindrance. If the President or Secretary
of War could see you I wish you
would say to them - that if there is a
pressing need of Hooker & Butterfield any-
where else - they can be dispensed with
here - The continuance of connecting the

two Corps or a Command was only
gotten up to give Hooker a place.
You ask "When was Hooch?"
He will not have anything to do with Hooch-
er - when he can help it. So he re-
mained up on the line of the Wash-
ville Rail Road, ^{is there still} with one of his
Divs while the other accompanied
us to Lookout Valley - and it was
this Div (Henry's) & you have probably
seen which took the lead in taking
Lookout Mountain. Let one section
should get too much glory & the rest
grow jealous - it happened providentially
that one of Thomas' and one of Sherman's
Divs also cooperated in taking the
Mountain. Henry had the initiative.

I think he will be made a Maj. Gen.
He used to be Governor of Kansas.

Henry has gone back upon the
R.R. ^{with Hooch} with what of his Div remains
after the re-enlistment and furloughing
of the "Veterans" - His Div ^{almost} went
en masse - only 3 Regts left in camp.

A Div comes to our Corps to take
Henry's place - Will probably be Com-
manded by Hoadman! Brig. Gen.
but expecting to be promoted soon.
Distinguished at the Chickamauga Battle -
somewhat of a politician - ^{He was} member of the
famous Chicago S.C. Convention. But

he is said to be good deal of
a soldier - uncompromising in
matters of duty.

You inquire whether the 11th
Coops was fully engaged at any time?
It was not. Its Minutemen were
briskly engaged along the whole line
the first day - afterwards only partially.

The 1st Brigade 2nd Divⁿ (Steinwehrs)
Commanded by Col Burchbeck was
thoroughly engaged and with great
loss while operating with Sherman
in his assault upon Tunnel Hill
or North end of Mission Ridge.

Mail has just come - a letter
from Lizzy for Otis - nothing
for me - I believe it is a fortnight
since I got any letter - at least one
that was good for anything - Some
trivial business letter is only an
aggravation.

I wonder what has become of
Mother & Belle - The former has
only written us one letter I believe
since we came West - And Belle
has not written or at least I have got
no letter from him for upwards of
6 months - Your last is dated Dec.
12th - not quite a month since it was
written & I am in hopes there are once
two on the way which will reach

One before the remaining 8 days
expire. - Shank's account of the
Bottles which founders in the Her-
ald & which contained the censuring
expression "the princely Howson" was
the best account written I think.

I wrote a hasty sketch for the Cin-
cinnati Gazette - see ~~late~~ the Gazette
which may possibly contain it.

How come off the Drift? One
of our Chaplains spent some portion
of yesterday (Lottath) [his fellow] in
trying to hunt up ~~a few~~ food crackers
to stay his stomach! He preached for
us in this big log cabin - to all Head
quarters - in the evening - He was telling
us afterwards how that he had been al-
most starved and the men of his
Regt. ditto - two days without food -
This means little where (or at home) one has
enough else, but here it means pretty nearly
starvation - Supplies still come hard - The
one single Rail Road is not sufficient.
Sometimes the poor mules & horses starve
and sometimes the men - No wonder
the "Veterans" flock in - to have a chance
to go home for a month - Our 1st Regt.
(33rd Ohio) went today, have the 2nd (Ohio) there
no six cheers as they passed - Chaplain
Fletcher gave ^{us} a written homily - I wished ^{he} had
given us a plain, pointed & earnest talk.
Oh when I listen to some of our Chaplains,
sometimes I am so foolish as to think
I ought to be a preacher - The Lord
will direct. His will be done -
Love to Ellen & Dadie darling - from your affectionate fr.
C. H. Howson

[to Rowland B. Howard]

1/4/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rowland B.
Howard]

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Hd. Qrs. 11th Corps
Lookout Valley [Tenn]

Hd. Qrs. 11th Corps
Lookout Valley - Jan. 4 1864

My dear brother, [Rowland B. Howard]

I have just come into Otis' tent chiefly because he has so much better fire-place and fire than I have in mine. I find Otis writing to Grace making drawings of tents &c. She writes him often now-a-days and good letter - only 6 years old.

There were some questions in your last which I did not answer in my letter written after its arrival. I had I think answered them before. Was Otis under Hooker at all? No. The first two days of the Battle we rec'd orders direct from Thomas or Grant. The third day as well as on the pursuit of Bragg and the Campaign against Longstreet our orders came from Sherman direct. This arrangement of having a "Head Quarters 11th and 12th Corps" through which all our papers have to pass is a great bother and hindrance. If the President or Secretary of War calls to see you I wish you would say to them - that if there is a pressing need of Hooker & Butterfield anywhere else - they can be dispensed with here. The contrivance of connecting the two Corps as a Command was only gotten up to give Hooker a place!

You ask "Where was Slocum?" He will not have anything to do with Hooker - when he can help it. So he remained up on the line of the Nashville Rail Road & is there still with one of his Div'n's while the other accompanied us to Lookout Valley - and it was this Div'n (Geary's) as you have probably seen which took the lead in taking Lookout Mountain. Lest one section should get too much glory & the rest grow envious - it happened providentially that one (Stanley's) of Thomas' and one of Sherman's Div'n's also cooperated in taking the mountain. Geary had the initiative. I think he will be made a Maj. Gen. He used to be Governor of Kansas.

Geary has gone back upon the R.R. with Slocum with what of his Div'n remains after the reenlistment and furloughing of the "Veterans". His Div'n almost went en masse - only 3 Regts left in camp. A Div'n comes to our Corps to take Geary's place. Will probably be commanded by Steadman! Brig. Gen. But expecting to be promoted soon. Distinguished at the Chickamauga Battle. Some what of a politician. He was a member of the famous Charles S.C. Convention. [See Note 1] But he is said to be a good deal of a soldier - uncompromising in matters of duty.

You inquire whether the 11th Corps was fully engaged at any time? It was not. Its skirmishers were briskly engaged along the whole line the first day. Afterwards only partially. The 1st Brigade 2nd Div'n (Steinweher's) commanded by Col Buschbeck was thoroughly engaged and with great loss while operating with Sherman in his assault upon Tunnel Hill on North End of Mission Ridge.

Mail has just come - a letter from Lizzie for Otis - nothing for me. I believe it is a fortnight since I got any letter - at least any that was good for anything. Some trivial business letter is only an aggravation.

I wonder what has become of Mother & Dellie. The former has only written us one letter I believe since we came West. And Dellie has not written or at least I have got no letter from him for upwards of a month. Your last is dated Dec 12th - not quite a month since it was written & I am in hopes there are one or two on the way which will reach me before the remaining 8 days expire. Shank's account of the Battle which you saw in the Herald & which continued the amusing expression "the princely Howard" was the best account written I think.

I wrote a hasty sketch for the Cincinnati Gazette. Dell. Takes the Weekly which may possibly contain it.

How comes off the Draft? One of our Chaplains spent some portion of yesterday (Sabbath, poor fellow) in trying to hunt up a few Lord crackers to stay his stomach! He preached for us in this big log cabin - to all Head quarters - in the evening. He was telling us afterward how that he had been almost starved and the men of his Regt. ditto - two days without bread. This means little when (as at home) one has

enough else, but here it means pretty nearly starvation. Supplies still come hard. The one single Rail Road is not sufficient. Sometimes the poor mules & horses starve and sometimes the men. No wonder the "veterans" flock in - to have a chance to go home for a month. Our 1st Regt. (73d Ohio) went today. Gave the Gen'l (Otis) three no six cheers as they passed. Chaplain Fletcher gave us a written homily. I wished he had given us a plain, pointed & earnest talk. Oh when I listen to some of our Chaplains, sometimes I am so foolish as to think I ought to be a preacher. The Lord will direct. His will be done.

Love to Ella & Dadie darling.

From Your Affectionate br
C. H. Howard

P.S. I have been assisting Otis about his Report - quite lengthy. I have also written a sketch of his life of 26 foolscap pages completed since Christmas. Otis has been occupied somewhat in writing autographs for Sanitary Fairs, &c. C.H.H.

It has been very cold for 3 or 4 days. It is now warmer & rainy!

No signs of any immediate movement. I wish I could have a Leave and see some of my friends from far off home. We have not got any pay for two months - nothing - since our return from Knoxville. Hoping for some soon. How is Sarah? Give her my love. C.H.H.

[Note 1: This might be a reference to the National Democratic Convention, held in Charleston, S.C. prior to the 1860 election, which split the party into Northern and Southern factions, perhaps enabling Abraham Lincoln in the Republican party to win.]

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Let me preface, however, that
the last letter I rec'd from you was
written at Leeds 29th November!
More than a month ago!!

Today I got a receipt for the
Weekly Gazette (Cincinnati) for one year
sent to your address - It seems that you had
previously subscribed for 6 months, - so now
your subscription stands to May 1st 1865 -
But as I deemed "The Gazette" should come
to you as a present from me I inclose \$1.00 -
the amt you had paid -

I am always glad to have you men-
tion the date of my last letter, rec'd and the
place where written if on the march - You
are good about this and it is quite
a satisfaction to be able "to keep my reckoning" ⁱⁿ order.

And did you ever see any account of the Night Engagement in Larkent Valley?
You Thanksgiving description was amusing - I suppose Uncle Ensign and father continued talking about Rice Keedy as long as they were together and after they parted, pondered upon the same.
Did you go to Washington? - you make think this a needless question but remember you might have gone there and back eight (8) times since I heard from you.

You write quite freely about your pressure in money matters - Do not allow yourself to get into anxiety in regard to these things - Keep a cheerful heart and watch for opportunities - ready to seize upon such chances as Providence shall open for you. Many young men have worked their own way and it has usually if not unexceptionally proved the better for them. You saw that extract from Forten's life of Butler (Genl.) which was in the newspapers - I thought of sending it to you but believe I did not - It was in the Leicester Paper however - a copy sent Capt. Sturson.

I would not for the world have you copy the ignoble points of Butler's Character as a lawyer - But his life furnishes one of many instances on record of men who have literally worked their own way up in the world.

I have written somewhat for the Gazette - How does the Portland Press for
Are there two more supposed in it now? Don't say it says better than any other paper in Maine

And they come of ^{and will furnish} and come
forward strong and bold, to engage
in life's battles.

You speak of writing to Uncle Henry.
Entre nous Uncle H. is not a man
I would like to have much to do with
unless I was completely and acknowledged
on a par with him. To be associated
with him in this way of asking a
favor might not prove agreeable.

Still it would do no harm to ask
him whether he knew of any openings
where you could earn something - if
you choose. I think he spoke of
your studying law in the West and
said that he was of opinion - if
you were to practice in the West
it would be by all means better
for you to study in the West. But
this is a correct opinion.

You spoke of studying fewer
hours - I hope you will do so i.e.
that you will on no account in your
present state of health study many
hours.

Take every opportunity
for physical exercise - bear it in
mind and jump at the chance of
some running, walking, working of any
kind - If you had a horse and would
ride up home once or twice per week
horseback, you would get strong as a
willow.

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Cto Rodelphus H. Gilmore

bull or your brother Rhodes.

Have they a gymnasium at Auburn
or Lewiston - A man that studied
must go into the matter of bodily
exercise as a ~~disagreeable~~ ^{pleasant} duty
~~he cannot make it a pleasure~~

Pulifer will remember how
he and I used to persevere in fetching
quarts - I was always pleased to
find any one whose zeal for exercise
would serve as a stimulus to mine
and who would aid me in inventing
modes & methods, and objects upon which
to expend it - Ask Pulifer whether
the recollections of Kent's Hill have
become very dim. I suppose all his
past life is cast into the shade
in the glow (I had almost said glory) and
radiance of his recent committed joys.

The happier bell rings - It is cold & stormy
we have had 3 or 4 days of regular
weather, The Louisville Journal of 31st Dec
speaks of sleighing in that quarter - Do you
have any? The last paper I had seen until
this afternoon was 28th Dec. You see how
out of the world we are. We still have
difficulty to get supplies - I took a long walk
on the frozen ground in the dark & storm last
night after the ^{Sabbath} Evening Religious Services - to
give orders for ten boxes of hard-bread to be turned
over from a certain British Commission, who had them
to another who had none - 3 Bkts. had been 2 days
without bread - and yesterday had almost nothing.

carefully the greeting about the Pass. Find out if it would be a little interest
in it - I am also Mr. Libby

brother Libby
Miss Helen at 44

Monday Evening
Lookout Valley - Jan. 4 1844

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The thought has occurred
to me tonight that perhaps
it would be a good thing
for you one of these days
to go into one of the great
cities to study law - You
must if possible bring
with you some of study
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school - But I was think-
ing of Judge Lethrop of
New York - Why would
not his office be a good
one if he would like to
have you come and you de-
cide to go to New York?

Truly propose this for you

After tonight that I have been appointed Acting Inspector General
in the absence of the Ins. General
who has gone on
Leave - C. H. H.

Consideration - not for any
immediate action.

A House, extra hours will
have about \$75 - per month.
You might have had such
a place as this at any time
but for the objection for the
General (Otis) in having a
brother as a Clerk ^{for one of his Department Officers} - The
Clerk, on other comparatively
inferior in Education, capabilities
&c. but not always - The
position, however, is an inferior
one in comparison to that of
a Commissioned Officer and although
this does not satisfactorily explain
it - still you will perceive the
nature of the objections to give
having the place of Department Clerk
either for Quarters Master or Commissary.
I think it is a great source of
comfort to mother & father & have
you near home - Myt. Office to
W. Living Br. C. H. H.

1/4/1864

From: C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus
Gilmore]

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Hd. Qrs 11th Corps
Lookout Valley

Hd. Qrs 11th Corps
Lookout Valley Jan. 4, 1864

My dear brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

Your letters came so in a bunch what few there were of them owing to my long absence from any mail-route in the campaign to Knoxville that I fear I did not properly answer them. So I have just now reread them all (4) and will touch upon a few points suggested thereby.

Let me preface, however, that the last letter I rec'd from you was written at Leeds 29th November! More than a month ago!!

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Did you go to Washington? You <must> think this a needless question but remember you might have gone there and back eight (8) times since I heard from you.

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You speak of writing to Uncle Henry [Strickland]. Entre nous Uncle H. is not a man I would like to have much to do with unless I was completely and acknowledgedly on a par with him. To be associated with him and their way of asking a favor might not prove agreeable.

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Have they a gymnasium at Auburn or Lewiston. A man that studies must go into the matter of bodily exercise as a disagreeable duty if he cannot make it a pleasant pastime.

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The supper bell rings. It is cold & rainy & we have had 3 or 4 days of regular zero weather. The Louisville Journal of 31st Dec speaks of sleighing in that quarter. Do you have any? The last paper I had seen until this afternoon was 28th Dec. You see how out of the world we are. We still have difficulty to get supplies. I took a long walk on the frozen ground in the dark & storm last night after the Sabbath Evening Religious Services - to give orders for ten boxes of hard-bread to be turned over from a certain Brigade Commissary who had them to another who had none. 3 Regts had been 2 days without bread and yesterday had almost nothing.

It is expected another boat will be in soon. Two of these here are carrying some provisions to Knoxville. The Alabama & Tennessee R.R. is expected soon to be complete. Then we will be connected with Nashville by two lines as the Memphis & Charleston R.R. will connect the former with Stevenson & Bridgeport.

Capt. Stinson is going to write for John Adams to come out here as Clerk either for Col. Hayes Qr. Mr. or Col. Balloch C.S. If he comes you can send a letter or any little package if you or mother desire.

I have written a letter to go tomorrow for the "Press". Have you ever seen an acct. of the East Tenn. Campaign from my pen in that paper? And did you ever see my account of the Night Engagement in Lookout Valley? I have written somewhat for the Gazette. How does the Portland Press pay? Are there two men engaged in it now? Does it pay better than any other paper in service?

I have just written to Mother & will write to her again soon. Please answer carefully these questions about the Press. Find out if it would be a tolerable investment without disclosing the object of your inquiry. Please remember me to Mr. Libbey (of Auburn Banks). Please see him, also Mrs. Libbey & Miss Stetson at the Hotel.

Your Affectionate brother
C. H. Howard

Monday Evening
Lookout Valley - Jan 4 1864

P.S. The thought has occurred to me tonight that perhaps it would be a good thing for you one of these days to go into one of the great Cities to study law. You must if possible bring into your course of study a term or two at a law school. But I was thinking of Judge Lothrop of New York. Why would not his office be a good one if he would like to have you come and you decide to go to New York?

I only propose this for your consideration - not for any immediate action.

Adams entre nous will have about \$75 per month. You might have had such a place as this at any time but for the objection for the General (Otis) in having a brother as a Clerk for one of his Department Officers. The Clerks are often comparatively inferior in education, capabilities &c but not always. The position, however, is an inferior one in comparison to that of a Commissioned Officer and although this does not satisfactorily explain it - still you will perceive the nature of the objections to your having the place of Department Clerk either for Quarter Master or Commissary.

I think it is a great source of comfort to Mother & father to have you near home. Write often to yr. loving br.
C.H.H.

I hear tonight that I have been appointed Acting Inspector General in the absence of Lt. Col. Asmussen who has gone on Leave. C.H.H.

Albany, Crest-line and Columbus. You
can buy through tickets probably to Columbus
as you can for Nashville in Boston and
have your baggage checked all the way
through to Columbus, I perhaps, which
would itself. Leut. Hulburt came out from
Augusta this route to Crest-line and
says it is far better than any other. You
better write me a few words on the receipt
of this or get Bellie to that I may know
the plan and prepare to do my part.

Otis seems to be very favorable to
your coming out - nothing will please
Aunt Martha more. - I was
glad you gave so particular a description of
my letters - It seems none of mine have been
lost and I trust yours to me will soon
turn up as having been mislaid by
lost to Knoxville that have as have
passed twice. We had a good meeting in
Otis' tent tonight - a most extraordinary lecture of some
one of the Chaps. Hoping to see you & Bellie at this

is the plan I will close - It will do better good to come very
to get a letter from you today. The 2nd since we
came West - You mention one which has cer-
tainly missed me - written after you heard of
my going to Knoxville - The letter you mention
from me as mailed at Cincinnati was the
one I sent from Knoxville - carried through
by couriers. Laura's letter was enclosed
and I handed it to Otis. We can as-
certain the name of the commander of
the 44th Indiana Regt. easily but how to
identify the person referred to by Laura it is
difficult to tell. Your welcome prop-

Learn Father has such
a hard cold - I have
been worried more or less
with a cold ever since
I went to Bridgeport
& came back - my part
in the night before the
10th - about 2 months
ago - your affectionate son
J. J. I have sent for
Father and Belmont
for \$250 - Has it been
received? Write letter.
I am from the
Chicago - I think ticket
is \$20 - only 1st the
1864.

Headquarters Seventh Corps,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

action to come West has occupied my
thoughts mostly since reading your letter.

I have consulted with Otis about it and
he tells me to say that one or both of us
will meet you at Uncle Henry's. It
would be better however to come on as early
in the month of April as possible; For our
Winter here will not be long - not even so
long as at Richmond, ^{Ind.} and active operations
will require our presence - so that if we
could get away, at all after they commence
it would be but for a short time. We
feel pretty certain of being still throughout
February though even while at Washington
you will remember that in the Spring
of '62 we moved the first of March.
The 8th of March we ^{were} campaigning I am sure.
I think you will get this before February

and it would be best to start as soon
thereafter as you can get ready. If
Dellie comes with you as I supposed was
the plan as probably father would think
both you & he ought not to be away
from home so long at the same time,
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ing the best route and keeping you
comfortable all the way. The Western Road
from Boston I think it is called taking the
cars at Worcester Depot for Albany - thence
to Crest Line some 250 miles without
Change of Cars - thence to go to Richmond Ind.
I think the best route is direct to Columbus
Ohio & then you go right out on the
N. R. we came West on to Richmond, only
a few hours ride - I think you would in
this way only change cars at Boston

1/17/1864

From: C. H. Howard

To: Mother

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Headquarters Eleventh
Corps
Department of the
Cumberland
Lookout Valley [Tenn]

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [Letterhead]
Department of the Cumberland [Letterhead]

Lookout Valley - January 17th 1864

My dear Mother,

Need I say I was happy to get a letter from you today. The 2nd since we came West. You mention one which has certainly missed me written after you heard of my going to Knoxville. The letter you mention from me as mailed at Cincinnati was the one I sent from Knoxville - carried through by Couriers. Laura's letter was enclosed and I handed it to Otis. We can ascertain the name of the Commander of the 44th Indiana Regt. easily but how to identify the person referred to by Laura it is difficult to tell.

Your welcome proposition to come West has occupied my thoughts mostly since reading your letter. I have consulted with Otis about it and he tells me to say that one or both of us will meet you at Uncle Henry's. It would be better however to come on as early in the month of April as possible. For our Winter here will not be long - not even so long as at Richmond Ind. and active operations will require our presence - so that if we could get away at all after they commence it would be but for a short time. We feel pretty certain of lying still throughout February though even while at Washington you will remember that in the Spring of '62 we moved the first of March. The 8th of March we were campaigning I am sure. I think you will get this before February and it would be best to start as soon thereafter as you can get ready.

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Your Affectionate Son
C. H. Howard

P.S. I have sent for Father's care and to invest for me \$250. Has it been received by Draft in letter.
C.H.H.

Fare from Boston to Chicago - through ticket - is \$20 only I believe.

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Hd. qm. 11th Corps
Lookout Valley

January 25 1864

My dear brother

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
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 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. H. [Name]

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From: C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus
Gilmore]

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