

Leeds July 14<sup>th</sup> 1833.

My Dear Husband

I am greatly rejoiced to hear from you, and  
and to hear such good news too that you are safely arrived  
at the place of destiny without material injury to your  
health, but now commences the laborious undertaking  
now the greatest exposures to ill health, what a  
gratification it would be to me to be with me you  
and share with you the cares and anxieties of every  
day but that is impossible at present, but I hope  
and trust (notwithstanding the uncertainty of every-  
thing of an earthly nature) we shall again be  
together, united and educating our only son, my  
anxiety is thrice doubled since I have the sole care of  
him, the thought of seeing life closed upon him almost  
distracts me, he seems quite promising now, his  
restless temper requires attention, but I think it  
forebodes no evil, he is affectionate, Warren gets a  
long tolerably well, appears as though he needed  
a guide sometimes, he complains of being lonesome  
Nothing special has happened to any of us yet, what  
of this month that has past has been more  
favorable to vegetation, our crops begin to show  
themselves a little, we complain of the wet  
it is rather difficult getting on to our cornfields  
to weed to them, on wet land, Mr Woodman has  
not begun the hay yet, but will, probably this week  
I believe the hay has not suffered any for want  
of cutting yet, the oxen remain quietly in the pasture

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Waterford.

Poland, B. Howard.

Mr  
Leeds  
July 12

B. H.

Dear Husband

I hardly know how to direct that letter, you  
did not think to tell me what country you  
were in, but I will do the best I can



Cwarren weaned the calves a few days since, the calf is quite handsome, grows very well, in short everything remains about the same as when you left home, the men to meet grandpa to enquire for his papa's letter when he came from the office, and brought it to his mother, he was unwilling to part with it to have it read, and then kept it in his hat untill he went to sleep it was such a treasure that papa had sent him, he comforts himself with the idea of going to Newyork when his calf is large enough to see papa, it seems but a day or two to him, he says pa will <sup>be gone</sup> a great while, Our friends are all as well as usual in this vicinity, Mr Nathan Howard of Winstrop spent the afternoon of the fourth of July here with us & found him a pleasant jocular old gentleman, he offered to carry your father to Bridgewater the latter part of summer, he is going alone in a carriage, pa ask me if I should be willing to have him go when you are gone — I shall leave it altogether with you to decide, but I should be glad if he would feel himself needed here in your absence, he is a great deal of company for me, he appeared quite overcome in his feelings when you left us, he is perfectly calm and contented in his appearance, he was rather gratified than otherwise with the contents of your letter, when reading your letter the thought ocurred to me, that my husband's pride was some wounded when contrasting his brothers family with his, but we must submit to such allotments, and think if we cannot fill so high a station in life as we could desire we may perhaps do as much good in some less exalted situation, our children tho' humbly educated may fill important stations in life, let us hope for the best, and bear with patience whatever crosses our path in life.

Mr Foss together with his other family troubles has had his best barn blown to pieces in "whirlwind", it was moved on the ground ten feet we felt it some but our damage was small in comparison with others Mr F has since sold his farm to Daniel <sup>W</sup> Hinkley, in this circumstance is discovered a great change in the situation of a number of persons, it is quite curious that he should buy the same farm that a few years since he was brought onto a poorhouse, you say in your letter write all your troubles and comforts I don't feel as though I had any real troubles and comforts I have anxieties and cares the mind is full of them, I recollect you said I have nothing to do but take comfort this summer you forgot how soon you should be gone from us, but we resolved to part from each other for awhile hoping it might be for our future good, why then should I not rest content with what hope, as you comfort I have a great many and I am sensible that a humble acknowledgement of them is due to my maker and preserver for the daily mercies I receive from his hand, our improvements in our buildings, very <sup>it is</sup> convenient and am greatly obliged to you for them I sincerely hope we shall enjoy them together again Oh my dear husband you have all my heart with you every



at Howard  
Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1848

Mrs John Gilmore

So. 4<sup>th</sup> St.



Hallowell Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1848

Dear Mother

It has been about three weeks since last we met, I should be glad to come here and make a visit, are you well, I did not know but you had made yourself sick by taking care of the babe, how does he do, is his sickness abated is Charles and Rowland well, you must let Rowland come and make my school a visit, William commenced going to Mr Burnham's school the day that I did, we have a very good school, I like it very much and the teacher, he told me to give his best respects to you, and tell you that I was a very good boy, but whether it is so or not you must come and see the day that I came down, I rode from the forks of the road here, I got to grandfather's apt about 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon I went to caravan, the same that was at Winthrop, that Charles and Rowland went to, if you would like to know how much money I have spent and in what way I will tell you, for going to caravan 25 cts, slate 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ , ink 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts, pen and case 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  4 3/4 cts, 4 cts, 6 sheets of paper 6 cts, Arithmetic 38 cts, Latin grammar 62 cts, all added together makes 2,05, I asked Mr Burnham what new ~~the~~ study I had better take, he told



me that I had better take Satin, week ago  
wednesday I went to muster... and yesterday  
George Pollard and Rowlands friend, Charles Polard  
he said he should like to see Rowland very  
much, yesterday we went down to the  
wharf to see a Brig of War, where they take  
apprentices, excuse mistakes, your affectionate  
son

Oswar, O. Howard

Received  
July 21 1846



O. O. Howard  
Oct 26 1843

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Hallowell. Oct 26th 1843

Dear mother

I take this opportunity  
to write you a few lines. as Uncle  
Ensign is nowhere. and is going to bed  
soon. He said that you were all  
well then. that is when he came from  
home. My shoes are most gone they have  
two or three holes in them, I cannot wait  
wait a fortnight for my shoes or boots  
for I by that time I shall have nothing  
to wear. I should like to have you get  
my boots made as soon as you can,  
and send them. Uncle Ensign brought  
the news of Olive Cushman's death.  
and said that she died the day before you  
got home. give my love to my brothers.  
tell them I am much obliged to them  
for the apples, and also give my love to all  
the rest. as Roland. Howe and Anna. Anne

yours affectionately

O. O. Howard

Ms.

South Sea Islands

Mrs. Eliza Gilman



To Rowland B

Dear Rowland

I write a  
few lines to you. I am <sup>ul</sup>thankful  
to you for the apples as I suppose  
you sent them. I should like  
very much to have you come and  
see me, and your sons give my  
love to little Charles. I went to  
Mr Pollards one afternoon. Charles  
said he should like very much to  
play with you. he said he should  
like to go out to Leeds and make  
you a visit. I should like to have you  
come here and make my school a visit  
your affectionate brother

C. D. Howard



1848

My dear boy,

Leeds, November 15. 1848

I need not tell you how much I think about you, and how much I desire that your time may be spent to advantage, you already know that, nothing else could have induced me to let you go away from me, but for your own benefit. I want to have you think of this after you go to bed at night and look over the past day in your mind, and ask yourself the question whether you have spent the day properly or not and think whether Mother would be satisfied. I do not think I am hard to be satisfied. I do not consider it any excuse for me when others do wrong, if you see others that do not get their lessons well or any other misconduct, I beg of you my son never <sup>let it</sup> have any influence on your conduct, you said to me they do not have to write composition but once a fortnight at the other school now this I thought much of what you said, because that seemed to say to my Stead's mind I want to get along easy, I don't think so much of my future advancement as of my present ease, I hope for the best and so must you don't think lightly of your Mother's views

Mother Oliver O Howard

Holliswell

Nov 5. 1848

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she is ever mindful of you and it <sup>is</sup> your happiness  
that is nearest my heart, it is a great comfort to me that  
you have <sup>been</sup> always a good boy and I hope always to have  
that satisfaction all of our family seem to cherish a  
good feelings towards you and speak often of you.  
M. B. H. wants to come to see you and would be glad to  
come with his sister tomorrow, but I do not think  
it best for him to come now the weather is so cold  
Charles <sup>W.</sup> wishes he could come to Holliston and wants  
me to tell you he can let down have and put up his  
Bourland has been quite a help this fall he was all the  
help I have had when we got home but B. B. Wilson  
A. G. has begun to work on the farm again now  
you will perceive that your boots are not made  
your father has been very much engaged since  
he came home so that he could not attend to  
getting them, as he was out of leather and Oscar too  
I am sorry but you must have patience they  
will come soon, the babe is quite healthy now  
I expect he will forget you, I should have been  
glad to had you come home in the vacation, but  
on the whole I thought you had better keep on  
with your work as it would change things to come  
away and go back, I cut and made your pants I hope  
they will fit well I shall get the rest of your  
clothes as soon as possible I have had great deal to do  
since I came home Mr Gilmore will come to St. ....  
again before long, you have a little yarn with you

that I want to finish a pair of gloves I have begun  
for you it is paper <sup>could</sup> ~~could~~ I am afraid if I ~~could~~ <sup>could</sup> ~~move~~  
move it will not macth it and that is some of  
the same, I can send you some more for  
your stocking be sure and keep it up and  
have Mr. G. put it in his pocket I cannot  
finish them untill I have it, tell grandma the  
small bunch of yarn I send her and the rest  
dist. Ann Lee, sends I shall get your clothes  
as fast as I can, give my love to William  
Mervia and Vaughn I should be glad if  
they would write me a letter  
remember me to your Uncle and Aunt  
and Mrs. Vaughn all the kindnesses you  
receive from <sup>them</sup> are remembered with  
gratitude by me

I am ever your affectionate  
Mother Eliza Gilmore

P.S. you may  
show this to  
Grandma, but  
don't show  
it much

for it is not  
written so well  
as I can write when  
I am not fatigued  
E. G.

O. O. Howard.



Wallowell Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1843

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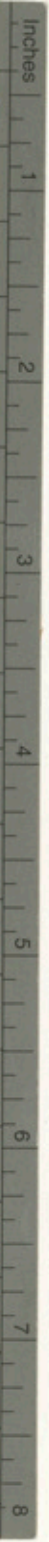
Dear mother

I thought I should  
write a few lines to you as I  
expect Father down to day.  
I write you that Sam well  
and all our folk, but it is very  
silly in this place, there has four  
or five persons died since I have  
been here. The private term  
of Mr. Burnham closed last  
Saturday and the vacation is about  
four weeks I am going to study at home  
and visit to Mr. Burnham. Otis had just begun this  
when his father came and he went home and has  
not returned.

Dear Eliza your husband says Anna is going

to spend part of the winter with you I think it will  
be as well for her and that she will enjoy it as well  
or better than she would hear your Father is very unwell  
and it is difficult to get along he cant bear any noise  
and think one more in the family will be to much it is much  
better I think for Sarah to stay here and go to school,  
and her Mother to stay with you as is concluded I want  
to have her come and make a visit if it is convenient I think your  
Father is no better upon the whole has been some better but is not  
so well now I want to say a good deal but have not time give  
my love to all write to me soon Otis is a good boy Mother B. C. C.





O. C. Howard  
Nov 6 1848

Extra

Wilwaukee

Dear Mr

Dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 1st inst. and was  
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope  
this finds you the same. I have been  
very busy lately and have not had time  
to write you more fully. I am  
well and hope this finds you the same.  
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Howard  
Nov 6 1843

Abra. L. Grimore  
South Feet  
W.

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Hallowell. Nov 6th 1843

Dear Mother

I write you a few lines because father is here and I can send the letter by him; Our vacation has now commenced, Uncle thinks I had better get my lessons as usual here at home for Mr Burnham says he will hear all the lessons I will get and bring to him, I think he is very kind. As for my duties I do not think it is hard to perform them, as for my composition, I like to write it, and I have written once a week, I only speak of their writing them, to the Academy, I am very much obliged to you for your advice (and will ~~the~~ try to obey you, I get along very well, I have got the wood inn. and my chores are not so hard as they were, I could not go to skating for the want of shoes, and I am very sorry that I could not have my boots but however I shall try to make the best of it. I should like very much



to come home in the vacation  
but as you think best for <sup>me</sup> not too I shall  
not <sup>count</sup> give my love to them all, do not  
labour a thought that I ~~do~~ not  
mean to do. right dear mother.  
excuse mistakes for I am in  
a hurry give my ~~se~~ affectionate  
love to my brothers, your affection  
ate son S. C. Ho

G. Gilmore

