Har Houton June 12# 1865

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6/12/1865 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-179 Hd. Qrs. Camp Stanton

Beaufort S. C.

Hd. Qrs. Camp Stanton Beaufort S. C. Jun 12th 1865

My dear Mother

You are the only person to whom I would presume to begin a letter upon so huge a sheet. But I am sure I can fill it if not interrupted in the hour before me till Battalion drill at 3 P.M. Besides the thunder is grumbling in the sky and clouds accumulating so we may have a grateful shower instead of a hot and tiresome drill. Rain is always welcome here. But we manage to get the better of the heat usually. I have now as a covering of my verandah between my two tents, instead of the tent-fly, a framework of rough poles, with bark on, covered with the long Southern moss which I have described to you in former letters I think. It will grow even when spread out in this way as a roof. This gives me one place always shady and cool. The hanging moss too is pretty & picturesque to see.

I have had some other improvements about my quarters. A tall flagstaff erected in front of my tent with a handsome new flag floating in the breeze, a terraced mound at its foot and the sandy surface in front of my tent all covered with grass-grown sods.

As I look in across my "Verandah" and through my rear tent a picture meets my eyes too pleasing not to mention to you - a beautiful bouquet of Oleanders (if they are properly called Oleanders) skillfully arranged with vines asparagus &c. so as to be doubly attractive. This was a present sent me this morning by the ladies from "Old Fort" Plantation two or three miles below. The Oleanders have a fragrance like our grass-pinks and are not unlike them except that they are as large as a Cinnamon rose. They have a bright pink color. Their immense shrubbery I believe I have described to you. It is said they continue to blossom until Fall. One of those Oleander trees or bushes standing all in bloom among the green of the magnolias and other trees and shrubbery, is one of the most pleasing of rich nature's luxuriant offerings in this region.

Another new feature of my rear tent is the flower of the "Spanish Dagger" (a present also) which is also upon a grand scale. It looks like a lot of Pond lilies strung together so as to make a compact bunch larger than a water-pail. There are above 500 of these flowers upon one stalk for I had my boy "Jim" count them this morning (519). This huge bouquet of nature's own making, grows upon the top of the flag-like shrub named "Spanish Dagger" from the dagger-like sharpness of the leaf. It looks a little like a young palmetto.

Since I wrote you Capt. Cole has been here from Otis. He only spent one night but it was very refreshing to me to see some one to tell me all about one who is almost a part of myself so closely have I been associated with him for the past 4 years. Besides he could tell me about the Army and my many friends there and in fact before he came there was a great dearth here of information of every kind from the North.

I am very glad Lizzie is once again with Otis & I wonder when he will have the Children there. I am not at all weaned from my Northern home & friends. Today have been thinking & a thinking & almost a wishing which you know is not proper for a philosopher and a sailor who has got well out upon the sea of life. But my heart must be a little too domestic for this world or the manner I have lately drifted out into the world I think. However things adapt themselves to each other & I shall get used to the status to which Providence assigns me. I saw a telegram from Otis today to Gen. Saxton, in answer to one Gen. S. had sent asking if he (Gen. S.) should come to Washington. Gen Saxton will go next Steamer I think. If I could be assured that my Regiment would remain in charge of Gen. Saxton I should be well satisfied. But there is no certainty of this. And if turned over to Gen. Gillmore we will probably be sent to Savannah or Charleston or elsewhere. I am too old a soldier to murmur at any order that may come but beforehand I can hope that we may remain here where we have become wanted and where the officers above me are congenial. Besides here I have charge of two Regiments & my rank would hardly entitle me to this elsewhere.

Capt. Cole brought me the Brevet appointment of Colonel of Volunteers from the President for "gallant and meritorious services" as it reads. So I am Colonel exclusive of my Regiment. I am of course pleased at this honor although it is profitless in all except such a gratification. It was given before my Commission in this Regt although I did not know of it till now.

I got letter from Dellie saying he was going directly to Indiana. How seldom I hear from you. But your letter of May 7th was received & did me much good. Does Wash continue to drive you to Church? Give him my kind remembrances.

The drum sounds for drill & it will not rain - the sprinkling has even ceased - but the burning sun is covered by a cloud & it will only be a pleasure to drill. There is a good breeze.

Pray that Providence may guide me in all things & make me an active & efficient member of the Church of Christ. Wish Rowland would write, but I forget that the last Steamer failed to bring the mail & I may get a double portion of letters next time.

Your loving Son C. H. Howard

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June 26 1865
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6/26/1865 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

CHH-180 Hd. qrs. Post Beaufort

Hd. qrs. Post Beaufort June 26 1865

Dear brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

I have not time to write even a page. But I had expected to go North on this Steamer. Could not finish the business of Examining Board I was on - organization of Courts in my district &c. &c & so did not apply for my Leave. Have been on the Ex. Board all day & all evening - am very tired but well. My health & strength was never better in my life. My love to mother & to Rosa if you have opportunity to convey so delicate a message!

To bed! To sleep! To dream! Perhaps of home which I hope to see in two weeks, starting from here 8 days from tomorrow (Friday) if I can get a Leave.

Your loving brother C. H. Howard

P.S. Can't you wait till I come home?

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7/9/1865 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-181 Hd. qrs. Post Beaufort S.C.

Hd. qrs. Post of Beaufort S.C. July 9 1865

My dear Mother

It is Sunday about 2 P.M. I have just finished dinner. It is very warm and I feel rather dull for this reason & because I did not sleep well last night. It was too warm & the breeze dying out when the tide went out, the mosquitoes came in in swarms.

I have not written you since I was assigned to the Command of this Post. I am now in a house - a fine large mansion with broad piazza & upper balcony. My cares are great & duties now much more arduous though they will not be so much so by & by when I get everything in order to my mind.

I now have three full Regiments and two batteries under my command. A good sized brigade. Besides the two I had viz. 128th & 104th I have now the 26th U. S. C. Infy., 3d Rhode Island Artillery & 2nd U.S. Colored Artillery.

All the regulation of the town, together with this & neighboring islands and a portion of the main land of South Carolina as far as the Combahee River falls to my lot.

I did not care to leave my Regiment & the command I had there ("Camp Stanton"). Everything was running very smoothly & with much greater ease to myself than at first. I had given up the tiresome battalion drill in the hot sun in the afternoon & substituted a school for each company taught by a Company Officer. Had awnings built of poles and the celebrated long moss which we gather from the live oak trees. These afford school rooms, i.e. shelter from the Sun & I think the men much rather go to school into this shelter than stay in their company streets & tents exposed to the heat.

I thought pretty strongly of going North with Gen. Saxton & so meeting Rowland & Otis at Gettysburg but Lt. Col. Beebe was absent & so I decided not to go. Now I do not know that I can go this Summer though I hope to go the last of this month or the first of August.

Gen. Saxton talked of appointing me Asst. Com'r Freedmen but I do not know precisely what place he was going to offer me.

We are having it 105 in the shade. It is burning in the sun I assure you & I have been sitting upon an Examining Board at Hilton Head during last week where it seems even warmer than here as there they have no trees.

I was appointed in place of Gen. Potter (Bvt. Maj. Gen.) who has gone North. We are examining all the officers of the District. I was not sorry to be upon the Board as it gives me opportunity to get familiar with those matters in case I may have to be examined. It reduces the likelihood, also, of such an ordeal for myself.

It is examining with a view to giving a list to the War Department from which Regular Officers may be selected in case the Army is enlarged.

My health continues very good. I only wish I could have some more of my friends with me. I have control now of plenty of fine horses, carriages &c. &c. & think I could make any of my friends quite contented here for a while at least.

My Adjt. Gen. or Post Adjt. is Capt. Saxton, brother of Gen. S. I selected him from my Regiment, not only because he was as well qualified as any but also because his health was not very good & I thought a change would do him good.

I have unfortunately had no time to go to Church today, though there was preaching at two places - one

place chiefly to the negroes.

I hope you are well. Dellie wrote once from Rich'nd.

Your loving Son C. H. Howard

- P.S. Give love to Wash. Tell him "Jim" likes living in house as I am now better than in a tent. Tell him I have two new horses, both very handsome one bay, the other black.
- P.S. Dexter H. [Howard] is well but has lost partially his hearing effects of his wound I think.

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7/11/1865 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-182 Hd. qrs. Post of

Beaufort

Hd. qrs. Post of Beaufort Tuesday July 11 1865

Dear Mother:

I was delighted last evening to get your letter of July 3d. The Steamer had arrived Saturday but your letter got delayed probably at Hilton Head.

I am sorry I have not always mentioned Dexter Howard. He is now enjoying good health and in command of his Company. I am not much at the Regt. but see some of the officers every day & generally visit it once every day. There is little doubt that it will remain permanently at this Post now, and there is not a healthier or pleasanter place in all the South I suppose.

I shall write to Ella. My time is much occupied. I have about 20 letters behind hand to answer. I hope still to go North the last of this month or the 1st of Aug. Lt. Col. Beebe wrote me from Belfort where he met with a "cordial reception" from his lady-love & her parents. I go to Hilton Head on the Steamboat (15 miles) this morning at 8. My Breakfast is ready. It is after 7 o'clock. I will try to heed your good counsel not to be absorbed in the vanities of this world.

Your loving Son C. H. Howard

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9/27/1865 *From:* C. H. Howard *To:* Mother

CHH-183 Beaufort S. C.

Beaufort S. C. Sept 27 1865

My dear Mother

I have written to Rowland, Otis & Dellie today and now it is evening. I will end by a little converse with you. I think I did not write anyone about my good fortune in attending Mr. Beecher's Prayer meeting last Friday night. I enjoyed much Mr. Beecher's talk, the singing, the fervent prayers and practical brief remarks of other Christians. Mrs. Alvord went with me & then we returned to Jersey city, to her house. We had all taken Tea at her mother's & sister's (Mrs. Peck's) at 29 Cranberry St. Brooklyn. Mr Alvord has two little boys - one about 9, terribly afflicted with Asthma but a very bright boy - the other 4 years old and a girl some16 or 18 years old, now going to school in N. Y.

Mr. A. & wife made my stay with them so pleasant in every way that I shall delight to visit them again. Saturday he & I started about 9 for N. Y. & as the Steamer was to go at 10 A.M. we went directly to the Dock & I did not undertake to go up to the Hotel even but I met Capt. Ketchum at the Steamer (with whom I stayed when I was before in N.Y. you remember) & several other friends - some acquaintances, clerks & others, going South but no one in whom I was greatly interested. I left some errands for Mr. Alvord to do & send the results to me by Capt. K. who is to come by the next trip of the Empire City. I found this Steamer rather warm with hard use during the War but being the ranking officer I was given as good a room as was to be found & the pleasanter for being on deck.

Gen. [Truman] Seymour, an old Army officer who married my friend John Weir's sister [Louisa] was a passenger but he had been mustered out as a General & returned to his old rank in the Regular Army - a Captain & was going to join his Company at Hilton Head. He was an agreeable companion, introducing himself soon after we started. His wife also was a passenger but so sick that I did not have the pleasure of her company except when we first started & just before we reached Hilton Head. She is a lovely lady & says she has often heard her brother John speak of me. Gen. S. told me that John is now painting a picture for which he is to have six thousand dollars. This will be a pretty good year's salary. I saw the Painting last Winter when I was in his studio but it was then but just begun.

Well, our passage was the pleasantest, the last three day's bright & breezy. I wrote somewhat on Monday. Read on Sunday until evening. Talked a good deal with Gen. Seymour who has traveled in Europe & is a man of superior culture. He was in the Mexican War, of course feels rather sore that he is mustered out while many other younger officers & who are not in the regular Army, are retained. He intends to stick by until he gets to be Major & then be "retired", which he can be easily as he has been a good many years in service and his health is now much impaired, being troubled with Bronchitis. An officer on the "retired list" has considerably more than half pay.

I came up Beaufort River towards Sunset - a delightful sail. But I had heard on landing at Hilton Head of much sickness among my officers, that Lt. Col. B. had gone home sick, that Gen. Saxton was just off for Charleston, so I was rather sober & reflective - almost if not quite regretful as I came up the beautiful familiar river. I saw the places where I had enjoyed the Spring & Summer months so much & which now seemed to have a shade thrown over them as I was to go away & never probably have my home here any more. Some acquaintances & friends who had been very dear I would never again meet in these familiar and interesting places & probably never meet anywhere in this world.

The Sun was sinking & Beaufort presented a charming picture crowning picturesquely the head of the Bay with its white houses, church spires, masts of vessels & green trees. It always presents its best face to our approaching from below on the water. I immediately saw Gen. Saxton & found he was off for Charleston that night at 10 P.M.

The Major (Saxton), the General's brother & aide met me at the boat. All congratulated me on my "Star". [Charles was promoted to Brevet Brigadier-General on 15 Aug 1865.] By the way I donned the star in Washington. "Sour" (Otis's servant) sewing on my new stripes for me - Mrs. Alvord put on another pair upon my old coat & a Tailor put on the buttons which you talked somewhat of doing. So my old coat is

good as new & I was almost sorry I had bought the new one.

I found Dexter just recovering from sickness & this morning wrote his father about him. I saw him again tonight & am going to try & get a leave for him so that he can leave on the next Steamer in about a week hence.

I go to Charleston in a few days. Found my rooms newly painted. My cow & horse, "Jim", Aunt Sallie", Capt Rundlett my Quarter Master, all well & seemingly glad to welcome me back with such comforts, luxuries, & greetings as each could offer. It is getting late & I will say Good night & God bless you.

A letter from Dellie reached me last night, probably coming on the same Steamer with me. He seems to think Messrs. Sprague & Pratt ought to have paid something down but I have written him that I did not care about that. We preferred to sell it to good paymasters & give them all the time they desired. He goes to Clinton lowa the 9th of October.

Write me how you got home, how Joan got along, how "Wash" is &c. &c. Wash's wife has gone to Lynchburg but Otis will try again to find her there as no doubt he will. Write me how your health is and if you keep up good spirits. Have you met your Sabbath School class since your return from Easton? I missed family worship at Mr. Ames' did you not?

Your Affectionate Son C. H. Howard

P.S. I told Dellie I would let him have money if he needed taking one of those Sprague & Pratt notes for my pay if he wished me to do so.

P.S. No 2. Thermometer was 86 in shade yesterday but there is always a good Sea breeze. I visited my Regt tonight and spoke to them. They looked very neat & soldierly.

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Dear brother Rowland [B. Howard]

I arrived here last night after a pleasant passage from N. Y. in three days. I was glad to find your letter at Howard Hotel Friday morning. I spent Thursday night in Jersey City with Mr. Alvord and ditto Friday night after spending the evening in Brooklyn, taking Tea at his wife's mother's and attending Mr. Beecher's Prayer meeting.

It is early in the morning and I cannot help exclaiming in Mrs. Lee's words "O lovely Beaufort"! The air seems clearer, the sky bluer, the Sun-shine brighter, the birds merrier and the whole picture of the bay & its environs, looking from my window, seems more pleasing to the eye than any place I have visited in my absence. The brightness & cheerful aspect of nature this morning & my sweet sleep last night has done much to dispel the disagreeable feelings of last night.

For everything in the matter of business, military, the Bureau, the state of society in S.C. and other more particular personal circumstances tended to disturb and make me sad.

I knew at Washington that Gen. Saxton was to move Hd. Qrs. to Charleston but thought I would perhaps get back before he left. I found him here but all packed up & he with his family & Maj. Saxton, in fact everything of his household & his office were on the boat and left at 10 in the evening.

It was a pleasant moonlight evening. I mounted my horse & rode with my Quarter Master to see Maj. Danielson. Had learned before that Lt. Col. Beebe had gone North sick. Maj. D. has been sick, his wife, Mrs. Noble, Capt (Dexter) Howard, in fact a great many more of my officers. Maj. D. informed me of a good deal of trouble in the Regt. but he is better & will be able to attend to it now. Dexter I then went to see & found he was improving but had been very sick. I wrote to Uncle Warren this morning.

My Qr. Mr. has had my two rooms painted & every thing put in fine order for my comfort here so it is quite a disappointment to go to Charleston. Yet I would not care to stay here alone. It will be rather lonely here with Hd. Qrs. of the bureau removed.

Two officers have been lately murdered back here in S. C. & a fearful state of things seems to exist. Returned Rebel soldiers lounging round the hotels with nothing to do. I wish I was in command of the Department. Gov. Perry I fear from what Gen Saxton says is little better than an old Rebel, tho' his address to the Convention sounded much better than South Carolina speeches of 4 years ago. You saw it I suppose. I wonder if the Democratic Party is willing to sustain his assumption that ours is a White Man's Gov't. Is this a White Man's World? God seems to have given a place to the black man in it.

Breaking up here, seeing my Regt. rather degenerating, severing all the pleasant associations of place & people etc. etc. (How foolishly the heart

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-cient Creator who has made him black and at the same time an intelligent moral agent? I must close with love to Ella & Dadie and sweet little baby Otis.

From your Affectionate br C. H. Howard Col. 128th U. S. C. T. Brevet Brig. Gen. Vols.