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

To: Brother [Rowland B. Howard]

CHH-134 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'ns 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'ns 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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1/4/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

CHH-135 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!!

Today I got a receipt for the Weekly Gazette (Cincinnatti) for one year sent to your address. It seems that you had previously subscribed for 6 months - so now your subscription stands to May 17 1865. But as I desired "The Gazette" should come to you as a present from me I inclose \$1.00 - the am't you had paid.

I am always glad to have you mention the date of my last letters 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" so well.

Your Thanksgiving description was amusing - I suppose Uncle Ensign [Otis] and father continued talking about Rail Road as long as they were together and after they parted, pondered upon the same.

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.

You wrote 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 Parten's life of Butler (Benj.) which was in the newspapers. I thought of sending it to you but believe I did not. It was in the Lewiston paper however - a copy sent Capt. Stinson.

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 litterally worked their own way up in the world. And they came up and came forward strong and bold and well furnished to engage in life's battles.

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.

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 you 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. Probably 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 well and strong as a bull or your brother Charles.

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.

Pulsifer will remember how he and I used to persevere in pitching quoites - I was always pleased to find anyone 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 Pulsifer whether the recollections of Kent's Hill have become very dim. I suppose all his past life is cast into the shadow in the glow (I had almost said glory) and radiance of his recent connubial joys.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

They dear mothers of the cumberland. Albany, Crest-line and Columbus. You Can bring through tickets probably to Columbus Is for can for hashville in Boston and have your baggage thedud all the way through belumber, Thankop, which mond itself. Leit bullouth come out from augusta the rout to brest-time and to get a letter from gon today. The 2nd since we Tap it is for tette then one other. Your De Cauce West - You mention one which has arletter unte me a few words on the receipt I tambe missed me - written after for heard of of this is get Delevi to that I may know my going to Knexville - The letter for mention the plan and prepar to do my fort. from me as marlied it leincimate was the Otis weens to be very forwarth to I four I sent from Knoxville - Comed through Jour coming out - nothing well place My Couriers. James i letter was Enclosed Aunt mosther form more. - Two Shand I handed it to the, We can asflud for gove to patienter a description of my letters - It seems none of mine have been Secretaria the none of the Commonder of lost and I hust yours to me will som the 44 Indiana Rest. Souly lent how to him up as having been suscerned by identify the person referred to by Loura it is book to Know ville frost here as horter on our find a good meeting in this lent writer a that Extendent lecture of mu on of the Chifteins. Hoping to me four tout it this I difficult to take, Your wilcome prop-

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1/17/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-136 Headquarters Eleventh

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Department of the

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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.

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 he will have no difficulty in following 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 R.R. we came West on to Richmond, only a few hours ride. I think you would in this way only change cars at Boston, 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 & perhaps to Richmond itself. Lieut. Gilbreth 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 Dellie so 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 Jane 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 miscarried by boat to Knoxville past here as has occurred twice. We had a good meeting in Otis' tent tonight - a short extemporaneous lecture from one of the Chaplains. Hoping to see you & Dellie if this is the plan. I will close. It will do Dellie good to come West & I should not think of your coming alone. I am sorry to learn father has such a bad cold. I too have been troubled more or less with a cold ever since I went to Bridgeport & came back by boat in the night - before the battle - about 2 months ago.

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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1/25/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

CHH-137 Hd. Qrs. 11th Corps

Lookout Valley

Hd. Qrs. 11th Corps Lookout Valley January 25 1864

My dear brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

I am in hopes you will be on your way West with mother before this reaches Maine to meet me at Uncle Henry's at Richmond, Ind. But lest by any chance you should not start so soon I will write. I expect to leave here by the first of February. It will take about three days to get to Richmond I suppose as I must stop a little in Louisville to get some clothing.

Your letter came day before yesterday (Saturday) with one from Rowland. Yours was written just after your visit to Leeds and contained some acct. of the Levee very interesting to me. Though you can't find any "inspiration" in writing to me now so completely cut off from not only home but the whole state and even New England. However I should never have thought of your non-inspiration had you not mentioned it as you had till then penned a very interesting epistle. Finished Kent! How much of it have you made your own for life? I have always heard law students talk about Kent and known it as a law book but Parsons (I think it was) on contracts I am not so familiar with in name.

Douglass of my class at Bangor is here in this very tent now. Came up from Bridgeport last Saturday. Has been connected with the Christian Commission for some three months. He will spend some weeks here. We had a meeting in my office (Inspector Genl Office) last evening. Called in the guard and other men & servants of Hd. Qrs. Gen'l Officers. So had my big "Hospital tent" full.

Just been up to my Breakfast. My appetite none the best now but improving. Our diet very limited. I look forward with great pleasure to a short trip into the civilized world - not to estimate the delight of meeting mother & brother.

Otis is by this time in Philadelphia. Hope poor Maria will be able to see & talk with him. You mention a letter of mine in the Press but do not define it so that I can tell what one you refer to. I get the Weekly Press regularly now - quite a deal. They sent it of their own accord. How much it has been enlarged - but the matter is not half so interesting as it might be. I wish they would copy after the Springfield Republican which is the best paper in N.E.

Who has Mr. Gilman with him now? I have just talked with Lt. Gilbreth about the trip & time he took in coming from Boston to Louisville. He says it took him from 4 P.M Friday till 7 Saturday to reach Indianapolis. So you can come from Boston to Richmond Ind in 24 hours if you choose. He took the route I indicated in my former letter to Mother - Boston to Albany - thence to Syracuse, Rochester &c along the lakes to Cleveland - thence to Crestline - and you would keep right on to Columbus whereas he went thence straight to Indianapolis. From Columbus you go via Dayton, a few hours ride to Richmond.

I am going to visit the summit of Lookout today - for the third time - going more particularly to accompany Douglass.

I just hear of the death of one of our highly valued clerks McCaulay - a fine fellow - educated - modest, dutiful - God give him a better home in Heaven than he enjoyed while here!

My time is up. You better take notes of news & items for me for I shall pester you with questions when I see you. Father can use the \$50 I sent last (with 250 in all) - if he needs it for you & mother.

Your Affectionate brother C. H. Howard