
293 5/4/1851 *From:* Charles [H. Howard] *To:* Col. John Gilmore
OOH-0276a Yarmouth South Leeds
Source: Bowdoin Maine

Yarmouth May 4th 1851

Dear Mother

I have been to meting all day. They organized their sabbath school at the Baptist church to day. Chose their oficers such as Superintendent, &c, let the schollars choose their own teachers for the year and apponted a committee, to tell where the lesson should comence. For the whole school has the same lesson, and in course, and six verses to a lesson.

The weather is pleasant today although it rained last night. It broke away about eight oclock & has been pleasant all day. it looks a little like rain now. We did not have a ver pleasant May day for it rained here all day. The students at Brunswick had their <May Training> yesterday. I guess Otis would like to have been there. Many of our students went down there.

We have not heard from Otis very lately. Rowland saw Gideon Lane the other day in the cars, who informed him that John Harrison's wife [Hellen Otis] was very sick. I hope to hear that she is better in your next letter, which we think it is about time to receive.

My health is as good as it comonly is & I get along well with my studies. Have been through my Astronomy & am reviewing it & I am in the last part of my Arithmetic. Mr Woods has got his Academy boarded. It stands nearly oposite to this one. I should'nt think he would do so for he will ruin this Academy.

I suppose our folks have begun farming, likely they have sowed some. I expect a letter soon to hear all. How is Delie. Is he as smart as ever, tell him I did not get time to write him. I thought I would write to him today instead of you but did not think when I began. Please give my love to him and all. May be that we shall not write another letter before we go home

From Your Afec son
Charles

[continued on the next letter from Rowland]

294 5/4/1851

From: Rowland B Howard

To: Col. John Gilmore

OOH-0276b

Yarmouth

South Leeds
Maine

Source: Bowdoin

[continued from the previous letter from Charles]

Yarmouth, May 4th, 51

Dear Mother

I waited this morning till after the mail arrived expecting to receive a letter from you, supposing that you wrote Saturday as I requested. But as I rec none, I conclude that Father wants my whole bill before he sends any money. So I will make it up as near as I can and send it in this letter. If I do not get it right, I shall have to let the balance lay over till next term at which time I will settle it. The Bill is as follows

To Board 11 wks at \$1.25 for two	27.75
" Books for Charles Ast & Arith	1.25
" Singing School for two and Books	1.80
" Repairs	1.00
" Extra for Furniture	0.75
" " " Wood & Oil	1.00
" Excursion	1.00
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	\$36.30

I have made up the bill as near as I could but I don't suppose it is enough. There is considerable damage this term and I do not know what the average is yet. My clothes are rather poor, and I suppose that I must have a suit this vacation. Would it not be better for me to buy my coat ready made. I suppose that I could get one good enough for \$10,00. I shall want something to wear in Vacation and it appears to me that this is the best way of obtaining it, either by going to Portland or stoping at Lewiston. Write what you think about it. If Father does not wish to send the money for all of my bills in a letter, I can leave the Board bill till the first of next term, but the others must be paid now. You must determine what you think about my clothes and act accordingly. If Father has sent any money he can deduct it from the amount he would otherwise send. I will write on Rect of the money and tell you when I wish you to meet me at Greene. Excuse my haste for I have a long hard lesson to recite in a few hours and none of it as yet read. I have a bad cough but am in hopes to cure it soon.

My love to all.

Your affectionate Son
Rowland B Howard

[Envelope]

[Postmark] NORTH YARMOUTH ME MAY 5

Col. John Gilmore

South Leeds

Maine Yarmouth, May 5th, 51

295 5/7/1851

From: Eliza Gilmore

To: O. O. Howard

OOH-0277

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds May 7th, 1851

My dear Son,

I have just reread your two last letters but I fear they will be but poorly Answered. I have for some days been promising myself this morning for writing you but I seem as usual rather pressed for want of time for after my usual round was performed and got Johnny [Otis] a pair of pants patched, about to commence Mrs Lothrop and Francis came in for your father to assist them in their business, which has hindered me some.

I feel as though I had many comforts, you have recovered your health with much less loss than I could have expected at one time, as your March report Marks Mathamatics, 4, English 4. This reduction in your standing weighs merely nothing if your health is as fine as ever. I have been weighing it in my own mind when, on all accounts, I can best come to West Point. I think we must come in June, for many reasons. Our farming (which I desire to have done up in some shape) cannot be left untill June. R.B.H. will have returned to his school, and Charley get established at home, and a great many reasons I could give. Then the Milietary show at West Point, would be a curiosity to me and perhaps more so, to Lizzy and your father, but that is a small reason for our visit. I think we shall come on about the tenth of June. I have not written to Lizzy on the subject yet, but I think on may accounts that would suit her. We shall probably enjoy the first object of our visit that is yourself. All the time you can spend with us, as well one time or another.

We received your Cadett Collar and shall probably get them nearly right. The waistband you said nothing about, whether those you wear are right. I shall bring you four pairs of cotton footings and four pairs woolen footings. I have got your shirts made without bosoms, or collars. I shall probably write you again before I come to West Point.

I was invited to Valentine's wedding on the first day of May, but did not attend on account of the rain. I have met with Thomas since, and Laura said all who were invited attended with the exception your father and I. There were about forty invited. I intend to call on them when R.B.H. gets home.

Rowland in his last letter seemed rather weary. I am in hopes, his two weeks vacation will give him a new spring. I long to see him and Charley, which is a little more than two weeks. I am afraid their commons has not been so regular since Mr Jewet boards a way from them.

Lizzy wrote me a billet by your father when he returned from Boston, where he has lately been, to try settle Arza's old debts. Arza is now in Brooklyn in New York establishing his mammouth beehive. His father re—d a letter from him the last mail. He is in good health for him, and in good spirits, and expects to open his establishment for exhibition the Middle of May. Says all who have called in to see him have said their would be a great rush when it is opened. I hope he will do well and be able to take his family on there in the fall. George Lothrop is with him, and he has for his partner a man by the name of Platt.

Sarah Lee called here the first day of May, and stoped an hour perhaps. She said your Uncle John's wife has been sick all of this spring. Doct Stinchfield brought Sarah here. He said Mrs Sampson had been sick this spring and was now quite feeble. I saw at church last sabbath Kate Benjamin with Laura Howard. Melvin Howard has been sick all the spring.

Dellie says it is ten minutes past twelve and dinner is nearly ready. I fear you will think this hurried letter a small compensation for your two long letters, but the mail will soon pass here, and I must finish at once.

Yours in haste
Eliza Gilmore

O.O. Howard

296 5/9/1851

From: O.O. Howard

To: Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0278

West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point N.Y. My 9 1851

Dear Mother,

I received your letter this morning and hasten to reply to it. You said that you should come to see me the first of next month perhaps the 10th. In West Point one cannot see even his mother without a permit and as my examination will come about the tenth of June I fear I shall have little time to see you. the examination of all classes begins the second day of June and continues till all are examined, generally lasting till the 20th. Since it is most convenient for you to come the first of next month, rather than the last, if you will get here about the 15th I can be with you more than at any other time. My own examination in mathematics will then have taken place, so that I shall be more at my ease. Write me as soon as possible & tell me if you cannot come about the 15th.

You spoke of my waistbands. There is nothing uniform in them or peculiar. Everybody suiting his own taste, and as for me, I have but little preference if they be only white. If it does not increase the postage, I would like to have you send Mr Sawtelle's collar back.

You sent me two Journals. A good story continuing through them & not there finished. I should like to have the next. The last is Apr 17: the next probably Apr. 25th.

I put in a permit to visit Warren the other day & it was refused. Don't tell this to any of his folks. The circumstances are as follows. I wrote you that I went to see him one Saturday afternoon & was reported for being off limits. This report was taken off - after I gave in my excuse. Some weeks after this I wrote a permit to visit him one Saturday and carried it to the Commandant - Mr Jones - Lieut 7 fifty was the acting Commandant as Capt Alden was away. He tore my permit in flitters & abruptly & gruffly told me he would sign no such permit. At 11 (this was at 7 in the morning) I wrote another & went to Capt Brewerton's office (the Superintendent). Lieut Jones was there. Capt B looked at it, told me to carry it to the Commandant. I gave it to Mr J again & again he refused to forward it. I then asked Capt Brewerton if there was anything improper in my permit. He said he would talk with me about it some other time.

The next day I was reported for carrying a permit to the Superintendent, which the Commandt had refused to forward. I went to see Capt Alden who had then returned & explained to him the circumstances, to ld him who Sergeant Lothrop was &c &c. He said I was not in fault, that he had noticed my intimacy with a Soldier; that it was not discreditable to me or to him; but that the army was an Aristocratic institution & that its distinctions must be preserved for the sake of proper discipline; that if I suffered myself to visit him or the Soldier's barracks, that I laid myself open to slander, and that it would be of great injury to me in my position. Capt Williams, the Adjutant of Maine also talked with me - said I must not think it hard; said that it was not the man but the position which he occupied that placed me at such a distance. I was at first angry, could see nothing but folly & nonsense in all they said; but I see that intimacy between officers & soldiers would be subversive of all discipline, if carried out, and here they do not have any exceptions to their general rules. Warren is a noble fellow & if he remains in the Army will be promoted sooner or later. Don't mention this to his folks, for it would do no good. I wished you to know just how it was & this is enough.

If Charlie, Rowland & Dellie could send me their Dauguerotypes it would be the most acceptable of presents. Sawtelle has his whole family in his room. This made me wish for my brother's at least & your own if you would have it taken.

Write to Lizzie right away, as she wishes to know when you will go. I am expecting much happiness from your coming, but fear something will come to mar it. Perhaps it is better that you should come before I go into Camp, for whatever you may bring me I can get better as long as I am in barracks.

Give my love to all & write me right away, so that I may know whether you will come as early as the tenth or later. My rank for the month of March is as good as I could have expected, though I did'nt expect it so low as 4th English Studies. This is only for one month. I shall be 1st or second in General Standing I think. I have

now returned to all "Military Duty".

Yr Affectionate Son
O.O. Howard

[Envelope]
[Postmark] West Point My 10
Col. John Gilmore
South Leeds
Maine

297 5/12/1851 *From:* Ward B Howard

To: Nephew [O O Howard]

OOH-0279

Peekskill

Source: Bowdoin

Peekskill 12 May 1851

My Dear Nephew

I recd a letter from you some days since and in my engagements on and about the first of May neglected to answer it. I was very happy to hear of your restoration to perfect health. In fact your Professor of Mathematics whose name I do not recollect, informed me some time before that you had resumed your studies and appeared to be well.

I have changed my residence since you was here. The trouble of moving paying for my plan &c has engrossed my attention for a month passed. August remains about the same the rest of the family are well. My youngest daughter [Anna] that married Mr [John E] Henry Civil Engineer has removed with her husband to Chicago Ill. where he is engaged on the Chicago & Rock River R. Road. I regretted to part with them more particularly my little Grandson [John Howard Henry] to whom I was much attached.

Should your friends visit you from the East this coming summer, you must enjoin on them to visit me & obtain for yourself leave of absence to accompany them.

I get no tidings or news from our friends at the Eastward except through you. They never write.

Accept our best wishes for you health & happiness.

Affectionately yours
Ward B Howard

299 5/14/1851 *From:* Rowland B Howard *To:* Oliver O Howard

OOH-0280b Yarmouth

Source: Bowdoin

[continued from the previous letter from Charles]

Yarmouth May 14th, 51

Dear Brother

This is glorious weather, I assure you. Is'nt it remarkable. We have had two pleasant days this spring and those two days were yesterday and today. I have had a bad cough for about 2 weeks but if we are going to have such weather as this, I shall have it no longer. It is enough to make one sick to have a cold during rain and uncomfortable East wind. I don't know what in the world started me to write to you today, for you have'nt answered my last, but somehow I got my pen in my hand and found my self addressing my Dear Brother.

Our term is most out again and I long to get away from Yarmouth. I am heartily sick of it, everything in it. But one week more and I shall not see it again for a fortnight. Charles is anxious to go into Portland this week but I don't know whether he will be able to or not. I may go it at the close of the term. I hav'nt heard from there lately.

Jewett is sick. The Dr says he has a liver complaint and his lungs are affected by sympathy with it. His sickness is doubtless caused by a want of exercise and years of inaction. I fear that he will have to give up his school or rather I fear he will not give it up until he is too far gone for recovery. He was sick last winter as has been so almost the whole of this term.

The students have almost all left Brusnwick taking it as an excuse, that Proff Upham's son had the Small Pox, so they all cleared out 2 weeks before the end of the term.

Thursday

I had a letter from home this morning saying that our folks were all well, but the worst of it was that it said enclosed is \$20,00. And when I opened it, it was not there. I have written father by this mornings mail.

We have not got along as well this term as well as we did last in our studies. We have read VI Books in Virgil and as far as poetry in the Greek Reader. We shall have Virgil to finish and Sallust to read next term, the Greek Reader to finish and a review of the whole course besides writing lattin and 6 sections of Smyths Algebra. I look upon it as rather a hard Terms work especially as it the hottest and most unstudylike season of the year. I wish I could go on to West Pt. or to hear Jenny Ling or some equally pleasurable excursion, but as I havn't a mint of money I suppose I shall have to rest contented with but little amusement.

Excuse a short, miserable, letter and write soon. Are you aquainted with the Cadets from this state? I hear a Mr Webb from Calais often enquired after. Write me about him.

Your aff Brother
Rowland B Howard

P.S. I sent you the "Farmer" did you rec it. I will send you this week paper as soon as it comes. RBH

298 5/14/1851 *From:* Charles [H Howard] *To:* Oliver O Howard

OOH-0280a Yarmouth

Source: Bowdoin

Oliver O Howard Yarmouth May 14th 1851

Dear brother,

I now take my pen to answer to your most acceptable letter which I rec in season & which subject was one on which my feeble thoughts have rested much. Ever since I was a very small boy (not a giant now) I have had my mind made up that I could do what any one could, and then of course if I could do what any one could, I could accomplish what any of my brothers could, and I have thought that I would take (as you guessed in you letter) my brother for a pattern to go by. & I have always thought it would be a great honor to go to College, until very lately or until I rec your letter. I will tell you another example which I have looked at or tried to follow. That is, Uncle John <Otis>.

Now I have showed you some of my thoughts, & if you will just stop one minute and look at them you will see in them, the evil (Ambition) which you think (but I hope not) has destroyed your future happiness and peace of mind. If I am coming to the same point (not West Point, I never would go there but the point of unhappiness, I think I had better stop where I am (I said if so), still I cannot think of the idea of always working on a farm all of my lifetime.

If that is all the object I shall have ahead I don't think that I shall wish to set up late nights and get up early mornings to study if I have no prospect for any thing but to hire out to work on a farm for a living. I shall not live long, but I do not know but I can have education enough without going to College, but you seemed to write as though you would rather I would be a farmer.

Mother says that I shall go to Kents Hill next spring. I suppose I shall not go to school untill next winter again. Do you wish me if I go to Kents Hill to study Latin or do'nt you want me to study Latin at all.

I do not know what to do for a living unless I work on a farm, but I cannot make up my mind what to do for I always calculated to go to College. It is now Thursday morning as pleasant a morning as has graced Yarmouth this spring. I heard a Brass Band play last night and it was very good music to me.

From Your Afecionate brother
Charles

P.S. I wis you a pleasant morning

[continued on the next letter from Rowland]

300 5/17/1851 *From:* Charles [H Howard] *To:* Rodelphus H. Gilmore

OOH-0281

Yarmouth

Source: Bowdoin

Yarmouth May 17th 1851

Dear Brother Delie

I will now undertake to write you, the Letter which I promised you, when I was with you although I cannot say that it will be a very good one, for I am small yet as well as you. But I presume when you are as large as I am you will be able to write a much better one than this will be.

I hope you have been a good boy since I have been gone & tried to please father & mother every way that you could by obeying them cheerfully & pleasantly, for I am afraid that I as well as you have not obeyed them in every thing. I would not go to Betsey's unless I was sent there for you will learn bad habits where there is so many. One is your language which I am afraid is not very good.

But I will leave off advice for I am not so much better than you, and tell you something about Yarmouth. The road that passes through the Village runs N. West & S East. The Academy and the building that I am now in which is the boarding house are two brick buildings facing the road. They each have a Belfry from which you can see the bay. The Academy has a Bell which is rung every hour. This building in which we room has four floors. The lower floor contains a dining room, wood room in which there is a cistern, a kitchen, bed room and butry. The next 3 floors are divided into rooms for the students. The wharf is but a little way down beyond here where they are building vessels most of the time. There is three a building there now.

Oh there was an accident happened yesterday on the R. Road that I must give an account off the axle to the baggage car broke yesterday when the cars were coming from Portland or at least they think that was the first that was broken for before they could stop there was two trucks broke off from the Engine and I believe all but two broken off from the Baggage car. & there was two pair broken off of one of the pasenger cars, and when they stoped there was some thing under one of the pasenger cars which came up through the floor and if they had not stoped as quick as they did, they would all have been killed. But as it was, nobody was killed or hurt. There was nobody aboard but Dr <Garallan> that I was acquainted with.

I shall soon be at home Dellie & I hope to see everything look neat about the dooryard for it pleases mother so much. I suppose you are at work this spring planting potatoes and corn. I guess you and Roscoe will have nearly as much as you can do if you drop all of the potatoes and corn. I expect to find some little Bosies & lambs at home. I do'nt see any thing of the kind here. I have not seen a sheep since I have been here, but I saw a car full of calves the other. Who will keep our skool this summer? But you cannot answer any of my questions yet. I shall be glad when you get so you can write. I suppose mother will read this to you.

Give my love to her and all. I shall soon be at home, and then I shall not make my folks puzzle their brains in trying to read my letters. I presume this is the first thing in the shape of a letter. The next one that you have from me I am in hopes will be better composed. The text this forenoon was in Hebrews 4 Chap 13th vers.

It is growing dark and I expect to write a letter to Otis tonight in answer to one he wrote me and I must conclude by saying good <night>.

From Your Affectionate Brother
Charles

Rodelphus H. Gilmore

302 5/25/1851 *From:* Eliza Gilmore

To: O. O. Howard

OOH-0282

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds May 25th 1851

My dear Son,

It is now Sabbath day and every thing is now quiet around me. I feel a subdued pleasure in the scene's around me, Old Skip is not entirely blind I think for he is barking tremendously at Cap't Oscar Turner who is walking past leading his little girl. Charles is trying to help Rodelphus and John Otis get their Sabbath school lessons, which seems to try his patience mightily. Martha is all the help I have. Rowland and Charles came home last Wednesday. They went into Portland Monday night, stopt at Mrs Waites over night, called at Aunt MJ's [Martha Jane Strickland] and did some shopping and returned to Yarmouth Tuesday eve before coming home.

Charles has returned with that same old Cough only increased, and is very anxious to have it cured. I hardly know what to say to him, when he entreats me to apply to a physicion for I fear the medicine they would administer might destroy what constitution he has. He is now taking thouroughwort syrup. I am in hopes he will be better.

Your Father has gone to Meeting and took RBH. Him Roland A.G. and Silas Bates, have dressed and taken some other route to get through with the sabbath and now where is Otis is the next question. If in health about leaving the Church, (for the clock is now striking twelve) after listening to a learned discourse from one who fills one of the highest stations (as a divine) in the United States. I hope he has communion of spirit with the Most High for if he has he is ever interested in the hearts of all around him.

Arza Gilmore has been here and taken his wife and babe to Brooklyn with him. He is sure of success now. His health is good or better than it has been for some time. He left Wayne a week ago last Friday. If you were not so confined you could go down the Hudson river, and go over to Brooklin and pay A Gilmore, and George Lothrop 25. cents for seeing his bees work just as they did in Wayne and buy ice creams and honey to your liking. He had not opened his establishment when he was here, but would the middle of May. Huldah Lothrop [Arza Gilmore's oldest sister, married to George Lothrop] is in a poor state of health and is feared will never recover. An affection of the heart is the disease.

I have just reread your last letter of May the 9th. I shall not come to West Point until the 20th of June. It seems to suit your father better not to go so soon as there is a railroad Meeting, that is a stock holders meeting the 12th of June that it is necessary he should attend, and he thinks he shall have a good chance to know how A. is doing by that time. It will not make any material difference to me. I have never written to Lizza on the subject yet. I shall write soon to her. I sometimes fear our visit will make you trouble.

I suppose our only course is to go to the Tavern and receive you there. I suppose there is only one Public house at West point and that you have no means of knowing much about when we arrive there. What means must your father take to find you. I would like to have you ascertain and write the particulars. It will save making enquiry and some parade which you know is foreign to your Mother's wish.

I have not seen your Uncle John since his return from Washington.

That Cadet Collar I am sorry I cannot send it to you for I let Nancy carry it home with her, to have to look at while making them.

I am sorry for your losing the privilege of seeing Warren sometimes for even that was quite a treat to me, that you met face to face occasionally one who was bread and born so near me, and one whom I expect to see soon. But I am very much in favor of obeying laws. Let our situation what it may. I understand Seth Howard has an addition to his family, either a son or a daughter [Seth and Amanda Additon Howard had a daughter, Elsie Amanda Howard, b 17 May 1851].

I saw your Aunt Lucretia [Howard Leadbetter] at church last sabbath and Lucia who wished me to give her love to her Cousin Otis in my next letter. Valentine Bridgham [cousin to Otis] has been out with his young bride the

two last Sabbaths. A real pretty bride she is. Not so with V. He is not even good looking. Uncle Barney H [Barnabas Howard, b 22 Aug 1770, was the brother of Otis' grandfather, Seth Howard] attends meeting constantly and is as smart as ever. He is now over eighty.

I have just read your last letter to Charley. It called up many tender recollections, which with my views and feelings, it is as well never to bear in mind. I have many things to regret in past life, but nothing immoral or criminal. Neither have I ever gone into anything with out mature deliberation, but many thing have gone different from what I could wish. We can look into our own motives and the results of the course we pursue, but we cannot look into the hearts of others, nor direct them how to act. I have had many thoughts called up from the conduct of others, the unguarded observations of others has created feelings and suggested ideas I never could have thought of, but my only and best course is to remain passive and be watchful, and pray and hope for the best. O my son, I hope your life will not be spent in vain, but go forward with rectitude in the course you are pursuing.

I could have wished one of my boys to have settled on our old place, but it had long ceased to be any profit before it was disposed of, and even if it had been kept for Charles, he might have seen some other place he liked better after his brothers were both gone. Leeds would have lost half on all of its charms as Charles loves his dear friends so much. A letter is his idol. Your letters are wrapt up carefully and put in the best place, and read over a great many times. Sometime I fear this cough will destroy him. Dellie is delighted to have Charles come home, and has shown more pleasure than I could have thought him capable of.

Your father and R.B.H. have returned and brought news that Uncle John wife is worse and will never recover. What an uncomfortable situation your uncle must be in, but I hope Ellen will yet recover and collect his family once more.

The foliage is beautiful at present. The fruit trees just begin to show their blossoms, and the forest trees are all leaved out, and the meadows are a beautiful green. All nature seems to smile notwithstanding the discomfitures of man.

I have talked with R.B.H. about sending his dagauryotype. He thinks it looks to bad to send away. He has yet got to learn that the looks that we love are aways acceptable at all times. Charlie has just ask how much it would cost to go to West Point, and then ask if he could not go with me. If I thought he could be restored to health by a <poulty> he should take one. His mind is all in a commotion I see.

I have been talking with your father concerning the time we shall leave home. He says the 17th of June we will set for our departure. We shall probably arrive the 20 or 21. Your father has some business in Worcester. We may stop there if we think we cannot stand it to go so fast. I shall write again before we leave home.

Yours with much affection
Eliza Gilmore

O. O. Howard

303 5/26/1851 *From:* R B Howard

To: Brother [O O Howard]

OOH-0283

South Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

S. Leeds May 26th, '51

Dear Brother

I am writing this to put in to Mother's letter, so I shall write but little. Charles and myself went into Portland and staid over night at the close of the term. Mother has probably written you that we found your relatives, that "<hund-et futuris esse>" well and happy. I am spending my vacation just as you used to do. I shall return a week from Thursday. Your friends made earnest enquiries after you health and happiness, at church yesterday. I hear that your 'wool' is gray. If that is the case I advise you immediately to dip it in a solution of <urine> and charcoal and I will warrant a most beautiful blue.

My health is poor and Charles is worse. But I don't care for myself but I fear for Charles. Your friends here are all well. I suppose that Mother wrote you that Aunt Ellens state was very precarious. I should like to go to H. but don't know as I shall be able.

I sent you a paper Saturday about 2 weeks old. I'll get a new one if I can.

Don't write till I get back to Yarmouth but write to Mother in the meantime and I shall read the letters. Jewett has gone up with Robinson into the country. He is in hopes that his health will improve in vacation. Our folks are going to Lewiston and will take this along. I'll send the <Governors> message by this mail.

Good by
R B Howard

P.S. Please look in one of those Kenebeck Journals one of the 3 last, and find the notice of a sale of Col Lothrop's estate. If you find it, cut it out and send it on in your next letter. It is of considerable importance.
RBH