Camp Grice—W.Va.
Sept 3rd 1864

My dear Alice:

Being absent from camp Saturday afternoon I did not receive you note until Sunday morning. Therefore could not call to see you and was pleased to hear you were a little settled. I am glad the Cartets are friendly, you must keep a stiff upper lip and not allow a drop of wine to disturb your peace of mind unless you are now engaged in a military life consequently have a glorious object in view, which a strict adherence to your motto (never look out) will certainly cause you to reach. Your motto was also Seal Taylor by which means the battle of Resaca was won. May it also achieve for you a like victory. I wrote home the next day after I saw you. Tell the folks of your arrival our social interview &c. will be careful what I say in my letter about you I not give an unfavourable impression—Shall call & see you the first opportunity & you must do likewise.

Yours,

Warren
I do not mean that you feel “Home sick” for it is very mean to it here but a short distance from home among friends while you are far away subjected to severe discipline but there are honorable Comes lives long though distant before some and you have them behind you whose your may think I said dream of as some away fair girl and thus be happy despite discipline duty, will while I love her the most I have said enough about this subject and one soon bring you with the details of my all times parcels.

As of these days I will here say with an account of the way the Mr girls used me we I am bound to here to take it of course you will not mention any such hints if you should write to anyone in the meantime got introduced to Jackson girl she appears fine etc.

Now it is getting late and I must bid you good night Moti again If Libbie were here I should make her send her love but this is sent and you will have to take up right now.

P.S. Rudy

Portland, Sept. 1st Sat. 1850

Dear Howard,

Here I am this evening in Mrs. West's kitchen with Libbie in the corner and her mother beside the table writing to you an answer to your last. I know how you would enjoy being here with me and I would willingly resign it to you for a short time to gratify you but many a hill and valley lies between us and many a thing we both have seen can never be.

Libbie and her mother were down to Commencement and I did my best to entertain them though you know I am never very successful in entertaining the ladies I accompanied Libbie to Comm. Ball and remained in attendance till 12 o'clock when it being near mid night I left her in charge of Mr. Bean and retired she told me she liked much and that the Ball was much better than it was last year. She had a first rate Commandment at least such is the opinion I hear every where expressed. Poindexter had a grand poem again.

The question before the ball with was by Poindexter it was the nicest thing I ever heard. The ladies after the old graduates were given Small did not get an invitation to the Ball what happened the two first parts recalled dod at My Fottin and mother were both down and
men quite surprised to see me as recently. Old Fuller has made it all right with his mother and is going and coming with Pain & Bell. By the way I will tell you of two days of a strange kind which I got with the women when I saw you. I went to Wednesday together with Robinson of the East Box. Harkness went to Thursday when I talked of going. I have had another offer of Thursday since you left but pretend the office. I have got here that I am assistant in the Public High School at first for you. I come now to Townend New York to ACC in Washington of some kind of flour a year. I can't but think he is as much as any one. It seems here to be highly desired and my feelings are almost in unison with the matter. Would you make me cheer with your cheerful face to drive away some of the gloom that lingers on all things. But then I
don't despise it myself and must wait for you in
the body that I am in and you have about enough of the place to cheer away without waiting
to think of your friends. Robinson must you might
like to. I doubt not you have got a good, pleasant
glass with some you might do honor to yourself then. I passed for you in your
Bill at McKenzie 1 20 for the 22nd for me. Your last
term Bill was £30.8. Peterson did not pay that but
your diploma cannot be obtained till next Commencement. All your late Women then ordered their Diplomas
with the exception of Townsend, Bell and Miss. Cleare.

Brunswick in about a fortnight. Old Wilson was there at Cousin and also Perry. I have already cleared the Freshman class at Brunswick and about 40 in all on expected. I hope Bowdoin is coming up really. Mrs. Halle and
Miss come quite cheerful as usual as at least is usual but I suppose I shall not have the pleasure of boarding with them to great
While for they tell some. I think of going to Antioch. I hope they will not. I tell you that
Howard I begin to feel as though I had indeed thrown my ball on College as through the woods
Me all before me and I wait for a friend in it for when I will not say that for a
have more an old college friend now and too I believe but this will not answer for the love of others
I declare I feel sometimes almost tempted to become
a billion merely to justify the opinion of some concerning me. But as you would say this would not
be hardly polite. We have all of us to be talked
about some time or other and unfortunate must
be the man who has no enemies. I guess about
the best way for me to do after all is to change
my habits of writing and so live that their pre
dictions may not be verified.

The White and I have been talking about
you and birch we nearly all day Sunday and you not likely to know what we had to say? Eh.
Well I reckon perhaps you need not feel too
West Point, N.Y., Sept. 8th, 1830.

Dear Mother,

When I last wrote we were in the Camp, and therefore I wrote a very short & few lines. To comply with Father's request, I give a fair & true account of this place. I fear it is rather difficult, for I have been very much confined by my duties, & have not been able to gain more than a partial view of things. First, I will try to give you a concise account of the Academy & its discipline.

Here are some instructors of this institution, about 20 I should think. Some of them are old professors, some recent graduates. All the Cadets are under military discipline & military regulations, as you know, hence, all the are here rewarded according to their merit. Those that deserve the most success, like and get the finest reports, usually get promoted to a "corporal." The second year, a sergeant & second corporal rank the third year, & a captain's position in the fourth year. The whole no. of Cadets "called Corps of Cadets" is divided into 4 Companies, called Co. A, B, C, & D. These companies are formed without regard to classes. Except the officers, who wear badges ("chevrons") I cannot tell to which class an individual belongs; excepting however, those who appear "green" in tactics. Those with whom I am acquainted. All this, our whole government is carried on by Cadet Officers. The Government of Cadet Officers, by Army Officers. But it does not resemble the severity our discipline, because we are governed, as it were, by ourselves.
but rather increases it. For this reason, the young men who are officers are ambitious of high promotion hereafter, and hence are very precise in the performance of every duty. Our class consists of ninety-five. For recitations, it is divided into five sections of sixteen individuals each. The first section was divided alphabetically, but at the end of three weeks, the first division will contain the best scholars. The second division or section, the next in rank, down to the ninth, and so on. The manner of the recitation is such that the best scholar is obliged to study; even those who have graduated from colleges have been found deficient here, because they depended too much, at first, on former knowledge. The instructor calls upon a young man to deduce the rule; he cannot give the rule to work from it, but must make up an example if you give a reason for every step until he finds the rule. Much judgment and a great deal of study is required, even for a scholar, to make a perfect recitation. Thus you may easily see how it happens that so many are found deficient. Of the at least of our class there here with nearly more than a common school education. As many as thirty at the smallest calculation must leave at the next January examination. West Point is a place, 200 or 300 feet above the river. Around this place hills of as much as a thousand feet in height, and every side short on it; the public lands is perhaps as much as 3 to 4 miles square. There is nothing in the world to attract us beyond the limits and using we could harm our liberty. Women's property is protected, when I came here
about a mile north of this place. From here they struck their tent & gone into "Barracks" (the building -- actually it wrote) about 1-1/2 miles on left from this place. Warren is orderly sergeant of the highest company in the U.S. Army, but as he enlisted, he cannot rise higher, except by having special permission given him by Congress. His pay is $60 dollars per month clear of all expenses for clothing, board.
He has no respect of his company, not even much to do. He is a pretty good fellow. I got reported before the Battalion the other day, for sleeping after my section was disbanded and talking with him. I did not know that I was obliged immediately to return to my room. The idea of ignorance will excuse me for perhaps three weeks when my demerit will commence. The hours of recreation are, Monday, 11 hours after every meal; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 4 past 11 o'clock P.M. The Colleker during recreation hours we can go where we please on the public lands, not being allowed to go then as at any other time except by especial permission into the Hotel or Store. No money can be expended there, very well excepting by those who send to New York City regularly. Not very often done, for detection is dangerous. I went to Church this forenoon with my company (which co B Co.). My Uniform is not yet done, so I have been obliged to wear the suit which I brought all the time to drill, parade, recreation & everything. I have managed it very neat as yet, but wish I had taken some time pants for exchange. There is no danger of anything being stolen in this city.
for a guard is kept the whole time, and the guard change is at every moment, liable to inspection. At five o'clock in the morning after the guard is made we go immediately run and fall into ranks, and each company answers to its name as it is called by the orderly sergeant. Then we return to our rooms. Fold up our bed clothes in a manner specified, put our shoes, hats, caps, & clothes in just such a place, and then straight to breakfast. At 9 o'clock the roll is called again. We are marched into the "Mess Hall" for breakfast. Stand around the tables in our place. When the command, "set," is given, we sit and eat. One half hour is allowed to each meal after the seats are seated. In the same manner we form for recreation after breakfast—only the Battalion is divided into sections. To every section a "Squad marcher." Each squad marcher marches his section to its respective reading room. The roll is again called at 11 o'clock for dinner, that we do not want any food allowed to fall over. After the roll is called Recreation in the afternoon as in the forenoon. At 4 o'clock we drill. The whole Battalion drills, all that time on the open plain, but the "section" or the "company" who came here in September drill by themselves. One over us as a corporal. He posts us in a soldier-like position.


I enjoy myself pretty well now that I can read & write. Actually there are three or four graduates of this institution here in my class. Perhaps I shall not be one as a whole but shall pretty near it. By us, when we get where it is heard. If you get this letter from Maine leave me time to go easy enough if you please. To go to Portland, get acquainted not too fast. There will be pleasanter for him. They both to be acquainted with him the better. Write me as soon as you can for as long as I do not have there well enough to write without letters from you & my brothers. In fact, I have not yet for
any very congenial spirits. Very few, with whom I am free to associate have the taste, the feelings, or the education which I have. I get neither real friend nor sympa\ngy, why with my education, why this life for the course of\nprofane, why should I come here. But I do not regret it yet. Here is a field open for a man who has ability, a chance for the severest mental discipline, to get into the engineer Corps as what but very few do. Only once in five or three years do they graduate scholars sufficiently good. To enter this Corps, these same men very often made instructors in this institution. Which position (I do not wish this repeated) I hope to gain. I may not realize my wish, but there is nothing like trying.

Yesterday I was called upon to deduce a rule in Algebra, which required considerable forethought & study to prepare. After I got through I was closely questioned & answered readily & correctly. After which Prof. Church asked me if I had not studied Algebra considerably before. He complimented me somewhat & I rather think, as a scholar, I can maintain a good position. But, to hope to stand first among a thousand young men brought together, is from every part of the Union, & the most of the great men, sons & looking rather high--here's thy. You wish'd to know something in relation to Backets who are taken sick. There is a large hospital to which there are sick.
To render them

When I arrived there every thing was comfortable, &
I thought in condition to recover. I have three rooms
mates in a very large room & Brown of Oxford Maine
Shadwell of N. Hampshire & Lazelle of Medo.

They staid at all the time, nearly 6 to give me plenty
of time to read & study. Our tables are from & head-stands
also of iron, as you know. The latter are giving narrow
and have no bass instead of bed-boards. Amatttogs is
 favored it. It makes a hard bed, but after our dwell there
is not danger of lying awake even on the floor.
Please not yet write dwell heart. I do not care
much about seeing any friend there, till I have
get a little better acquainted with my duties & there
get to be a little more military. I feel better and at
round in broad cloth - while there are dress'd in
Uniform, especially while in the Battalion, gandalm them all
for much notice of form me. Give my love to Charles, Jonas,
& Philadelphia & to Uncle & Sons, & remember me to father
& others. George & Elias. I have seen some times when I
should have rejoiced to have been in your midst.
But every body must have "the better with the swart."
I hope you are all well & think of you all more than
ever before. The influences here are not of the healthiest kind
as far as concerns the moral character. Not quite so good
in its tendency as College where all the influence which is exerted
by the education itself is on the side of morality & religion.

Write soon to me, Your affectionate Son

C. C. Howard
Dear先生

我去年很高兴接到您的来信，于星期三的晚上和以后几晚上我收到您的信

我决定写这封信给您，因为我想您会很乐意听听我的想法。我写这封信是想告诉您，我最近在思考一些事情。我决定写这封信是为了让您知道我的想法，我想要表达的是，我有一些事情需要处理。

我最近在考虑一些事情，我想知道您对这些事情的看法。我想听听您的意见，以便我能够做出正确的决定。我希望这封信能帮到您，也希望您能理解我的立场。

我期待您的回信，您可以在信中告诉我您的想法和意见。我会认真考虑您的观点，并且会根据您的意见来做出决定。

此致

敬礼

[您的名字]

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you may feel that you can associate as a companion. I suppose the majority of the young men there are a mild unperturbed, and careless set of fellows, so in so many respects are susceptible of one of the softer and more tender feelings which are so requisite in a companion and associate of one to need to your beauty as you are. I hope you will find one com such as you may need for.

I anticipate a great deal of pleasure in my trip "down east." I think of leaving the last of this or first of next week. Shall go direct to New York, (stopping perhaps one day in Boston) shall remain there from time to time, write, and then if Paris and go with me. I shall go to Munich and visit my brother for a week or two, and expect to have a grand time, if I mean to go into the word for a few days if I can
Dear Brother,

Do you remember when you got a letter dated the above place, how did you feel? was it not something like this. He wrote a letter of me, but I must enter college next fall or never, and I must go. Consequently I will bend every energy to the task and not only be equal to but excel any of my competitors, if there were your feelings. That is the point in our lives that we were similar, and why should we not be, we had the same object in view with nearly the same means of accomplishing it. It was all an honor to you and me, and no one can tell, I have got enough of the north side of the building for a room, and am at present, and expect to continue alone, I have been here three days and just not fairly written. I suppose you are getting on with all your teachers, Mr. Darwell and Robinson, Mr. Darwell and Mr. Robinson, Mr. Darwell, and Mr. Robinson. Mr. Darwell's room just opposite me and no one in it. I like Mr. Robinson very much, and he is a little I hear good of him. He appears to be a thorough practical scholar and excellent teacher.
Our school is very small numbering some 85 students, but hope for Mr. Bennett's sake that it may increase, the principal reason for its being so small is that—Mr. Wood, the former principal of the English department here has started an opposition school in a hall next adjoining the academy building, which numbers about 70 scholars. The reason for his doing so was because the trustees expelled him from his office here. I suppose it seems to you as though you had been gone an age from home on account of the distance. When I left one of the were well and had Vaughan and John with them. I hear now that William was going to speak at the commencement. I saw Uncle Henry's wife at all his children and Sarah at the morning Cambridge are but visiting at males. Took Wood and came down with Uncle Ensign as you are you hear from all your relatives through me. Billy Johnson's youngest child. Little Emma. I expect to die as it was not expected to live a day when she left her disease is drooping on her. If you have heard all about commencement through your college friends and correspondents, I have had an order of exercises before me and am the name of O.U. H. marked around. I suppose that Park has written you that he has a school in Portland, it is reported to be a fine situation. I want you should write me all about the examination and your exercises and discipline. Do you room in the old barracks? Do you like any better than you did at first? I find almost these boys I believe almost to weary you for situations. I was over to Wayne just before I left and took tea with Mrs. Temple. Mr. Thompson said he was starving mad because they ordered him off from the camp meeting grand the night before and had not got over it. Mrs. I was so kind and talkative as ever and all very much interested in your welfare. I have not been into Portland yet and think I shall not tell the lack of the town, at which time I supphose Uncle Henry and his family will be there. I have not seen Mr. W. but shall as soon as I can. I shall be very happy to form her acquaintance and have no doubt it will yield me a great deal of pleasure. As soon as you have an opportunity I wish you to write me a good long letter, I am reading the Regiment of West which I find rather hard at first, but hope it will grow easier by and by.

Your affectionate brother,

Rowland

P.S. I saw Mr. Hawkins here on Thursday. He says his successor to you.

173 PS.
Carmen, the Sept 17, 1850

Friend Howard,

It is now since 6 weeks since I left you at the United States in the city of Portland. Within this short space of time our parties have undergone some changes. I am at this time about the profoundest set of duties, finishing book preparations, while I spend a great deal of time perfecting college student work. As I advance (as I should expect to, before long) to the second year of the department in the York Academy, I have in consideration the better for the selection of whom, though I cannot believe that there are any further intuitions from you or me than the fact that I was not obliged to engage in the business longer. It is here that it is paying for young men who are decisions of doing some in the open field to be trained in the North America, and to appreciate the rewards or dignities here will by acts of brave self-sacrifice. I am sent here by this that I wish to become a lawyer or lawyer. I have, or that I offer here a any degree of such far event, if we can see to finish the course work.
against my inclination, but since I could not do it, we set out on the road. We reached the breakfast by the time, when I can visit the country for a few days and see some of the sights. While I was there, I began to realize that I was losing my interest in it. I realized that if I stayed any longer, I would be wasting my time. Therefore, I decided to return to the hotel and rest.

I sent a message to the hotel, informing them that I would be arriving by train the next day. They had already prepared my room, and I was able to relax and enjoy the evening. I was looking forward to spending the next few days exploring the countryside and enjoying the scenery.

Upon arrival, I was greeted by the hotel staff and shown to my room. I settled in comfortably and was able to rest and relax. The next day, I set out on a hike in the countryside. The scenery was breathtaking, and I was able to enjoy the beauty of nature.

I spent the rest of the day exploring the nearby towns and villages, and I was able to meet some interesting people. I enjoyed the break from the usual routine and was able to recharge my batteries.

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My dear son,

It is now five weeks since you left home and we have received three letters from you for which I am very obliged. I don’t know what I should do if you were negligent about writing. I have always felt that you were a good son, there were many subjects I should have liked to have conversed with you, but you know the state of my family at that time. I calculated on our way to Portland we should have had an opportunity for conversation, but I was so delighted with the idea of being with you that the many things I intended to say never occurred to me, until I had recovered from my exciting feelings after parting with you, perhaps it is better so it is, but my heart is ever with you, and my constant prayer is, that you may be kept from the hands of men which so easily beset us, sinful creatures. I was glad to hear such good news from New York City for you must know my interest is very great. Sarah and I hope the that you passed in New York City must have gone much happier for having acquaintances there. I seem to realize all your feelings since your arrival on west Point and enter into them fully, but I believe I have wholly made up my mind not to look on the dark side of your situation, but always try to cultivate a bright view of the subject you said in your first letter from west Point write to lesser. Oh, but I thought I should find a member of days, but Laura was sick and every day required some of my immediate attention after eighteen days of intense suffering she died, her disease was cancer of the brain, so you see the family Circle has been broken only in the short space of one month.
you have probably written and received news from Portland and your father has received a letter from Rensley at this Winter, teaching school in Portland and until the desire of the commencement, William has been here. I saw him but very little, however, on the day of the funeral, he said Maria enjoyed commencement very much, you have probably had all the news about commencement from Sippie as I understand she was there. I am glad they had a good time but there is something painful to me in thinking of the vacant place you left her and there. I have just received a letter, he says you cannot have your diploma until next year as he gives no reason and knows none. Well I have had so much company since you left, I could hardly attend to our immediate family duties. Rowland home Wednesday the 11th at noon, for Northampton with the same old trunk you carried there four years ago last March, he has not written home yet. I hope he will not give way to the love of ease so much as not to me at all, I am anxious to hear how he is situated. I hope he has written to you. Your aunt Lucettie wrote a few lines for you to take with you to your uncle Wood, but did not have an opportunity to give it to you after you were gone. She put it in the mail, and he answered it, enquiring why you were there and the like, and said he had a son at west point in a stone, and his all but one has fitted up a very malignant kind and wrote as though he was in great trouble about him. This I received from mother while visiting in that neighborhood, and that he your uncle has just west point often to a guest he owns at. Providence I have not seen anyone from that way for a long while. If Lucettie Howard is at your place.
Friday evening, Henry Wingate was here yesterday, said Mr. Sargent was expected in Seabrook last evening he had not heard whether he had arrived yet. Sarah Lee was here with Mr. Strelitz family last week, she then said she should come to Leeds with Mr. Sargent, I shall be happy to have an opportunity of expressing my thanks in person for his politeness to my book. I have just returned from writing after waiting on our workmen from Wall, also, my husband, George and Edwin, Rodolphus, and John, make my table full seats.

I have just heard that Mrs. Herrick, youngest daughter, died this morning at two o'clock, she had been sick only a few days. Charibene Howard, still remains in a very low state. Lord L忠 attended Betsey's little girl a short time I met with him several times he said give my respects to P.M. when you write, I received a letter from your Uncle John date Sept. 9 in which he mentioned you and said he should expect a letter from you when you get settled, you have probably written to him before now, I think we owe your Uncle would be heartily glad to return to his home once more and see his family together, your Uncle Ensign is just as much engaged as ever in his railroad, he has obtained his loan from Boston, that he was trying to bring about when you left your father was there until ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, writing, making out the papers, we shall have a railroad through Leeds. I think, Mrs. Leathrop came down and watched with Laura one day and came and took care of her another day, she died in a very low state, nearly a week there being no help, she was a kindness to have any one come and offer a days help. Warren wrote his mother.
in very high terms to you, it made him almost enthusiastic to see one of his old townsmen at West Point we have no news from California whatsoever from our folks since the first letter you wrote from West Point was mailed and reached here the evening before the second letter was mailed on Monday and arrived on Saturday evening, so see we have our mail brought here and following and if our letters arrive at Greene after Texas they must lay there until Saturday before we get the rest of you letter writing them on the Sabbath as possible. Nathan Jane is going to Portland in October wouldn't very much. The house is very lonesome we chanced that he and his played and sung when he was at home. R.B. attended Campmeeting two weeks the first week in Sept. I really am in hopes his health is better. I had out for him to accomplish his studies according to his wishes. The home has it. We have had a very pleasant Sept. which is very favorable to the corn crop & the corn you planted at the expense of so much labor will yield a favorable crop. We have not had frost yet here, it is nearly nine o'clock and I must stop for the night before going to bed in the morning. She says give my love to all, be she the least a good many tears when you left.
Dec 31, 1850

Dear Brother, I came home last night I found a letter from
the Monday after you went away with my school, and I saw, we did not get there in time to go in the to
the school in the morning. Thomas went in the morning after others school,
the teacher then the class read, & then came the recitation.

Geography after that I asked the rest of the proverbs, I have got
myself through fractions, of course, I go down to the Chapel to
as it is a very good hearing place indeed. It's cold is a very
mure, in the afternoon fast one used and then we went
summer. (Child's Calendar) I passed in the same time, some one

The school is very quiet, and no singing in the common school. Long Brothe.

Composition is read on a Monday afternoon, and no

The last subject was Education, and my declaration

The African Chapel. United States. Have not been to the

I went to the Chapel, and the other two little children, and

they were going to Portland in a few weeks. Anna

Seth's little girl is dead, she died this morning about four

after eight, after 17 days, the funeral was on Tuesday.

But they went away last Wednesday week ago last Friday

out to companying, week ago yesterday I went to

I talked with Thomas, he was going alone, & he told me

he would like to have me go with him. They are at

A very smart are counted so thousand cars at

and one place & about 20 Irishmen ought before

up to four meetings, and I had all right. Wednesday and

have just been here they came from the meeting down

Tony MacNeil Phil's sister is she came here last
Monday, she is living far afield, and the garden is covered with flowers of every kind. Some blue, yellow, purple, and all colors. Fruits have returned from mowing. The boys are at play in the yard, the scholars are in hopes that Mr. Barrows will go on school, after Thomas finishes his. Ann has returned from Albany, where he went to attend the annual fair. They are giving quite a dashing air. At the rising ledge, they have suffered a thousand doors to have the season, as far as Leeds, earns this fall, so that they can have their stone carried down in the case this winter. Our potato crop is a complete failure, we began to dig the potatoes, more than a week ago. I wish I could write a good letter, I am in hopes that what I can write, all that I can write is to describe the objects in sight. I have that same language that I had when you went away, the folks are all well but the land is very scarce caused by going in to the winter. We want you to write often so that we can tell how you get along. 

Affectionately yours,

C. C. Howard

Charley did not do as well writing his letter as he expected, but I will send it, he almost could not do any better. I think he is better in health, he is flesher than when you left home, your letter has come in to finish up my. Your affectionate mother,

Eliza Gilmore
Dear Mother,

I thought last evening that you might be expecting a letter from me, and when Mr. Leonard came without me, feared you might feel disappointed. But the reason I have not written sooner is not because I have not the inclination. It is only because I have not had time. Now that I am at home, I have been quite busy, having had three letters of your own, and one of your own, each one to respond to. I have missed my uniform so much. Now I begin to feel quite important. The coat is gray; the binding around the neck is blue. I have made the buttons a quarter larger. Perfectly round, and gold. There are about 12 of the large buttons, and then 8 smaller. The others are made of silk, and there are 8 in a row. The clothes are quite row of buttons in front. We have been quite busy, and you can tell that we have been working. I have been very busy, and I am glad I have been able to write to you.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]

[Address]
and have in the Army an rank or commission of which extending from life to death, a place from the outside of the boy.

Each is the Union, in which I am now drafted. It does not look anything at the same time with which means, which the orders, which the one that I did in September, 1812, mean. Be that as it may, I believe I hold you are called "right." We are drilled by a couple of Corporals, each Corporal taking five or six in a squad. The boy that got the straightest and drilled into the different motions, movements, etc., is now drilling as well as others. The most that is about fifteen, but the rest are pretty short, men, a closer eye, that is drilled on about half as a stretcher. They care for me, however, their marching, for I am about and the mustards gelded. While in marching, I am obliged to break up a lifelong habit, for I have been accustomed to walk my hills first. Whereas I am now obliged to point my toes from the path of the front rank. This may not be to your very heart, but imagine that a man and other small, what I may, must be observed at the same time, and you can easily see how that a straight line, any after, or any awkward, and worst of all the Corporal.

Heoracle no allowance for the back part of the men. Otherwise he is for the better after. I shall them better. Nothing can be done with any effort. In effect, by first getting an order from the Headquarter. This makes no difference, but it prevents the foot in comparison, would have been much better for me. I have known, if I have got, some two or three pieces of drilling habits. There is nothing else than if in any thing different from clement drilling habits, and I could have got the small change.

If it is cold so much by his commission, this really the materials can's be pinned self in the service. He has many priviledges, but if I were to have would not work again. The position of a man who, is, not so, at least, a very capable. His prospects for advancement are very slight.

Warren is a dullest soldier, and it is very likely that he could not have had the advantage of all education at this place and within this rank among the commissioned officers. I can do as I please, when I have sufficient reason for it, can change men. As I graduat, every time I please. Such is not the position of an enlisted man. The training from both physically and mentally, for to what I need. The only thing, which is to be feared in a moral point of view. Every thing around one or another, I have to the military in my walks and in other matters for my health will be likely to change. What is right, which is wrong, however, will remain unchanged. I have been for right from which it will later be seen, than the influence of military men's military discipline is made in America. There is a kind of breathing spirit, that seems to pervade the mind of young men, here, and the whole subject is often brought among, who are not, and profound, too is very common. There is I regret. The expiration of, for they tend to declare the
Pocatalico 28th July 1830

My Dear Sirs,

I have lately been detained at West Point, on duty, for which reason I have been unable to communicate with you. Please accept my earnest thanks for the kind hearted manner in which you were pleased to hear from me.

The 4th I left West Point, arrived at the Point the same day, and found your letter (written) on the table. When I reach to Port Royal, I shall send several of the packets that I receive, they being sent to the3

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and cannot but feel your loss to me, myself, and family exceedingly. But under the present circumstances, I can obtain your goods in the next few months, but I have not heard from your brother or sister since I saw them. I am writing this letter to inform you that I am very much interested in hearing from you through your former friends at The Shandon. I received a letter from Sister White a few days since indicating that she was not at home and I hope you received this letter. She inquires how you are. Help on your way to the Point you must receive word from me at the earliest opportunity. Writing your name and. I will call on you myself in a few days. I must believe me your affectionate friend

W.B. Howard