Leeds June 8th 1849.

My dear Son

I have just closed a letter to Rowland B. an answer to one directed to you, in this place he has accepted an invitation to take a part in the exibition and desireous to have you send those pieces up as soon as possible that he may have more of a choice, he says his health is about the same as when he was at home, but he writes in very good spirits I hope you are safely arrived in Brunswick and all things arranged for the term. I think a great deal about you my son, and should have been glad to have talked with you in confidence, had an opportunity offered and could have talked as I could have desired but as I cannot read another's heart and especially the heart of those I never saw, but one thing is certain if I knew your heart was free, and you were pursuing your studies independantly of every other object but true well founded knowledge (a basis that does not often fail to make one honored and happy,) I should have less anxiety, I feel very desireous for you to be prudent in every respect, do not undertake more than you can accomplish well I think to excell in a few things is better, than to undertake a great deal and do it badly. I will tell you my feelings while at Mr Greens, and more particularly after laying my head on my pillow, I retraced every moment after my arrival in Brunswick and it seemed to me that at Mr greens there is more temptation to spend time and money than there would be in a boarding house in Brunswick or near the Colleges, do not feel over anxious about being introduced into to much company.

Mrs Olivia E. Howard,
Brunswick
Maine

Leeds Me
June 5c

Maine Brunswick

you will have time enough yet, and every situation has its responsibilities, be extremely careful about your expences my son, always be as much guarded in your temper as possible every one has the advantage of a man in a passion, I have sometimes been affraid from what I gathered from your general observations, that you did not regard the rules of College and officers of College with that respect which is necessary for the well being of the Institution, for every station requires a certain degree of respect, when we take it into consideration, that there are a hundred or more students collected from different parts of the country with all kinds of dispositions and habits you cannot wonder at the necessity of strict discipline in the laws of College and neither can you wonder that the inhabitance of the town hold, ing them as a general thing a a distance It is not likely that any particular student of regular habits, introduced by a friend to a particular friends family would be treated with disrespect, by that family because he was a College student, every thing is opposite their pursuits, and there are always some students who delight in petty insults, put on somebody, and they must all bear it on an equal, and much more could be said, but I hope you do not hold any bitterness towards the people of Brunswick for what would be a thing of course, I think you do not when you take a candid view of the subject. But I have wandered a great way off from my subject, that I commced on the other page, but if it is as you said in a letter that the one absorbing thought or object gives a brighter hope in future and makes labour lighter and makes exertion a pleasure, and insites to greater ambition could a mother wish to have such an object removed no certainly not, give my love to your best friends cultivate good feelings toward all, a calm and candid habit of thinking. you will enjoy such a state of feeling as you go on through life. evening. I was called away from my letter by hearing your Father's voice he has returned safely from Boston and brought Frederic with him he told me you got very wet, for which I was very sorry for I am afraid you will suffer inconvenience in some way or other in consequence of your ride in the rain, I hope you had a pleasant time down the river and from Bath up the river to Brunswick, write to me how your health is, soon as you get this Aunt Nancy wrote a letter by your father, said you did not call on her I suspect you had not time, Your's &c. Elisa Gilmore

R. O. Howard

P.S. I see you left your slippers, but see no remedy.

Yours E.G.

Tuesday Morn.

O. A. Howard
June 6 1849

Mrs John Gibson
South Lebanon
Ohio

BRUNSWICK
JUN 6
ME

Brunswick June 6. 1849.

Dear Mother

I have now got a little settled and as it is wednesday, when we have dignity (no Recitation), I have taken my pen to fulfil my promise & write to you. —

We had rather a wet time (as usual) for the first part of our journey. I got wet through and was obliged, at Hallowell, to change my underclothes. We had in compensation a good time to go down the river and come from Bath to this place.

I did not take any cold, having availed myself of Dr Prescott's advice. I found that I had not mentioned a few of my little College bills at home, so when I got here, I procured a copy of Cleaveland's Lectures and have copied a little more than a third of them. There are about 160 pages in all, and a man would have to work pretty hard to copy 20 pages a day. I have returned to my old place to board in Topsham. It is uncertain how long I shall stay, at least till warm weather —. There are more students, that board there, than there were last term — about a dozen. Perley returned Monday —. He says

he did not have a very good time last vacation and was glad to get back.
I wrote my notices and sent them to be printed to day--. The printer says, he shall charge $1,50 for them. I never knew the students so tardy in returning, as they are this term. There were only nine here till monday. They however have most all got here now.
My Treasury business with other things has kept me "moving" as father says-- but I have now squared up nearly everything.—
I shall send home some of my notices, as soon as I get them printed, which father may throw out by "the wayside" in his wanderings. Nothing was touched in my room. Everything in place and the same as I left them, excepting a few repairs were made.. Give my love to grandmother and tell her I have not seen that Mrs Green— She is in Hallowell. I made rather a short stay in Hallowell and did not even call on Henry's family-- Give my love to all the family - Tell Sarah, probably she shall have that ride, so long talked about—
I would write more, but must commence copying Lectures, ...
I suppose father has got home before this, What kind of a time did he have to go up, after he left me?-- My respects to all friends
From your affectionate son Oliver O. Howard

rain You see how my writing looks one reason for it is
I can write very well too but much less when I first g
to work after going to school I supose I must leave room f
mother, write me soon Your afectionate Brother
R B Howa

Leeds July 1st 1849

Mr Oliver C Howard
Bowdoin
Me

Leeds July 1st 1849.

My dear son,

It is so long, since I first thought of writing that I do not know where to begin, but I will tell you one thing I was looking last evening for a letter from my son and was disappointed I did not think you would wait for me to write as you know I always write if I can, I did not get your letter untill the night before exhibition (at Readfield it was a week old when I got it) I went the first day and stopped through the night at Mr Parkers and attended the seccond day on the whole it was rather interesting to me the address from Mr Pike was good, we had extremely hot weather, but I bore it well. we arrived at ten o'clock in eve — at the door of our home. Mother is with me and Frederick L. has been here ever since your Father returned from Boston, and little Emma Meower boards with me to attend school and I have no help since Sarah left, so you see my time is employed Henry Wingate and wife and little daughter came here yesterday and went from here to Meeting with a part of our family to stop at Ensigns untill tomorrow, you may judge whether your Mother has much time to write to her son, not a day has passed but I have hoped I should begin a letter if no more, I found R.B.H. rather slim, having had the mumps and just recovering, he had them hard, when he first came home he was feeble but gains fast now, I thought of you that extreme hot weather how you would get along with the daily demands on your exertions but hope you will write and let me know how you are and what you are doing these days

Charly has just now came hurrying in to tell me about the bees, they are swarming, and R.B.C. is fitting up to hive them George is helping them, I am extreamly dull to day, but must introduce myself to you anyhow to prompt you to write me, it is so long since I wrote you I have forgot what I wrote but my letter was dictated by the most sincere affection, that I am most sure of, the blank book and lectures were at John Coffins before you left the neighbood but I concluded you would need them next year and I could not send them to you, four weeks of the term has expired out of this term, and as I have an impression this term is a close one for students in your class, I watch the time very closely and hope for the best, the papers are filled with accounts of deaths by epedemick but no mention made any in Brunswick after the cars commence running between Bath and Brunswick will be more exposed but we hope they will be favored exception. We had a sudden death here Mrs Rose the wife of Nelson Rose, I heard two weeks ago this morning, that she was sick and went immediately to church on arriving there heard she died at five in the morning. It was very sudden to me her death was caused by profuse bleeding from the lungs,

Tuesday morn,

Your affectionate Brother
C. Gilmore

Leeds Monday July 2d 1849

Dear Brother

Mother wishes that I should write some in her letter as she can hardly get time to finish it I should have writen before but multiplied cares must be my excuse, I see by your last with the handbills at Kents Hill, one of the letters I put up at North Wayne the other at Fayette, I think we ought to have more here if you have any, You wrote that you would like to have me go to Wayne this fall I shall not get so long a term and things perhaps will not be so regular as at the Hill and I shall have to study more considerably but for the sake of being with you and for some other reasons that you urged I have concluded to go to Wayne this fall, Our exhibition came off well full as well as I expected the prize for declamation was awarded to Abe Winter, and that for composition to Miss Mitchel both of Carthage I suppose they will be married this fall and go West he as a lawyer and she as teacher both are excelent scholars my declamation came out rather small as I had had the mumps and was so weak I could hardly stand, The second day of Exhibition we had the Governor and some of his counsel and members of the Legislature there they appeared to be pleased with the exercises, When I first got home I was as mother says rather slim but have been gaining since hoed one day and worked on the Day farm two and have hired here some the last is rather smarting work I tell you full equal to hoeing for blistering the hands The past week has been rather cool and crops of all kinds have not grown much we are also troubled for the want

My Dear Son, Leeds. July. the 21. 1849.

it is now a week since I received your letter I thought, when I received yours, I should write to send by the next mail but some how the time slipt away and my letter was not accomplished. this is a charming day we had a fine rain yesterday which has laid the dust and left us with the beautiful and clear air we were almost suffering for want of rain I thought of you those extreme hot days the week before last, how do you do; are you not fatigued all the time in such warm days, you said you should write soon but no letter has come as yet. I think the prospect for scholars at Wayne is good as far as I can judge Mr Sampson I think has taken a great interest in your school, your insinuations about being popular in College I do not understand, of course, but perhaps you are more popular with your own conscience, than those, or any one, who should say this, your notices have been widely circulated I think, I have spoken with a number about your teaching at Wayne all of which think well of it I shall do all in my power to make it profitable to you. I intend going to Wayne soon to visit Mrs Wright I have a good girl and a prospect, of her some time I saw Mrs Jennings at church last Sabbath; she said Orville thought of leaving for Seneca soon, a bad season of the year for him to become climated and there the cholera prevailing as it does hangs heavily on Mrs Jennings, Henry Strickland and wife came here Friday eve — on their way to Milton but the prospect of rain prevented Martha from going

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Letter Keeper
July 24

Mr Oliver O. Howard
Brunswick
Maine

any further, she remained here untill he returns this evening and returns tomorrow to Hallowell your Grandmother says Louisa Howard, is counted you cannot guess by whom, R.B.H.'s health is not very good and I think he will remain at home untill you come, Tuesday, tomorrow, dear Son, what shall I say that will interest you most from home, we are all tolerable well at least none of us under the Dr's care we all complain some the weather is fine this week S and wife and child went home yesterday, left compliments for you to visit them at H. this fall you did not say how you spent the Fourth of July, happily some where I hope I dont know as any Lewis news would interest you, and indeed I know but little that is going on about Town, we have a Mr Tilton who preaches for us at present a very pleasant, agreable minister, I believe it is nearly determined for him to remain with us for some length of time George although has been very sick for ten days, but will probably recover. John D. Millet is very sick, and has been for some time but hopes are entertained of his recovery. Your Uncle John has not been out here this Summer I have looked for him, Martha says Maria. Otis is much improved, she often calls at the Sh..... house and sometimes takes tea with her and seems very happy with her, but never invites her to her fathers, and when she calls she seems delighted to see her, but dont ask her to lay aside her bonnet, neither does her Mother but she thinks Maria feels awkward on account of it. I dont understand why it is so, Martha says she enjoys herself well at the Sh..... house the Ladies who board there are fine intelligent ladies and she has their society when she pleases.

Your father is getting on with his haying this week better than last week the crops are not promising to the farmers I suppose ere this, you have got through with your atheneum election and supper, and animosities are beginning to cool off, how is Mr Berley this summer in good health and prospering I hope, Mr Townsend, is he happy, Mr Jewet is going on in his way I suppose William went home on the Fourth I understand, I sometimes thought there some falling off in your feelings towards your Mother, but I hope not, perhaps you thought I did not enquire so much concerning the miniture you shew me as you expected, but that which most deeply interests me does not bring fourth the most words, at that time Teresa was coming in, and I thought I would not excite any curiosity in her, and I had no opportunity of saying any thing to you about it, but I thought the miniature fine looking and never have indulged an unhappy thought on the subject my greatest ambition for you is to see you happy in being respectable, and I could not wish you to many years alone striving with the vicissitudes of life, but there you know very nearly what your Mothers views are in, all respects, I hope you will be prudent in all things, of your health especialy R.B. is no better to day than he has been but I think will be healthier in a few years, Except the love of a mother who desires well to her Son Eliza Gilmore,

Oliver P. Howard.

O. C. Howard
July 28, 1849

Col John Gibson
South Leeds
Maine

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BRUNSWICK
JUL 28
ME

Brunswick July 21st 1849

Dear mother.

I was a little in hopes of receiving a letter from you before I wrote again, but as I have not, I will write you a few lines to night, although it is late. I finished my Chemical lectures last week. I found it hard work to do so much writing in addition to what I was obliged to do. I did not, however, neglect my lessons, and now take a "good stand" in my class. By perseverance I have nearly overcome the deficiency arising from a poor preparation. Yes, mother, though I feel that I have just begun my education, still my college course has not been in vain. It costs a great deal & I feel it, for I am not reckless or prodigal, and when I see that you do not approve of what I do ~~you~~ it makes me feel it more. I am still buoyed up with the hope of compensating every friend who may have assisted me. You cannot blame me for wishing to dress pretty well, when you take into consideration my circumstances. The offices I have been in ~~calls~~ brings me in contact with all the students, and appearances go further than mere willing to

to allow, in fixing the character of a gentleman.
I know that at the bottom respect founded on appearances is shallow, but people may say what they will, to be unpopular in college blunts all the better feelings of the young man, and he becomes morose, and misanthropic. I know this reasoning is unnecessary, for it becomes me to keep within my means of support. I have tried this present term to buy only what was necessary. I bought Gingham pants at .15 cts per yd, and a linen-coat and a few other things, which I shall send you in the bills. I shall not be here next term as you know; Shall I then pay my bills before I leave, or send the money by Perley or let them remain till next Spring? I will send all my bills - that is the amount, & father may do as he pleases. I turned, the writing of Lectures towards a part of the purchase of Senior books, as you know I shall be obliged to get them this term; And, having scarcely any money, I have managed in every way possible to get them cheap. I am rather weary, yet my health is very good. Sometimes I feel as if I could not study so hard as we shall be obliged to from now till examination, but I remember that I shall not be obliged to "hek but once in a second", and thus taking courage, get my lessons from day to day. It will not do for a student, because he feels tired or a little unwell, to give up. For the close student is not likely to be perfectly healthy & strong at all times. I wrote a letter last week of seven pages to Roland Alger, which is now on the way to California. It will probably arrive in San Francisco before him. I would have waited till I got home befor writing, but I thought something might prevent, and I knew if Roland received a letter from me, that he would answer it. I wrote him with considerable earnestness & good humor, and touched frequently upon those subjects which would be most pleasing to him, trying to avoid entirely any rhetorical display, or as John Task used to say, "high flown language". I think he will answer me immediately on his reception of my letter, that is if he does receive it at all. Give my love to Rowland Bailey, & thank him for me, for being willing to deny himself a good school for my sake, but tell him Prof. Goodwin has been sick & that I, on that account, have studied Latin all summer. I can now translate the hardest Latin with very little study, so if he is willing to exert himself, he will not be very much by my instruction. Give my love to Charlie, Rodellia, & father. I will make out a bill of the money necessary to pay my bills, & also what I shall need from this to the close of the term. He must do as he thinks best about sending the former. Give love to Grandma, if she is with you.

Affectionately Yours
O. P. Harvard

A. C. Bowdoin
July 1849

Col John Libbey
Portland
Me

Brunswick July [27?] 1849.

Dear Mother,

I was very happy to receive your last letter, blended as it was with the deep feeling that you ever betray for my interest – the affection that springs from the heart, which, unintentionally perhaps, pervades every line of your letters. But I could detect in the very tone of your writing a slight reproach, which never fails to touch a chord in my own bosom, and awaken my thoughts to an examination of myself. It is, perhaps, too strong a habit of my self-expending spirit, to strive to vindicate all I say & all I do. For it becomes the truly noble mind to confess freely a fault. And it behooves me especially, who so often err, sometimes to acknowledge that I am wrong. If there has been, however, any show of neglect on my part it has surely been unintentional. You know me well enough to ~~discover~~ perceive the flexibility (if I may so call) of my feelings. However strong my reason, my impulsive feelings give a peculiar shade to my actions & my letters. This would please some, but a mother looks beneath the mere external surface & examines the motives & actuating principles of the heart. At least, I know my mother does. You often see, with the discrimination peculiar to real affection,

something felt, which is not expressed, something half-concealed which betrays passions & longings, but ill-subdued. Were I otherwise, I should not be what I am - I should not be the same son. Your own character would not find in me so strong a likeness. To say that, I am like you, may not be very just, or appear very flattering to you, when you perceive my many foibles, and the apparent imprudence of my conduct, but you must recollect that circumstances mould the mind to a great extent, and are powerfully effective in determining the character. Remember also, that another's experience is not an equivalent to ones own, nor does good council, however disinterestedly & affectionately administered, serve as an efficient preventive to youthful folly & error. Experience must be purchased with age, and can never be transmitted. I have learned to listen to the advice of experience, but with all my firm resolves & good intentions, I, the sole architect of myself. If, then, I willfully utter a step in the wrong road, let the punishment be on my own head. I am ambitious, strangely ambitious, and probably injurious to my own internal peace. This spirit of ambition, I will not gratify, by any dishonorable acts. It would be beneath me, and I would spurn the desire from my heart, to marry a rich lady, for the evident object of giving me influence, & prominence ~~an~~ in society. This is strong language. But I would rather grope my way quietly & unknown, than to gratify my loftiest aspirations, by such sordid means, by so mean a part. This purpose be assured, will not make me rush into the opposite extreme. Nay, a true man will seek a congenial heart, and a character assimilated to his own, in taste & intelligence. These are my views, and if incorrect, my own judgement is unfit to lead me through this chequered existence, and my whole code of moral reasoning is demolished. I did not interpret your silence, on the subject of which you spoke, as indicative of a want of interest, nor have I felt any differently towards you since. I would not say any differently for with my years, I can better understand the sacrifice, that you are making for my sake, and the trouble & expense my want of prudence has caused you. The expence, if I live, I can repay - but your watchful care, and kind direction, can never find any other recompence than in gratitude. There have been many concurring influences, which have guarded me against the seemingly inevitable contamination of college life. For which I am thankful. Remember me to all the family, separately & together. I, the same odd being, will be with you soon. If in my power, they shall have a good school this fall at Wayne. If otherwise, age & ~~experience~~ experience will soon cause to my aid & guide me better. I sat up with a sick Classmate (Atterton) last night, that perhaps may account for the peculiarity of this letter. It makes one perhaps, a little more sensitive. Write soon, in reply to the money letter and this. Believe me

(My health is fine) Your affectionate Son

O. P. Howard

July 29-1849

Sydney Maine
July 31

Mr Owen O. Howard.
Brunswick
Maine.

My dear Son

Leeds July 7th 1849.

I received your kind letter last evening and was glad your health is as good as it is, I had fears that your health would fail this term, and am truly grateful that you are as well as you are, I am sorry you dwell so much on your mother cautions, you know she has your best interest at heart in all things, your mother thinks she has little reason to complain of the general course of her son, my greatest fear is he will do to much, and bring on himself poor health, and destruction to his energies and be discouraged I hope you will look at the cheerful side of everything, and manage as best you can, as for any compensation for anything your mother can do for you, she is already compensated, as long as I feel satisfied I have a good son I am well paid I have never been sorry for what I have done for you my desire has been to do more, and have felt as though my hands were tied because I was not situated to do more, but always hoping for the best, I never expected you would earn much money while in College, my sincere desire is and ever has been that you should have every advantage for knowledge that the four years of College life afforded, it has I have objections to your teaching this fall, but you think on account of the sacrifice of College privileges, and a fear of its being heard for you to hold your standing in your class and teach, but as others have done it and my son thinks he can, and his Mother hopes on from year to year as ~~other~~, thinking all is well and trying to be grateful for such great favors, I am far from blaming you for

wishing to be well dressed, there is no one that admires to see cane in dress better than I do, all nothing else outward show is disgusting but a good degree of personal cane is commendable in all persons, you said something in your last letter about this being unpopular in College your mother does not understand it, she has no such idea, she is afraid you expect more than you deserve, I am much obliged to you for writing to Rowland A. I should be glad to hear from him, Grandmother is here she often speaks of Addison. I do not think your father will send more money than you want to use this term, as he was not expecting to get it so soon, he can send it by Perley at the begining of the term, I wrote so short a time since I dont think of any news at prescent Your Uncle John has not visited Leeds this Summer, but I intend seeing him before he leaves for Washington, the Cholera is seems continues Mr Stephens Lane has received the news of the death of his oldest son by Cholera in Norfork Virginia, how many have gone to give their last accounts this year Prof Mether said Nelson Leadbetter attended Meeting in town to day, and Rowland said Cakey Jennings was Published to Miss Hudson of Noble borough, I believe I said all that was necessary about the school at Wayne in my last letter, I have not been at Wayne the past week or I designed, R.B.H. I think is in better health than when I wrote Gancelo Frenchfield was here last friday he thinks favorably of your going to Wayne, he had a sick turn at Hallowel and came out to recruate his Brother John is in better health, is with Capt Millet at Lewiston Charlie is setting by me and says give my love to Eli

Tuesday ½ past 11. O clock, I thought when I left writing Sabbath evening your father would send what money you required this term, in this letter but he is gone to the Meadow, and I must prepare my letter for the mail Rowland says he must write you what books he would like to have you bring home with you but he could not leave his work to write by this mail Jonathan Molton, is laying very sick with a fever at his father your Grandmother is with now, she has been here about one half of the time since she came to Leeds, write as soon as you receive my letter

The one all in good health

from Your affectionate Mother Olivia Gilmore

J O W Howard

P S, your father has returned pays, as you did not say as a week or so would make any difference he would send the money in R. B. H.'s letter as he is in a hurry, the prospect is a shower,

Olivia Gilmore.

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Bowdoin Coll. Aug. 5. 49

Dear Brother

I received mother's letter in good time and am now in expectation of receiving one from you. You spoke of Books or rather Mother did. There is an agent in Topsham (a young man who graduated a year ago) Mr Hawkins. He is authorized to sell books at a half price, in order to introduce the general and substantial system recommended by the board of Education. He says, that he will furnish me with $20,00 worth of Books at $8.00. This, if I had the money, would enable me to make an excellent profit, besides furnishing my school at a much cheaper rate than the scholars would be able to procure books elsewhere. Consider this & consult with Father. I do not intend to go headlessly at work so as ~~Children~~ to be thwarted: But I shall secure myself by the promise of returning to the agent all books which cannot be disposed of otherwise. Write me every book that you wish to procure for your own use. And if Father is willing, instead of the $10,00 which I need, to send me ~~the~~ $25.00 and charge the same to me: I can double the money: make my school systematic, easier & more profitable: or if I fail in this there will be no loss. My love to all.

Mr Rufus B. Howard
South Lewiston
Me

BRUNSWICK
AUG 4
Me

Oliver Howard
Aug 4, 1849

I am in haste. My health is good, though I have considerable to do. Blanchfield furnishes his school with books procured at the common wholesale price. If father cannot furnish me the money I wish to know & act accordingly.

Answer as quickly as possible

Yo' Bro'r

P. O. Harvard

Rev. Wm. Harvard
Wheelwright
Me.

Geo. W. Harvard
Harvard

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Leeds Aug 12th 1849

Dear Brother

It is a rainy Sabath and mother says that I had better write to you. The rain which has been so long delayed has descended smartly for two days and the earth which has been so long parched with the dry weather has received a thorough wetting I told father yesterday if the rain did not stop we should glut the market with Buckwheat this fall I received your's on Tuesday you wrote to father about my books for your school he has not instructed me how to answer you, Minshfield you said furnished his school with books he only furnished parring books when I was there I shall want you to bring up some books for me. most of which I supose you will use yourself this fall, I want you to bring your Virgil, and Lattin Lexicon We have got to be great singers here and having sing every thing through that we have got I want you to bring home your two singing books Shall you try to teach a writing school this fall if so, perhaps you can get your stationary better at Brunswick than at Wayne, Joseph Carey was over here night before last he said that there was a prospect of a large school as he had heard a large number say that they were going The term comenced at Kents Hill last wednesday I did have some idea of going a month before your school comenced but have given it up. Fred is here at present but will return home soon Grandmother is at Uncle Enoch's

Mr Lewis Flowers
Brunswick

P. Leeds Me.
Aug 13

Father has concluded to send the money for the books and I suppose it will be enclosed in this letter, he was down to Hallowell the first of last week found our friends there all well. We hear they have the cholera at Portland has there any cases at Brunswick or in the neighborhood, When does your prize declamation come off I wish you would send me an order of exercises in your next if they have come out You know that "Dead Christ" we have had so much talk about, you would oblige me much if you would obtain it and bring it up when you come as I shall have a good chance to practice declamation this fall. Send me Commencement exercises also if you have any such thing. It is now six o'clock and it rains as hard as though it never rained before, at least as though it had not for two days rained continually

My Dear son August 17th 1849.

I hope this will find you in as fine health as when you wrote, your Father left home Tuesday morning quite early, and I had not taken the money for you and therefore it was detained untill next mail, Rainbard B. letter is so black I am ashamed to write in it, but see no other way, I went to Wayne last week with an Idea of getting Mr Lampson to talk with some of the people about your bringing those Books but did not mention it to any one Allen and Mrs Lampson were gone to commencement at Waterville and I called to Doct Cargs, and the Doct. and wife were gone. and finely, I concluded there could be no risk in taking the books, on condition of returning them if you could effect no sale for them, the money will be enclosed in this, Your father has received the news of the death of his younest Brother, Joshua Gilmore by the last mail; you had better answer this and let us know how you are getting along, I have no girl and how long I am to do without one I know not,

from Your affectionate
mother Eliza Gilmore

I enclose twenty Dollars think you had better not lay out two much books for it is very doubful whether you can sell many —

A. C. Howard
Aug. 22 1849

Col John Gilmore
South Leeds
Maine

BRUNSWICK ME
AUG 22

Bowd College Aug 22d '49

Dear Mother

I will tell you now, while I am commencing to write, that I am exceedingly tired, for I began yesterday afternoon at ½ past three O'Clock to do the last sum in the Mathematical paper – I worked steadily upon it, till 11 O'clock at night, without getting it, and my bones ached, somewhat, I can tele you, when I retired. My mind was wearied, & I was much vexed to think that I should be obliged, after getting all the rest, to leave that unsolved. This morning, together with a brighter head, and a determined will brought it out. Yes, I have now conquered the notoriously hard College Mathematics, and I feel free. I will not sneer or laugh at those, who have not done as much. for no one could do it without a great deal of effort. I feel somewhat proud, however, to have been the only one in the class to have solved a problem – and one which all the rest had given up. ——

I received Rowland's letter and the money –

Write me at what Depot you will meet me on Thursday following commencement. John Harrison & Davis Frances were here day before yesterday & stopped all night.

I shall speak for the prize on Monday evening, next. My piece is the defence of Paul Clifford. Give my love to all — I shall be with you in One fortnight. Tell Rowland Bailey I will get all the Books & prices he asked for — Excuse me for not writing more. —

I remain your affectionate son

O. W. Howard

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Brunswick Sept. 27. 1849.

Friend Howard

I have been waiting a week or two for a letter from you, but my box is not fortunate enough to catch it, until I have at last been led to doubt which of us was to open the correspondence. I am never very scrupulously exact in such matters. Since it makes very little difference with me, whether I write first or last provided I gratify my friends & am gratified myself in turn — This seems to be the main point — So I thought, lest there might be some unnecessary delay, that I would facilitate the matter as much as possible, & let the Post Master of Wayne chalk down 3 cts against you —

Well I have returned safe & sound from the Cholera District, and in spite of the ravages of the pestilence & the scarcity of money (2 principal evils in these times) I have had a very pleasant visit — Short, to be sure it was [illegible] enough after all for I became [illegible] consequence of two

weeks not that I have not yet been able to crawl out of bed until 7 o'clock in the morning — But this season of long nights & short before-breakfasts must soon come to an end — However I intend to take what comfort I can between this & next Monday, regardless of consequences. It is so sweet to sleep so accessionally that I can hardly persuade myself that all those delightful dreams which are crowded thick & fast into the 15 minutes before breakfast time, are again to be interrupted. It is tedious to think of, but the reality is abominable. However necessity must be yielded to, though eyes & ears, & head & heart rebel against it — But about my journey — You know I said that I was going to Bangor to see the women. But the fact is, I was most cruelly disappointed — Some one did I see, except nursed babies & a few old widows. Precious little consolation there in that, I assure you — I then went up to Portland, but was not there at bitter sense pa there — I have come back with the settled determination of cultivating the acquaintance of the ladies in Brunswick — and if a fellow can find a good opportunity for a [illegible] so, it is I most assuredly — And if I do, is [illegible]

not "have my fun", as Weston says, for the next 6 months. then it will be because I will not have it. This is the sage conclusion to which I have arrived - I am now waiting for the arrival of my new desks, to enter, at once, the lists. When I of course, collect, ride out victorious bearing with me the trophies of a successful contest - Disappointment to have built every man's path & then may be some of those accursed ministers in ambush for me, but if so no matter, it will all be right a hundred years from now - But to be sober - for I must spare a little you know - I am going to have all the young ladies in town in my school & the accomplished Miss Knight for my assistant - What do you think of that? It will be one of the chances you lead of but seldom enjoy for learning the good qualities of the fair Damsels - But it will be a hard one at first - I shall feel more like laughing than looking sober for the first week or 2 - I presume however I shall be able to put on a respectable portion of Senior Dignity & gentlemanly - ity, which will, at least, reduce disorder & riot, and preserve my reputation for learned "society" - I intend though to make the business as pleasant as possible to myself & as profitable as is convenient to them - I presume I have your earnest sympathies in my laborious work -

But how are you getting along? I understand that you were quite tired out with Waiting at Commencement. Well I do not wonder at it, for of all the places to Waite in, without any other employment, Which I am sorry, Bros is the most uncomfortable — I learn also that you Waited to the Commencement. Waited to the Concert & didn't do anything else, but Waite at the Ball — How is this? "Rather expensive was it not & if not, Why not"? Some one told me that Perley appeared out with a girl on his arm or under his protection about those times — Who was she? I must lecture him for that — I did not think of such a thing in my vocation — Did Jackson supply him? Old Jack — too must have his share of joking; for, by the way, it will not do to let any of these things pass unnoticed — I hope however you enjoyed yourself finely at Commencement as I doubt not you did — I was out fishing all day & was tired enough at night whilst you were probably repeating yourself with sweet smiles & swaeter glances — ——— very few of the students have yet returned — The Freshmen are flocking in pretty thick for Bowd I understand some 30 have entered — Perley has not yet come — I will look out for damages if he is not here to-morrow — My respects to your Sodies & remain & write soon

Your friend & Classmate A. St. Sewall —

In haste as you perceive

When I went out to engage my school I stopped at Portland. Elizabeth - how many times I have written that she was not at home - probably you know where she was. If you see her give her my best respects and also if you are a mind to, one short friendly kiss for me. Tell her that I sympathize with her in the loss of her Aunt - She was such a woman as you do not meet with everyday and one of the best friends I had in Livermore. She is in Heaven - she was a Methodist.

I tell you what Chum I am blue enough this term since you are gone there is no one with whom I feel like talking intimately and when you were here you always used to laugh them out of me. As for S. she may go to - for all of me. Curse the Women one and all - the whole of them - I do not occupy a place in the affections of any of them so big as a little fourpence-half-penny and I am inclined to think they don't in mine. They will use a fellow well enough so long as he will do just as they wish him to do but the very moment he won't do so the game is all up. But this is contrary to your experience so I will forbear - I would not instil wrong notions into your head for the world. Butter is smoked with a new woman essentially - Keep it close though - We have finished Astronomy and have just commenced Spher. Trig. We shall finish first vol of Upham in a fortnight. Is Gould at your school? Is Sorsh at Wayne? Write soon and tell us all you know. The Lord bless you and preserve you and keep you in the right way. My respects to your Brother. My school at Westbrook is a very large one and I suppose will be a hard one. My Post Office direction this winter if I should remain there ~~Woodfords~~ Mill be Portland

Your friend and Chum

P. S. Perley

Bowdoin College Nov. 8th 1849.

Dear Chum.

I received your letter in due process of time and was very glad to hear that you were getting along so well and enjoying yourself so well as you described yourself to be. I have no doubt that you have a fine time up there but you ought to be here about these times to see music and get wrathy and other things of like sort. We have had great times here for a few days I can assure you. Last Saturday morning the Sophs. not having had an adjourn from Prof. Boody in Rhetoric that damnable study took a notion to cut and accordingly did so. They were ordered in at twelve o-clock to recite said lesson and all of them took a dead. At this Boody felt his dignity insulted and took accession to tell them that they could not learn any too much if they studied and did the best they could that they had but one or two decent scholars in the class at which the Sophs. became enraged in turn and on being ordered in again at half past one to try

the same lesson over again none of them looked at it but went in and answered every question just as absurdly as possible. Some of the answers were rich - desidedly so. On Monday they had an inquisition and to appease the fury of the enraged Boody five Soph's. were immediately sent off Allen, Butterfield, Putnam, Pierce, Theobald, leaving the astonishingly large number of eight here. They not only sent away more than they aught to but such individuals as were least insulting to the Prof. and had least to do with getting up the adjourn. Allen & Butterfield you well know were steady men. It is confidently reported about College that Allen never had a sinful thought in his life Well what I was coming at I shall come at soon. There was a Pandowdy at Prof. Boody's house the other night and the next morning a list of the names of all who were there was handed to the Faculty and they were also informed that Jewett, Perley and Butler had gone in for said Pandowdy and in fact were the Ringleaders in it. As you may imagine there is an almighty row here about it. The Faculty are on hand to stop any farther demonstrations against Prof. Boody and the Students are about as much on hand to find out who informed. There was in addition to the Pandoody a plan on foot for the next day to break up the Public Declamation but the same individual or individuals who informed relative to the one gave information relative to the intended trouble at Declamation. As for Perley, Jewett & Butler you well know we were not engaged in the Pandowdy but we probably spoke somewhat in favor of the movement and whatever was said was reported word for word to the faculty. Suspicions rest hard on a certain member of our Class whom you were acquainted with before you came here - It is the general opinion that he was the man all round College. A damned villian it was whoever it might be - to go round with them and pretend to be favorable to it and then go and tell the faculty. This is about on a par with his general conduct. But here I have been running on with this story and have not room enough to say what else I wish to. I forget whether I informed you when I wrote before relative to the exhibition or not Perley has the Salutatory - Adams, Bell, Buck, Bullfinch, Everett, Hodgman, Ingraham, Jackson, Poinderter Snell, Thompson, Townsend, English Orations - Ex. comes off Thursday night preceding Thanksgiving. I have engaged a school at Westbrook this winter to commence on the 26th of this month, three months long, at twenty-five dollars per month and boarded. It is about two & a half miles from Portland. I have had the offer of another one in the same town - twenty dollars per month and boarded - if you had not engaged you might be near -

Perly has engaged a School commencing 2 weeks from next Monday in Westbrook near Portland. He has the Solentary this fall. Exhibition comes off one week from next Thursday evening. All appointed perform except Beck. So I imagine it may be rather borous. July 16 posts. But it will be reserved for us to do the business up properly next Spring. Mee affairs generally are about in ordinary shape. 22 freshmen are present & many of them are fine looking fellows. Much esp of woodjism this fall than last summer.

But how are you progressing? Please give us some particulars. How do the women get along. & what of the woman? Just enlighten us a little. Tremand says, give Howard my respects, which you will consider as communicated. My time, short & patience are used quite exhausted, & I will stop. Excuse haste & its attendant evils & don't forget to write soon.

I remain as ever Your Friend

J. N. Jewett

Bow Coll. Nov. 13th 1849.

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Friend Howard.

I received your letter some time since, but have been unable to answer it until now owing, I cannot, to a press of business. The fact is, when a young man is completely occupied in every day employments, and has a lesson to get every evening, there is very little time left for his correspondence. Since my last we have all been progressing, after the usual manner. Prof. Alex. we find very pleasant and not a little interesting. We have completed Astronomy except the part of it connected with Spherical Trigonometry to which we are now devoting our mighty energies. This we find, by no means difficult with the Prof's explanation. In Perly & Upham I have not exercised my intellectual powers, but the class are progressing properly I believe. Recently we have had quite enough of excitement, the particulars of which I will tell to you.

The Sophs. undertook to play a little game on Prof. Boody, that is they thought he ought to give them an adjourn & so they cut him dead with his usual indignation at such proceedings. Arraigned them for trial ordered them into lecture at 12 o'clock at which they all took dead. He then appointed another time for them to visit & they all took most abominable severe & perhaps purposely. This was Saturday. On Monday there was a general reckoning for Prof. B. told them either they or he must leave College. Tuesday morning found 5 of them suspended. Allen, Butterfield Pierce, Putnam & Theobold. This produced some general indignation & Tuesday night it is said that Prof. Boody was somewhat disturbed in his repose. I neither heard nor heard anything of it. But on Wednesday Prof. Smyth came in great haste to my school house and accused me of being ringleader of the whole scrape. I asserted my innocence with customary firmness & he left. At dinner Prof. Boody made the same charge upon me. Which I stoutly denied, & since then I have heard nothing from those sources. The probability is that some of my good friends in College handed in a list of actors, suited to their own notions. The suspicion attaches rather strongly to a particular person whom more I shall not mention of course. This is a summary of the proceeding. Perley Butler & myself are the seniors especially implicated in the affair so you can imagine something of the information. If it can become certain I pity his loss of popularity.

As to myself, I am getting along finely according to all appearances. My school numbers about 80. 50 of them are young ladies. It is emphatically the high School. Quite a proportion of the young ladies in town attend and seem to be at least men. This is of course no detriment to its interest. Miss Knight so famous in the history of Brunswick is now my assistant, and I assure you that her reputation is well deserved. She is one of the finest young ladies I am become acquainted with. No disrespect intended to your Miss W— of P— The present term will close in 2 weeks from to-morrow. One week of vacation & I begin on another 11 weeks. Nothing very interesting in anticipation, but something must be done you know or the needful "Tin" will fail, & then I am in a bad fix—

as far as the 407 page they began to review before I left
Dr Paley begin with Preliminary Considerations on to page
and get to near the bottom of the 71 page to Sect 1, then skip
over to Chap. 10 114 page and get in order to Chap. IV 167 page
then skip over to Part III 225 page and get in order to Chap III
230 page they had not finished the admon in Paley when
I left though if you get what I have told down you
will have nearly all of it. As to the modus operandi
of reciting Old Upham as you ought to know makes it all
as easy as possible though this is not exactly the
case with the Prex. You will find though I presume
at Bowdoin an abridgement of Paley which will save
you much time and patience for if Christianity is
not a failure those Evidences are I think one thing
they are almighty barons and I had much rather take
Christianity for granted than to be bored three
months with Paley. As to Christianity's being a failure
Pres. Woods never got it off and I see it has been put on
to Pres Lord of Dartmouth whether he will consent to father
it I do not know. As for swearing I have not done
it since I have been here and I am in hopes I shall
be able to break it off for the future entirely.

Give my respects to Charles Lane and tell him I should
be glad to see him also to any of the Leeds folks who know me
and may take the trouble to inquire for me and if
you are not going to Set Liz. Come home to her two
I am in hopes I shall have a chance though soon to pay
them in persona. You may think that I am quite anxious
to see your woman but do not be troubled the main
thing I wish to see her for is to hear a little some-
thing about Miss Green for I suppose she has
seen her this fall as her Mother told me the other
day that Miss G. was over to Mrs Pinkerton's fun-
eral. I am only a little over two miles from Portland
so that I can get in there pretty easy. I wish you
would burn this after you read it and last but not
least answer it immediately wont you?

God bless you and good night

P. S. Perley

Westbrook Dec. 4th Tuesday Eve 1849.

Dear Friend,

I walked into Portland to-night to get some books for my school &c and calling at the office received your letter which came from Brunswick here. I opened it at the Office just to glance at it and see what the news were and I got enough out of one line to last me for some time. At least I got enough to make me feel like the devil till I got home and finished it and I do not feel any better now. If it were anybody else but you I should be inclined to think they were joking and though I much doubt whether the rumor is well founded I cannot but believe that you have as you say "heard that Miss Green has got a beau".

Now I want to know how you heard this and in fact I wish you to tell me all about anything of the kind that you have heard or know for I will own to you that the mention of such a thing has affected me more than I have lately believed anything relative to her could. Sub Rosa though Howard and if you know anything of the kind tell me and if you were merely trying me say so and I will own the corn

As I have said I am owning to you what I would not to anybody else and dont you let anybody not even your nearest friend know it. The fact is I dont believe she has got a beau I almost know she hasnt but still I dont know why she shouldnt have one.

And now I want to know why you dont let Miss Waite come home or is it not you that is keeping her? I called to see her to night I spent Thanksgiving day at her fathers and have been there several times within the last fortnight but I dont find her. Her mother told me she would certainly be at home by yesterday but I begin to have my doubts of her coming at all this winter.

I believe I told you I expected to find my school a hard one and I have found it so decidedly. I was perfectly astonished at first for the way they acted was enough to astonish an up country Chap who was not used to the way they have been accustomed to do it up here. They behaved tolerably well for ten or fifteen minutes the first day just long enough to get a good look at the master and then my stars what a school talking out loud and calling each other was the order of the day I looked on and let them work to see what they would do now and then talking to them a little without its doing a particle of good. I let the boys have a recess and then just they made for the door was a rush and nothing else - a College hold-in is nothing to it I got them in again after a while and let the girls have a recess and the way the smaller ones run was a caution. But this was nothing but what they had been accustomed to for the last year both summer and winter as I found on inquiry. The next day I broke me a good large stick and by a liberal use of it made out to stop the fisting and talking propensities of quite a number of them I have kept now six days and a half and have got them reduced to a tolerable state of subjection though I expect I shall have to use the ferule pretty freely for a while yet. I have Astronomy Philosophy, Algebra in my school. I have not had but a few over 60 yet though I expect more.

And now Cham here's to you health happiness and prosperity - all the blessing which you have invoked on my hedd may they descend on yours. I wish you could have been at old Bowdoin this fall for I tell you what we had some tip-top times and no mistake Old Buck, Buffinch, Jewett, Townsend Sewall and myself had some of the times every night or two. We usually had a regular set to fight ending up with a grand crash breaking table chairs lamps or something of the kind.

Give my respects to your brother and tell him to follow the motto of "Go it while you're young but go it right". As to the studies in Upham we got

Mr. O. O. Howard
Leeds Centre
Maine

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Bow'd Coll. Dec. 18th 1849 —

Friend Howard

Your last communication was received in due season, but owing to other pressing engagements, I have been unable to answer it until now. Your accounted discription of country life has almost destroyed the usual equanimity with which I have viewed our seclusion in Brunswick — In fact I have a strong predilection for more activity than we have enjoy & look forward with no small pleasure to the time when we shall roam free without the unpleasant of obtaining a "leave of absence" — It is a cramp upon a man's genius. a serious clog upon the buoyancy of his spirit to be shut up within the walls of any institution. however much he may be adding to his store of knowledge — I am not disappointed in College life by no means — but whilst I admit its superior advantages, I cannot shut my eyes to the restrictions it necessarily places upon the free expression of our native powers. by cramping the boldness of

rigidity & substituting in its stead, a servile obedience to established rules, and an unremitting observation for certain standards which must be complied with or the palm is lost. The aspirations even of genius must be bent into an established path, before its productions are treated with common respect. Natural tastes & inclinations must give way to conventional forms and the freedom of individuality must submit to the restraints of individual feeling. But still we become so accustomed to the scenes that have surrounded us, that it is with some difficulty, that we bring ourselves to contemplate the hour of our departure — & doubtless we shall have often look back upon the days spent within the walls of old Bow with pleasure, & reckon them amongst the happiest of our lives. But to this as it may, I am anxious for the time to come when the last faint tole from the old chapel tower shall summon us from the enjoyment of the Seminary bed. As you said, however, we must enjoy the 2 remaining terms to the best advantage. Remembering that on our proper improvement of them depends, in a great measure, the satisfaction they will afford us. They will be hard, perhaps, but still supportable.

I began this letter more than a week ago but having been busy in moving &c &c. I have not had time to finish it until now. We are now finely settled, that is Adams & I. For Adams is coming with me at Mrs Hall's. She having moved to Brunswick. The term is over & we enjoy ourselves as best we can. My School numbers between 50 & 60, most of them young ladies as I have probably told you before. All of them write composition which gives me a very pleasant letter job as you may well suppose. However it must be endured for 8 weeks longer after this & then good-bye to School keeping until I get out of College. I am weary of the business. But I have a pleasant school, all things considered especially my assistant. She is a young lady of the choicest kind, not often met with I assure you. Very intelligent & social — but, by no means "blue". I heard from Perley a few days since. He is well & got on finely with 70 or 80 scholars. He informed me of an accident of which you have undoubtedly heard. Now is the time for your condolence & sympathy, which probably flows out without restraint. But we shall soon be together again, & then we will talk more at large. I am in haste as I would write more. My perpetuity attend you this winter. Let me hear from you again. Yours &c. J. A. Jewett.

Bro Whiting & Sisters. Please express

Mr. O. O. Howard
Leeds
Maine

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Westbrook Dec. 22nd Sunday Eve 1849

Dear Howard,

I received your last kind letter and in compliance with your request that when I felt lonesome or I should like that I should write I am now writing you these lines. I have been in to Portland, to day and attended church to day with Lizzie. She and her mother bear up under their affliction bravely. They make but little outward manifestation of grief but you can see that their hearts are heavy. I have spent the last two Sabbaths with them. They always appear glad to see me though you well know I am but poor company and never can speak words of consolation or hope to anyone. I dont know what I should do here if I could not go and see them occasionally – it almost seems like home to me at least it is an excellent substitute for home. Elizabeth is a noble girl but you know it I suppose. God bless her and her mother too and yourself if you will. As for myself, I guess I am up with the women. It dont seem hardly possible but yet I guess it is the case that she has got a beau. So fleets and fades my bright

Elysium – so much for woman's love and constancy yet still I would fain dream with Byron

"That two or one are almost what they seem
That goodness is no name and happiness no dream"

I will admit that "I did hope for better things" of her I thought she was not such nor can nor shall I fully believe it until I know. I know Howard what you think about it – you think that I was supremely selfish in my love for her and deserved no remembrance but such was not wholly the case I will not bore you however any longer lest you should think that it wholly engages my mind. They think everything of you there at Mrs Wates and I presume you feel quite responsible in having such an one to love and care for. I shall expect to find you already become a man having put aside all your insignia of boyhood. How does it look to you ahead do your hopes for the future grow brighter or more dim I mean your hopes of success in professional life. As for my own I can not say at any rate I shall know something more for having gone through College and that will satisfy me in a good degree but I must say I do not know what to think of studying a profession I declare. I expect to see some sober times before I get decided upon my career to pursue I expect to see many blue times before I graduate but one thing they can not be much bluer than I see out here for I hope to be with more congenial spirits. I have not studied one particle nor do I expect to. I expect you will be down here before it is time to go back to Bowdoin. How are all the Leed's folks? I had a letter from Jewett the other day he is getting along right. Have you heard from Jennings? Deane and Jackson are both studying Law in Portland. But to recur to the subject of the women for I have exhausted my whole fund of everything else and you will pardon the weakness; I wrote to Miss G. before I heard or mistrusted such a thing as her having a beau, a very friendly letter telling her that she was by no means forgotten and requesting an immediate answer but have not heard a word from her – nearly a month since I wrote to her. I know not what to think of it. Sometimes I am to think she did not receive my letter but I guess it must be she did. Is there any Etiquette about such things. I mean if she had a beau would that probably be any great objection to her writing to me? Howard I did show Elizabeth a little of that letter though you requested me not to. I was there when I opened and read it and I almost promised to let her mother read it before I looked to see what you said about it. I could not resist the temptation of letting her see a part of it and I can assure you there was no harm done. It was not exactly right but I hope you will find it in your heart to pardon me especially as I have owned it when I "no need to".

Ever yours Peleg S. Perley.