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4/2/1864 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Father (John Gilmore)

CHH-149 Headquarters Eleventh Leeds, Maine

Corps

Lookout Valley, Tenn

Headquarters Eleventh Corps [Letterhead] Lookout Valley, Apr 2nd 1864.

Dear father

Your letter reached me yesterday P.M. and I hasten to reply. I had not been informed of the premium on the stock of the Richmond National Bank. Uncle Henry had the privilege of doubling his stock and said he would give me \$1000 of that (i.e. his) so perhaps in this way I would get it without paying a premium. I have written him this morning and shall write you as soon as I hear. I told him if I must pay a premium I thought I would not invest there at present. I did this partly because you seem so backward and reluctant to furnish the \$200.

I am sorry that you are thinking of selling that land. Why sell land at this time? And I do not think it is right for you to sell it before recording that mortgage. I feel as though you have not done just right in this matter when I had written so plainly.

The Spring Campaign now opens and I wished my business matters satisfactorily settled. I do not wish to transfer any debt of yours to Roland G. I do not think it best. I prefer that you should properly legalize the transaction by which I may be secured for your debt and which was fairly understood. I cannot see you to make out and sign any new papers. I only ask that the note may be covered by mortgage as agreed. Your excuse for not recording the mortgage before the existence of one to Mr. Foss does not now hold good. If you need the \$100 cash, and I do not invest at Richmond (as seems probable now as there will be scarcely time to get the \$200 before the 1st of May) I will send it to you.

Please write how many of the 5-20's are mine and what there is for me to show for them.

Had not Mr. Libbey better keep all my bonds for me giving some certificate to this effect? I am glad the Lewiston Falls Bank is to change to a National one. I have written frankly just as I feel and I shall be gratified if my wishes can be complied with.

We are all well. Frank Gilman is doing Otis' writing. Otis saw Gen. Sherman yesterday. Probably the 12th & 11th Corps will be consolidated and Otis have the new Corps. Hooker will go some where else - probably have 4th Corps.

Your Affectionate Son C. H. Howard

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4/4/1864 From: C. H. Howard To: Prof. A. S. Packard

CHH-150 Headquarters Eleventh

Corps,

Lookout Valley, Tennessee

Headquarters Eleventh Corps, Lookout Valley, Tennessee, Apr. 4th 1864.

Prof. Packard: My dear Sir

Your letter of March 12th was duly received. You were right, I find, in your surmise as to the authorship of the old Life of Washington.

One day after I had sent the copy to you I was riding along our Picket line with the General and called at a house just over the state boundary in Georgia. It was a log-cabin as most of the houses in this vicinity are but had an appearance of neatness rarely seen in this Valley. Knocking at the open door we were ushered in by a young woman of eighteen or twenty years and found an old man sitting near the only window there was - reading his Bible. He looked up and spoke civilly as we entered and the General began a conversation with him.

It was refreshing to find him not only capable of reading, but actually ready to confess that he spent a great part of his time reading the Bible. (Out of 87 of the inhabitants who drew rations from our Commissary only three could write their names.) The old man said in the course of the conversation that there were only four books that he was accustomed to read and those he had read over, a great many times. The Bible he read most. Then there was "The Life of Washington", "The Life of Marion" and a book of Dialogues. He brought me "The Life of Washington" and I found that it was the same I had sent you though complete and apparently a later edition. I saw that it was by Weems and had a titlepage as pretentious as the style of the book. I suppose the copy you have contains the quotation of an opinion of "H. Lee Major General Army U.S." upon the title-page.

The old man talked like a Christian. He had lived here for many years. Came about the time the Cherokees moved away. Was born in South Carolina. Said he was a Union man - that he had read that "Life of Washington" too much to be anything else. Said his son at the beginning of the war used to get that book and point out and read passages to the neighbors, to show them the wrong of "Secession", but that son was now in the Rebel Army - forced to fight against his country and his Convictions of right.

The General has started a Sabbath School in connection with the Christian Commission. He is also constructing a Church, to be used during the week for a school and on Sunday for Divine Service. He will detail a soldier to teach the school until some teacher can be procured by the C.C. to remain after we move which must be in the course of a month I think.

I intend to furnish you with those official reports, as soon as I can procure the copies & have the time to attend to it.

With warmest wishes for your welfare from the General & myself.

I remain with respect C. H. Howard

P.S. Since writing my letter I have taken a ride in company with my brother and I thought I would mention an incident or two of our calls upon the families.

At the first little log-hut the General went in and I remained outside and talked with two little boys about coming to Sabbath School. I learned from them that there were two families crowded into that little 7 by 9 apartment. The General told me that he found one child lying dead in the house and another very sick. The mother said she had lost five (5) children within a short time and her husband. The squalor of

these habitations and the filthiness of person of all the people, whether man, woman, or child, is beyond everything I have ever seen.

At another house we found a man, a miller, but as the people all draw rations now and have no grinding he is without occupation, and seems utterly hopeless and aimless. A woman with a child two years old lives in the same one-apartment house though not his wife. She said the soldiers took all her corn and wheat before the end of two hours, though she had enough to last a year & a half.

This was when the half famished men from Chattanooga first landed in this Valley cooperating with Hooker's forces which came up from Bridgeport at the same time. Those men had starved on quarter rations for one or two weeks. Our occupation of this Valley opened the Tennessee for Steamboats and relieved the pressure for food. But most of these poor people lost their all in the few days before the boats got to running. We now feed (this Corps alone) 1000 of these inhabitants.

This woman said they tore down her house & took all her household stuff. Probably she left it during the fight and they appropriated the timber and contents to protect themselves from the weather as they had no tents at first. Another young woman also lived in this one room, who attends the Sabbath School. I found a boy of 12 years who also lives there & who thinks he will come next Sunday.

Respectfully & truly yours C. H. Howard

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4/6/1864 From: C. H. Howard To: Brother [Rodelphus

Gilmore]

CHH-151 Headquarters Eleventh

Corps

Department of the

Cumberland

Lookout Valley, Tenn.

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

Lookout Valley, Tenn. April 6th, 1864.

My dear brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

I am just about starting for an excursion upon Lookout Mountain with Frank Gilman. The consolidation of the 11th and 12th Corps will be known to you before you get this. Otis has gone to consult with Gen Hooker this morning about staff officer &c. & c.

There is a good deal of a fluttering among the disturbed brood at these Head quarters. We feel somewhat sad at thoughts of leaving old associations here and attached friends. Some must be left behind. Otis will try for his Qr. Mr. Lt. Col. Hayes and he would like to have our old stand-by Col. Balloch.

Thursday - April 7 1864 - Did not get time to finish my letter yesterday. Did not return till dark. It was a clear day and the view magnificent. Frank was enraptured - looking into 7 states with all the picturesque beauty and grandeur of extent over a country varied with mountains, valleys, meandering streams from a curling creek & the majestic sweep of the Tennessee, the effect heightened by the works of man - a city - the encampment of a great army - earthworks, Rail Roads, bridges and the like - and then the historic associations of three great battle-fields - more than historic to us, having all the interest of real tragedy and of actual grand conflict. But there would be no end of enumerating if I should undertake to recount all the points of interest in the magnificent panorama spread out before you standing upon Lookout Mountain. We rode around much, examined a new fort building on the summit, went to a cave, in which is a beautiful cascade - a calybeate spring and other pleasing features. We worked about two hours in digging up a Laurel root from which Capt. Stinson & I propose to have some keepsakes carved.

It is another pleasant morning. Still the excitement about the breaking up of the Corps & the transfer of Gen. Howard to the 4th continues and increases. Some of the staff are pretty blue - e.g. Balloch, Asmussen and many others subordinate. There is a handsome tribute to the General in this morning's Chatanooga Gazette. Says it is an honor to the 4th Corps.

You can hardly conceive of the amount of labor - of the planning and administrative kind - which devolves upon us in these changes. I am writing in the Gen's tent where much talking is going on. Maj. Gen. Butterfield will have a Div'n in the new Corps - which, by the way, will be called the 20th instead of 1st as first indicated. Geary will have another & perhaps Steinweher another though the latter is doubtful. Rousseau has a Div'n in the 12th & may continue in the 20th. We will have (in the 4th) Maj. Gen. Stanley, Gen. Wood, and probably Newton to take Sheridan's place who has gone East. So we will have regular army officers to command the Div'ns & several of the brigades ditto - e.g. Hazen & Harker.

Give much love to Mother.

Cleaveland will be a pleasant place for Hd. Qrs. Direct your letters via Nashville Hd. Qrs. Tell me about the good work at Leeds. Love to father. Otis says he will lend me the money if father cannot send the \$200 on time. I got your note with Rowland's and had previously written a recommendation for Blanchard and got Otis to endorse it. He goes to an old regiment of ours 157th N.Y. of our old 1st Div'n.

Hastily written but cordially Your Affectionate brother

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Howard]

CHH-152 Headquarters Fourth

Army Corps

Department of the

Cumberland Adairsville Ga. On Dalton & Atlanta

R.R.

Headquarters Fourth Army Corps, [Letterhead] Department of the Cumberland [Letterhead]

Adairsville Ga. May 18, 1864, 11 A.M. On Dalton & Atlanta R.R.

Dear brother [Rowland B. Howard]

All well and happy this morning. Had a pretty severe engagement near here last Evening. 4th Corps was moving from Calhoun to this place. We were skirmishing with enemy's rear guard all the way. I was near the head of Col. Turner. There was much woods and it was blind and disagreeable work. The Rebels availed themselves of every suitable position to make a stand. Then they could use some artillery and dispute our passage till driven out. Near here they took up position with two Divn's Infantry & 4 brigades of Cavalry & we could not start them much before dark.

Our losses in our brigade were considerable. Three of the staff horses were wounded. One shell burst right amongst us but no one was much hurt. One horse was killed. My "Jack" (horse) was wounded at Resacca. There we had a Battle.

The 2nd day Hooker attacked the left & though he failed to carry the works yet he captured 4 pieces of artillery & the Rebel loss was great. His loss was terrible also. We cooperated on his right & lost considerably. The day before we attacked & drove the enemy 1 mile or more but in turn had our left badly used just at night. I was there (on the left) and it made me think of Chancellorville. Our battery (9th Indiana) however did nobly and Hooker's troops, a brigade of the old 11th Corps, came up just in time to save the position and the battery. The Brigade Commander said there was no person in the world he would like better to help than Gen. Howard and the old troops he so long Commanded in. The 11th Corps did not flinch nor flag but sent the Rebels back with a zeal.

Otis had asked for some troops on his left knowing it was threatened. So as Hooker's troops were no longer needed on the right he was moved to our left. Scofield cooperated with 4th Corps 1st day but was on Hooker's left, supporting 2nd day - next on our right there was 14th Corps (Palmer) and then came McPherson's Army, being 15th Corps (Layman) and part of 16th. The night after Hooker's fight the Rebels retreated and we marched to Calhoun skirmishing on the way. This was 16th inst. Fighting at Resacca (14th & 15th). Our Corps also fought them at Buzzard's Roost near Dalton for several days. We took Tunnel Hill Saturday May 7th. Afterwards the whole army (except our Corps with Stoneman's & McCook's Cavalry which held the front) moved down through Snake Creek Gap upon the flank of Resacca.

The Rebels from their lookout stations on the mountains discerned the movement however & were ready to meet them. All the Rebels evacuated our front Thursday 12th & we marched into Dalton, skirmishing a little. Friday morning a final-day we marched on pressing the rear guard & that night formed junction with the rest of Sherman's Army.

I have given you a mere outline. We had considerable hard fighting in the face of Buzzard Roost and on Rocky Ridge.

I have never neglected writing so much & I fear mother will become very anxious. We leave our trains behind and have very little chance to write. Sherman & Thomas are sitting upon the Verandah of the

house here. I am under a tree in the luxuriant garden. The green sward is covered with lolling staff officers. Otis & two of his Div'n Gen'ls are sitting near. Otis has been up talking with Sherman & Thomas. The Bands are playing all about - very gayly. We anticipate fighting today or yesterday and at Kingston. Deserters say Johnson will make a stand with his entire army & try to defeat us. He has been reinforced by every thing that could be collected from below but we go strong. Hooker & Scofield left, McPherson right, 4th Corps Center, 14th Reserve.

Send this to mother. I don't know as I should have written this to you, fearing her anxiety but I had only one envelope & that directed to you. If the Lord continues to bless, the Rebellion will soon begin totter.

Your loving brother C. H. Howard (Lt. Col. & A. A. G.)

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6/21/1864 From: C. H. Howard To: Brother [Rowland B.

Howard]

CHH-153 Hd. qrs. 4th Corps

Near Kennesaw Mt.

Georgia

Hd. qrs. 4th Corps Near Kennesaw Mt. June 21 1864

My dear brother [Rowland B. Howard]

My days are so filled up with fighting and the occupations incident to an active campaign in which we are pressing the enemy as hard as we can every day, that I hardly know whether I have written since your last was received. I was glad to hear you had made another successful Book expedition bringing home the spoils in the shape of cash and useful experience.

I wrote mother yesterday morning but you will see by the telegraph probably that the 4th Corps had rather more than a skirmish yesterday and this might occasion some anxiety unless I wrote today.

In the forenoon we were only skirmishing - i.e. the picket lines in front of the works of both armies were trying to get any advantage they could and shooting at one another as briskly as they well could, every man trying to keep out of sight himself but see one of the enemy if possible and then aim and bang! Sometimes they get so interested in this engaging work that they think far less about covering themselves than they do about discovering the enemy and for this reason more probably are shot than would otherwise be the case. I think when we merely skirmish in the manner mentioned not attempting to advance and gain any important point, our losses average about ten (10) per day to a Brigade.

But yesterday at 4 P.M. Scofield in the extreme right of the Army was ordered to cross Noses Creek in his front. The right of the 4th Corps as also Hooker's Corps had already got across. The rest of the Army was ordered to demonstrate with artillery and skirmish lines to attract the enemy's attention. Otis took advantage of this and ordered Gen. Stanley to take a hill in his front held by the enemy. It was important because liable to be occupied by the Rebel artillery, and it was a commanding position. Besides the Rebels brought a destructive musketry fire from it upon a portion of our line. So at Four P.M. when our artillery had opened all along the line. Whittaker's Brigade charged the hill driving the Rebels and capturing 20 men and an officer. Very soon reenforcements were pushed up and they had the hill fortified in almost less than no time so that when the enemy had formed and made a counter charge with three lines they were repulsed with terrible slaughter by our well directed and tremendous storm of rifle balls. I never heard a louder cheer than the Rebels set up and they never went trembling back in greater confusion. The hill we took was found to be close upon another equally high and upon which was the main line of the enemy's work. They tried several times to retake the hill but were easily repulsed.

Another hill at the right of this of less importance was taken by the skirmish line of Kirby's Brigade ("Crufts'") and as Kirby's had very little to support it with and did not send what he had in season this hill was regained by the enemy. We will probably retake it this morning, as our artillery commands it.

We were a little anxious last night as many of our troops had moved to the right to relieve Hooker who moved still further to the right or elsewhere. But we are all right now having sufficient reserves to hold what we have. 8 officers were wounded in the leading Regiment of that Charge of Whittakers (21st Kentucky). The enemy opened with artillery upon a point where I was yesterday P.M. at very close range. It was rather demoralizing but otherwise I took no harm. Our entire loss yesterday will not much exceed 200.

We had some magnificent artillery fighting, when a Rebel battery would open from the hill adjoining Kennesaw some 24 guns would belch out upon it at such a style as to dry it up after firing two or three shots. We are about three or four miles from Marietta.

The Lord bless & keep you always in the right path. Send this home if you can.

Your affec. Brother C. H. Howard

It is raining, raining, raining! Every day.

Direct, please, Lt. Col. Not Col.