Dear Brother,

I wish you a very happy new year.

We have had an adjourned session, although Men in Town have what for us is a regular holiday. This is of the morning. I am writing, as you remember, the thermometer is below zero and the air is crisp and fresh, making me feel as though, if I had to fly away to keep warm, I was able to do so off less weight in the old year than in the new one, and some of the boys gave a fine treat, to which we all did justice.

Jewett on the second of January before the annual fire in (street) and there was a great fire, to which I was unable to attend. In my excelling manner, remarking that such a noise as that was better fitted for the cedar among the North Conway fires, I am sure none from them have I have been here except you. Then you I first learned that Roland had got home, I see by the paper that the dividend to the working members of the two ads. $15 or a small sum truly for such a man, but he has obtained. I suppose in some degree what he...
This change makes me stay at home. I am very pleased to know that the climate suits you well and that you are in good spirits.

I have not heard from you in a long time. I hope you are doing well.

Your friend,

[Signature]
Decd Jan 4th 1852

Dear Brother, Ml, I wanted to show you how well I could write. School does not keep yesterday. Also went skating now I am going to make some letters to sister. Mon. Mr. yd. a few. My B. D. A. C. E. S. etc.

From, R. H. Simore.

O.O. Howard.
place, I had worked out the course that I should pursue in the most
greatest precision. All my plans are therefore fixed, and will probably
as far as the place I have thought of the whole course
of my life. Would you like to see an officer in the United States Army?
You do not think I shall continue in the Army long after I graduated
Patton of all. But he command the South. He holds the companion
The influence of a military education was a young man, whose
character is just forming, can only be fully understood by
him who has been subjected to them. It is all whether the years
in this place may not exchange wholly change any action. But
Who Verxam the must judge that I am correct. I pressed
him to learn. It is not to. This is my way. I must hold of course
not for his own. That every thing in the world obliges no
memory. I believe something I should be. And I believe
in reality, I should not know which to love. Therefore
should hold my share, or neither think one can for the payers
thing. I must not complain. That a genius seeks for a young man is
This: Deeply the most noble of all caners. The present year not for
the positions I can imagine, you may, I see, I see Charlie. Dillon. Starting
men of it's own. But conduct as much as I would be better to the
the little fellows. Tell Charlie that I have been shouting summer's
that this my way. I was added the definition of eunuchary. I
Strictly given. The definition of the meaning of how he could not have
their fellows. Give them with my own, and tell fellow he must not forget
him with the lasting years. They must all be good boys of any
like in the, the First Officer for me that can be found. Alfred
Below & finish. Some forget that you have written, but very little and
Bonton of his hands at last. Believe me I was your affectionate Son
Charles Howard.

Dear Mother,

I feel that I should not have again tell the result of the examination as known to me,
but I am disappointed to have a very long lasting
perhaps three weeks. I have tried to make some
case letter on account of my health. I am
health is very good indeed. And altogether in another
The examination commenced to-day and lasted. The Board
of Examiners consists of the Officers of Professors
from the. The officers of the professors will
before long. Both gone some committed at three o'clock in
of the largest rooms of the Academic building. My section was
the first called. So we entered the room, learned more
like a solemn midnight to extinguish just
of a sort of something. Thence with a friendly
examination of a sort of young men attended with long
imagination. I have been told in some regions before and was
never in a place. I was almost. Many of any present on however.
the time et cetera. Some would have not done. Some few
would keep just exactly what they want. From any
they do not the demonstration in a voice clear of distinct, and not our
word was spoken hearing the whole of it. I succeeded afterwards
the greatest one in hours, but succeeded nothing
wrong. No after will stand at the head of the Class this
January. I called. The morning of the first, in his highest
examination of it to his mathematic will stand for it, in
General plan thinking. So I myself will just about write
in Mathematics but in other subjects I am much ahead.
of him, therefore in general standing I shall stand above him. This is as much as I expect, after I found
that many of my contemporaries were my equals in parts for
previous education. And if I can graduate among the few
who are called the learned, the few acknowledged for scholar
ship, it is as much as I can expect my friends can
expect. Cast a stone, I bore. I was vast, vast, vast, vast,
and had a very pleasant time; only
I gave no plan to see my certain evidence that prospects
as bright as my own, to horribly affected. I slight a day, then
convictions continue; and will still be found a remedy. It
returns upon his question, I don't think will ever be well.
I was gone one day (a little over), I wrote to Amasa
Barney, pretty near. Even then I have not heard of stopping
through the June, since his return to Vermont. He
sent 26th, merely said that I; yet little thought how strong we
were. How dear are all at home? Three months since have
now passed away since I left that home. While dreams
comfort I still better learned to value by being
absent from. Then your man is my mind, I say what
brought to mind. Then if I loved in fancy, It is good for a
yearning of reflection to learn home
for a place like this. The river now itself involves the town
through advent of reflection, while you scheme so hand
is leas to supply his every need; when he best full
of sympathies, can etch the stone, and venture The High Rock.
Therefore here are all good, but experience, through to my part
often comes of folly. I helping is a chance to him, she
knows, she feels it not. But a chance is a helping if I were
our eyes to truth, but makes us all to appreciate what is
truly valuable. Not kindred, if he did not sometimes feel
a little chill, a little heart sick. Then, read until all the day
for gold, and esteems its quarters, to find no pleasant
room, with a chimney; from glowing upon the heart, I
know you, upon a seat of inviting table, our friendship
for no longer, for no thing which is comfortable. No more
than I have said to myself, sometimes: How foolish I was to be
unhappy, to be discontented with myself to my lot, when I was
suffered, by everything that a man and to deserve. Why the
very utmost heaven on earth must be from kindred I especially
to him known. Now I wish my self could fly you to enjoy as
my years, but may I was not in the family side, for a very long time. But I shall never be forgiven, nor shall I
ever forget or undervalue the value of my home. Within has bound
me by a strong cord and, though, it may be child, it is wonderful
and will never be bound. Leagre wrote that the man not going
to Livermore. Have you seen her? Of the has made a miss.
you missed with me, none as thoughts are placed for the future, or
Alternation, for the present, that will be of interest to our immediate
me with. I know your name is employed. I know that you can be
so active to some. But I am going I feel of thought such as
they are. They show with the regularity of a land to be today, this with
ably little chance. The time with the way you will be obliged to wish to
put a great deal for you remember my felicitation, from it can
easily see, that I cannot be with you much again, although I may.
For concerning the future, we can not compute, and perhaps
by this next to best. Everybody almost, species I am well educated
nor, I am well educated. But not well educated. Before coming to this,
Dear Brother,

The devil is in the mails. I know, so I assure you, that one thin flapping sickliness, no serious engagement would hinder one from writing you letters. Your last letter was written on the third and came to hand this morning. As soon as I see the one be of the less assurance it, and you should have got it by this time, I wish that you would just speak to the Post Master General, through your friend the clerk William no more than after this. The mails may do their duty if they do not, I shall just clap mine (letters of course) aboard the Telegraph, which makes things this place, and I advise you to do the same and then I guess that Uncle Sam will be willing not only to reduce the postage, but quicker the mails, aha! Old Robinson has made the following marvelous arrangement for a fellow comfort, viz, the recitation of the first clap will be heard in the forenoon alone. Now it must immediately come to you for the atom, that as a natural consequence, if we study at all, we must study in the afternoon, and that Wednesday or Saturday afternoon, the law annual. Now this you perceive is Alarming is of our cherished dignity (what, after college too ashamed)
Jan 11th 1851

I wrote the foregoing just after I read your letter, but was prevented from some calls from reading it. I see a letter for another from the same day I did yours. The folks at home are all well. Robert is rather lonesome and thoughtful and takes a great deal of interest in California affairs. I shouldn't wonder if he returned or went somewhere else, I don't think he is the person to be contented in Sandusky after having been to California, unless indeed he finds an 'oman to suit him. And then just to write little down, brother writes me that this going rather slow with him. The beginning is so bad she is not able to get out. I hope you will write her often. I know that I have never done my duty in that respect. Sometimes I think very doubtful whether I get into college yet at all. If I was a little ahead or behind what now are, then women we little doubt, for if I were a little behind I should study hard and if ahead I should get in without studying hard. But as it is, now a doubtful case, I am exceedingly new with here this term, for the reason that I am in the office. I am pres. of the Philologist Society now and in one of the offices, I have to learn about order in the office and the papers. The sec. of the has got me.
Jan 13th 1851

Genders,

I guess by this time you think it to me a great many days to write a letter, but something calls me off every now and then. As the letter moves along, I have just come in from my first excitation in which I, for once, failed well. We are reading Tyndall's "Photographic Notice." Each grows easier every day.

It is so easy I fear I do not study it thoroughly. By all means try it. I fear he has got a great deal to do. He will do it, if not much. Most little is half done, at least to me. This is the way with me. I hear Mr. Jewett at the door. He has just come in to dinner and him first rate. Although Robinson is professor of religion, yet I think Jewett is. As real, I suppose you think the same.

I am not as inseparable to a Sunday dinner as I once was, but I can't think of a companion good.
After dinner
I don't want you to answer me unless you see this letter then you must. I am glad your standing in your elaps is as height for me in my own and almost the same your success is nearest to my heart. This ends the miserable letter

Your affectionate Brother

Cadet O O Howard A B

O. S. Vaughan is well and enjoying himself, no studing much things at present

R R Howard
New York Dec 17 1857

Dear Alcy

Hearing a few lucid moments after the talk of the day. I thought it would profit much upon a letter. You have commenced an answer to your of the 29th June and that to look for an opportunity for writing. I was glad to hear from you and that you were still on the level of the living and show I hope when you return offering GOVERGOE. I fancy you will be in great danger of starving. How can you fare so stringent a career with no money and no monthly income? I had to write to get a sentence of three words and one or two sentences of two words. They may be under the influence of the weather. But I supposed from much I accept you. I am sure Sarah likes a few weeks ago and that your uncle wrote in Portland on that sheet and you want much from the company. However you carefully round your actions than others. When I don’t think it possible that one can do anything when you can find a dream.
moment or two I knew Sarah would be very glad to hear from you—this is Nowells.

What did you do when you had to go away?—to Maine and other vacation States. It looks off so quietly as any other state. Perhaps this young man gets up a playing party or something of the kind; but then different places is really a quiet day and must all come to enjoy it. Then you have an opportunity of meeting old and becoming new acquaintances. You have a right to go into almost any place because you please but these seem like but few little pleasant ones. I would say that you can make things go—failing disappointed in not having been to that day. I don’t mind this calling when my friends although I felt but little like it. I can assure you about the which. I make my point about the way that we try to make it seem that as early as possible outside and have a good time. I have not but a man that are at idlers, but I would say that if you will come to have a pleasant called during the day. I make many visits quite often through about it. And was my kind heart. I enjoyed the day much more than I anticipated and was not at all sorry that we had some time what I call a treat in the morning. I went down after a young married couple. The two & when morning end. I went down in a little thing. I talked them. I thought I could get them a dinner than their table would not as I entailed that my last call I should make myself to a neighbor to my house and shut down with me and our food longingly. Short time together in a short style. Chicken & rice. Snow & the. After leaving them I left a note asking if it is to get home which lets. I don’t see that I record till the night much indisposition. Then I have made a number of calls on them. I try his a great hand make acquaintance as many of them. I try them and make which as to a great have a good time among the young men. Thinking things that my mind that he have that return and make them think that he was plenty of many places. But that he is he can’t know that these friendships do not to break with others. I ask, and so does one who is last one of those who one of the many calls understand my. I don’t mean to say but he is out of this day, as he has some far from idea that mind him. And these one of these. I wonder that you say nothing of what I have said & I have a talk with him and look. To allow some kind of something. That he is not to blame, I think him as much like his father, how can then. I such a difference as there is between them? When he has always listened from me with respect and attention and I hope I shall be able to make them think for a short time. The two and little for what else so

Dr. Person has found for both play to hear, although I have
Dear Mother,

West Point, N.Y. Jan. 18th 1827

To let you the truth I have got out of paper, and after getting out it is three or four days before I can get any to write on. Every thing is obtained by orders, these orders must be put into a certain box, from which they are taken to the Superintendent, signed by him, I returned with the book of account books. Very often, too, he does not see fit to sign them, then the only alternative is to wait his movements, I write a line or two in another order. Then some have I after returning to the Mail. 

Mr. Babcock's fashion taken two half sheets, which I happened to finish in my portrait. Yours & Charlie's double letter I received in good time. Charlie improves in his hand writing and in his manner of addressing himself. Tell him, there is no doubt of that he will become as good a writer if I hope, a better writer than his older brother, by the time he has been as many years & written as many thousand pages.

You must never permit yourself the least uneasiness on account of the severity of the discipline under which I am placed. Everything here has long since ceased to be objection to me. After a man thoroughly knows what his duty is I forms the habit of performing it promptly. However hard it may be at first, it will grow less & less burdensome, the more he almost wonder how it ever seemed so difficult. Such is my ease. At first I met with crosses & objections at every turn, so much so that I was often sick at heart; but these times have passed. I am now treated as a man by a gentleman. By all, and probably shall be thus treated as long as I behave like a man 

I received a letter from Rodland to-day. He seems in good spirits as usual. For some cause or other he has not got my letters regularly, as I have written them. I have written him many letters, & I always fill my school. I don't think he has any reason to complain or think of punishing him.

I like to find his letters lively & piquing, though I do not deal in
Then ever much, please me rather than awaken any feeling of regret to line
As Readland is taking the same course, that I have already set...through, I shall watch him with interest. I am glad to find the pleasure
he has an independent spirit, and is not so easily influenced by some companions of those into whose society he must necessarily be thrown.
But I fear sometimes that he may carry his independence too far or even,
and by this means miss his own enjoyment; this also renders every human
friendship less beneficial to him. I know, however, enough of human and few check
Nature not to be too prodigal of my advice to a brother. Officiousness of the
long sermons are anything but agreeable to the most patient I were glad
with affectionate listeners. So a brother example has more weight than
as advice. Warren received Readland's letter, or rather his brother's, through and died
by Readland. He did see how that Readland brought to the end another
was marked. And without any other postscript, he said the end of wisdom
not late to earn his life either in a wise. I have had this letter (of
marked the fame of explained the mistake. Uncle John incites the spread
one as long interested, and sends me passages almost every other Mr. Brown
day. He sent one on the other day containing a sermon delivered
by Mr. Fisher of Bath, particularly applicable to the slave law. It was found to be
very good, especially in urging obedience to law. Uncle also sent me another
a letter of introduction written by Mr. Scudder to Mr. Capt. Williams, of Mobile. And,
I believe I have spoken of Capt. William Judge Daniel Williams. Mother
son, the passed through the war in Mexico, unscarred, and is now so I have
an Adjutant at West Point. I have not presented my letter yet. Things as
I think I shall this afternoon (Saturday).
Lizzie writes me that she did not stop at Livermore but a few days. I have just
and the roads were so blocked up that she could not go any further, it is glad
She is attending school, except when it is done she shall make. It serves
you a visit at London. Joseph saw Henry Priestland a letter, otherwise...
Since conforming with Aunt Martha's request I have not answered it yet. The weather has been quite warm and pleasant for even a walk. The snow is almost all gone. In fact we have had but very little snow at all. The winds have hardly ever blew cold in Maine.

Our examination is over, and twenty-three of my classmates have been found deficient. I went home. Some of them felt very badly indeed. I had declared they would not go home. Others, however, had got enough of the place and, notwithstanding the disagreeable of being found, were glad to get away. Among them were some with a good education, who depended too much upon former acquirements and did not study quite enough. Mr. Abbott stands at the head of the class in General Standing. Mr. Howard second, Mr. Rogers of Wisconsin, third, Mr. Lee of Virginia (Col. Lee's son) fourth, Mr. Rechler (of Louisiana, I believe) fifth. These are "The few." Your class for the present, Mr. Deadwell one of my roommates, stands seventh. Mr. Brown 26th. Mr. Brown studies night & day. I never saw him greater share of perseverance centered in any one man. He is determined to do well in the end. Lagelle stands forty-fifth; he has improved very much, treats me well. Therefore I get along with him now first rate. Now we have got to study strictly for five months. I know I would enjoy a vacation of a few weeks, but as I cannot have it, I must make the best of the matter, and take things as easy as possible. (Saturday evening). For several weeks last our Band of Music have given a concert every Saturday night. I have just returned to my room after attending one of these concerts. It is glorious music, I think one often with indescribable feelings, it serves to allay all bitterness & sadness, and awakens a kind of sympathy, a light-heartedness, which has a favorable reaction upon
The weary mind. Have you ever noticed that the mind can be tired? Almost every one has at some time exhausted his physical strength. And this has produced a corresponding exhaustion in the mind. But this is not what I mean. The mind, when it is weary in my sense of the term, becomes even more restless, when you are awake, it is not clear; it is misty, when you are asleep, it continues to labor over angles, triangles, of theorems, without coming to any conclusion; its labors like the hero of mythology, who kept rolling a large wheel up a steep hill as soon as it got to the brow, thought his work almost done, back it would roll, and again he must roll it till.

My mind sometimes takes to itself such fits. Well, there is in such a state, then the music of the band has a strange and pleasant effect. Why I can sleep after a concert as quietly, almost, as when a child my mother would hold me in her lap, or put me in the cradle and tuck me in. I made Captain Williams a call this afternoon and he was not in his room, therefore I shall not introduce myself to him til next Saturday afternoon. I saw Warren, To-day. He is in good health, but feeling sadly, because his friends at home do not write him. Give my love to all. Tell Balch, to try himself just as much as he can. Now, that he has got back whole, he must, every where, find open ears among the curious people of Leeds, and can probably tell them some hard stories, without in the least stretching the truth. Balch has just written to me we have a half hour to make our beds. We may ourselves away before the three last laps, which say to "time". Real Good night.

Your affectionate son.

Oscar L. Howard.

West Point NY Jan 18th 1851.
To Henry S. Clay

Dear Sir,

I read your letter this time moment & was much gratified at the contents of it. We were greatly pleased to hear from you & much pleased with your letter. I trust you were trying to lead to this yourself & to become a good citizen. It is a trying situation for you, to live to grow & be raised to be one of the men of the country, to have to face all new work & be forced to make yourself do new things as it comes. Yet it is an effort that you must become accustomed to. For in future years, it is very necessary, and will be productive of good. It is a course that gives character stature to a man, when he is known when the world is ready to do. So is it with our own country. We have hardly yet got better in some ways, but we are trying at the last time. We are yet, I believe able to accomplish in some of a month or two, doing things. We are trying to do it, to make some of it. I shall make the necessary effort. I hope to succeed. We are now free & can do things as we choose. They fear that you are freed for a long time, but that it is just the last.
Your time is late, you see we not give you credit. If you write can you ask your sight for the opposite time you will be sure of each. John D. has not been alone since we have been here. Henry sometimes goes to town once. He tries a little while but does not see unmothered. He says west is it his home being not with some trouble in his school. Left it the thanks for your remembrace. I have no idea for my young man to take into his head. I have no ought to have a feeling of difference when the move releases. I don't see this final time, he is not in the a log upon the mother in them that puts them at this place and he he to his place in society an indelible act more. Will be get some meaner letters get to learn if he lives. The only care in my time he is pleased and will not want with a smart man. He has some concern in his home. I don't mean it more get hanched of by contact with the world at large. in the case with most of us. Mother tells the lions have to you I say the rules to be you. We become all that the most constant with of your family and desire. ending my letter in 1825, the weeks are not out and will. But the my move move is also then. He come in I read in a night likewise through who is at business.

Your 25. I have delayed only the rest of the time today, is coming this month. I write earlier at one room, lived the time just now salve for your long time since. I am
CLINTON, Oct. 8, 1851.

D. C. Howard

Jan. 21, 1851. West Point.

Dear Mother,

Some considerable time has elapsed since I have written to you. I must perform the usual duty of writing to my mother, for I consider it a duty, no matter how prolonged absence or other pecuniary situations have tended to increase the natural anxiety which a student feels for a beloved one at home. I feel it my duty, in a measure to allay any such reasonable anxiety by keeping up with you a constant, periodic, regular correspondence, placing before you myself as far as my situation will allow, and my situation is, I hope, that from some cause or other, my studies are becoming harder and I am becoming, though not enough to write three letters a week, in Geometry alone than from two thirds through a book. I have spent over three months in completing a College in French, her nearly half of the first section, and speak the language to our instructor almost as nearly as giving lessons. But times are as uncertain capacity. In Geography, I am obliged to learn everything 18 verses of foreign land to draw the map from memory on the board, containing all the principal features, lakes, rivers, towns, etc. This exercise is interesting, but requires time and industry.

Sills, I shall write as often as I can. I received a letter from New York this morning. He says Mr. Jowett is sick and a slow giver. Mr. Jowett has done a great deal of letter, for the past four years, and I would not know, if the last
over burdened even his strong constitution.博兰德

Visits, however, that he will soon be able to proceed

with his scholarship. There is no snow on the ground

now, but it is colder than Greenland. It had been very

warm last yesterday morning, when it set in cold. At

private yesterday I thought I should have gone, but as good fortune

would have it I lost kept a great coat. I got in

that night, that is the worst of my returning on the river.

But it feels nice and comfortable, I can tell you, when one

is obliged to face the cold sun and burning down the river.

The Bateau boat is like all things belonging to us,

a Isabel construction. It is made of gray cloth, much longer

than common over coats, having the ends of bright button

and lead W. A. And a large cap, which are very convenient

the face, when it is excessively cold. Then within you gave

me, were the best kind of clothing I had, especially when

I went on ground, but I have lost them somewhere, and since

one has no pockets, my clothing are not in my pockets.

This time I have worn my uniform cloth coat for

months steadily. All my albums begin to look out. I put

in an order for another, three things over, and they were

not printed, so I went to the Great Harbors meet band

and my written albums. The next day he gave me an order

for a coat. I went out, I have now missed my album just

my new coat in my trunk.

I received a letter from Uncle Henry yesterday from Boston.

He says he is doing very well. He Newland Mexican

that his wife is hospitable because she has not a home of her

own. When Burton was there to see her he was holding up

the nephews of his correspondents in Cuba. He seems not

well content with the situation, saying, of course, like

the rest of us, somewhat a little different, a little

higher. I hope he will get promoted, if this is the thing

in the army; for, as long as he has the commission. He is

cold, for any little thing to be degraded into the reader;

So long as he has his present Captain, then it is at

least danger of this, for the Captain thinks very highly of

him, Newson is called one of the finest fighting men on

the Point. He does not believe better than he has a few

years ago with his "teacher and I wanted something.

Tell me all you can learn of his relations for I like to

have something to tell him when I see him.

Young says Effie calls the other often. So tell

me that the appearance of my face, and all that. You can
describe this subject. He writes are so wonderful

courteous letter. But all quite distant.

Effie says that she seems to make you a visit

to be a good as her school is done. He makes several

not going to see you when he are. He is now

attending a High School. The instructor is brother to my

old friend, I instructor, Professor Backard. I have that

Wright who has kept his school. If you see him ask him to send

for me, for I should not know where to direct to him.

Give my love to all the family and believe me

Your affectionately,

E. H. Howard.