

Brund. Coll. July 5. 1853

Dear Brother

I have returned from Portman today after spending my 4th of July there. I did not care much about going to P. but I thought I should like to see Lizzie and perhaps she would like to see me. I did not find her as well as I was in hopes to. She looks a little pale and feels languid, but she thinks she shall be better if the weather grows cooler. We have not decided yet entirely whether we shall go to West Point or not. It looks to me like quite an ^{expense} ~~expense~~ for one who is spending so much money other ways, ^{now} but I shall think it over some more before I decide. I went with Lizzie to see the Fair Works in the morning. She was pretty tired but found it better than I expected. The Fair Works were more and the people noisy but on the whole I think she enjoyed it pretty well. I saw J. G. Goodenow in Portman. He says you are looking pretty well only rather thin. I. E. more so than when he knew you at college. He says he enjoyed his visit very much and that your presence and kindness contributed more to this, than anything else. You delayed some time before

you wrote me your last letter and I wrote many first pages giving you a trimming but finally concluded to let you take your own course as you probably would say so. The Athenaeum has been entirely broken up this term by one of those party rows which I suppose you experienced while in college. The disaffected party would not attend the treat and broke up the induction of officers by certain very unmilitary if not uncivil conduct.

We shall have to get rid of about two classes before we shall be able to do much. You can now understand fully the folly of party college politics and without doubt look upon them as rather small business as they certainly are yet it is astonishing how much interest is taken by students in these society elections.

We are now reading the Odyssey & I dedicated I had the former mostly to make up but I have accomplished the most of it. The class that I am in is not so pleasant on many accounts as the one I left. But it is so large and has of course some first rate fellows. I could not get a room in college and so I am at Mrs. Grows. They all remember you once in two weeks. i.e. if you can get time. I suppose you boarded with them some time. I recollect eating a number of meals here.

Do you receive papers and pamphlets that I send you? I have sent you a number, first class and you have acknowledged the rest of none. I

sent you last week the Brunswick Telegraph, a new paper published here. But it was partly to remind you that you owed me a letter.

Do you wish me to get your Diploma for you? If so I suppose Prof. Clear must know it before the 20 inst. that they may have them printed. I can get the money, you know, and pay for it if you desire it.

I have not heard from home for some time probably not since you have. I sent my Daguerriotype by E. Hains on the 4th. thinking it would be a grateful Fourth of July present to Mother. I am anxious to hear how your Oration came off. Did it receive much applause. I have no doubt that it was a good thing. The question is, whether it was appreciated by the audience. The two parts for A. M. are I believe performed by Everett & Perley. Everett having the Oration and Perley the Salutatory.

I am not going to give you much of a letter this time as I don't feel a bit like writing. Let us not have our correspondence drag as it has done for two months. But let us write very well. I suppose you boarded with them some time. I can write you a great deal more interesting letters if I write often. We do answer this very soon, and I will give you a long one in reply.

Your affectionate Brother
Roulance

They are firing at the third class artillery-battery.
and also shells at the mortar battery. It is right
good music for me. I do not know why but
I do like the sound of cannon, fired one after another
with an interval of little less than a minute between
each. I like every thing in camp this year but the
studying. The lessons are very long I require too
much pure memory. Mr Carter the Editor of the
Advertiser wrote me a letter and said he had been
here two years, went home on furlough & circumstances
prevented his returning to complete his course. He
asked me to write anything that occurred of interest
& he would publish it. I have thought some of
publishing my fourth of July oration, but I can hardly
make up my mind to do it. If it was the best
I could write I would not hesitate to publish
it, but though it got so much credit here, I know
it is rather insipid. Give my love to all individually.
I will be most happy to see Roland & when
he comes. R.B.W. I shall not urge to visit me for
I know he cannot afford it. Now I wish I
was able to defray his expenses. But in a little
time I will be with you again. Jerry Giddings
called to see me but I was out of camp. It is
found that I can do the duties of an Officer as well
as those of a private. I am well with the slight
exception that I named in the beginning - write as
soon as you can. Remember me to all - Warren was well
the other day - Yr affectionate son O.T. Howard

O.T. Howard
West Point, N.Y. July 14. '53

My dear Mother,

I presume it
seems odd that I do not write you oftener. but
the reason is I cannot. I will give you in detail the
duties of each day, and you can see how difficult it must
be to write; if I were never tired, and always felt in
a mood for writing I could get a few moments every
day. Just as soon as Reveille is over in the morning
I take out a large squad of plebes & drill them with
muskets till Surgeon's call, then I have just time to
prepare for breakfast. It takes some time to march
from camp to the mess hall. Eat breakfast & return.
After we get back we have to prepare for Heavy
artillery - or light artillery. Some of the first class are
detached to act as chief officers at the plebe or third
class drill at artillery. The remainder go to the siege or
mortar battery - you remember where we told you they
threw shells from just by the flag staff. Here we
drill for an hour. Then we return & go to the celebra-
tory - where you saw with Langdon the big chain &
the guns taken in Mexico. Here we have to make
cartridges, rockets - fireballs - grape & canister shot
&c, every day till dinner at 1. We go to dinner - return
then study artillery tactics till four one day & infantry
tactics the next. I usually take my book & go down
by the river, get under the shade of a tree & study.

since I cannot help going to sleep in camp in the afternoon. Then I have nearly an hour to myself. Then I go to drill platoons again with muskets & remain a little more than an hour. Now some, fair work as heavy artillery & as the training is right hard & we are apt to feel tired by parade. Now may wonder why I am writing now. I have another bilk on my back & not feeling like going to drill got excused by the Surgeon. Dr. Quimper says every one of these things is worth five dollars, but I would willingly give them away & five dollars "to boot". Rowland complains of my letting so much time elapse between my letters. Last Sunday I had intended to write three letters - but I went on as officer of the day Saturday & had to keep awake all night or nearly all night - so that after I got off - I got a good bit in my tent washed ^{myself} & I changed my clothes & lay down and went to sleep. I slept till 6 in the afternoon merely getting up to attend dinner - roll-call. Well - instead of three I made out to write one letter. I had a letter from Rowland letting me of his visit on the first of July - I did not know till then that Lizzie had been sick. I received a letter at the same time from her.

I presume you found the account I gave of the death of Cadet Frank in the Advertiser. I fear it is rather plainly spoken for afflicted parents or relatives, but I wished people to see what is a legitimate result of sending young men here who are not fitted to

pursue the course of study here attended to. Mr. Littlefield came here & had to resign. Mr. Frank followed him, and his death only prevented him from being found deficient. Now we have plenty of smart sensible young men, who are eager to come to West Point & they should come. It is a grand mistake that some people make who say that a young man who is unfit for every thing else is fit for the army. If any man in the wide world wants a clear head and a sound mind it is the army officer. My course at West Point has been alternately unpleasant and pleasant, hard & then comparatively easy. But if I am permitted to judge I would say, it has done me no manner of injury and on the contrary a great deal of good. My mind has changed very much relative to the army since I have been here, because I have become more enlightened with respect to the material that compose it & its object. Above all things, next to our Legislators the officers of our army ought to be good, upright men. Charlie must tell me how he spent the fourth of July. I suppose you are saying now & perhaps all of you are too tired, whenever an opportunity presents itself to write much. I hope all are well. I am thinking of sending my paintings to Portland by express - let Lizzie take a part & give you the remainder. Some of them will look well when they are framed & covered with a glass. I shall send them in a tin Diploma case so that they will not take hurt.

Grandmother & all of our friends at Millwell were well. Uncle John had gone to Dixville. - I had forgotten that you mentioned in your last letter that you would like to have me tell you how I spent the week of July. I went to a sabbath school celebration at Wayne with Mother & Bellie we had a good time in the forenoon heard a Temperance lecture from E. J. Hill & then we had the refreshments which were placed on three tables in front of the Baptist House. In the afternoon had lectures on different subjects from several. & had singing & playing on Harmonica by several little girls & a little boy played a violin. I went in P.M. to Winthrop for Mrs. Sampson. to get Mr. Sampson who was coming in the cars from Bridgford. but he did not come till next day. We stayed with Mrs. S. till after tea then called to see Mrs. a little while before we came home he was as well as usual, had rode out once since he went - from here. - Mother just came in & says that she thinks that he must not despair of reaching coming to West Point yet. for he may come she thinks in September - & that she saw Maria & Uncle's family at Millwell. That Maria said she had not yet seen your letter in the Advertiser yet. But her father had she said it - was a very good letter. I suppose you minded that your letter on some things in it hurt the feelings of Cadet George's parents. But she least excused it well. On one acct, that I should like to have you publish your oration, i.e. that I may have a chance to read it. I think of going to Haverhill in a fortnight. If I go I hope I shall meet - be with him in his works, & as my health is very good now I think I shall

Dear Brother, I received a letter from you the 9th of July which I have not answered. It was dated 5th. But I think I have written since the Fourth though you have not yet mentioned receiving any. And did you get my letter informing you of Mr. Jennings' death? It might have mis-carried. We were all very glad to hear from you, & to hear how you prospered on the Fourth in delivering your Oration. It must have been very good or you would have had no applause, for I do not imagine that West-Point people are very apt to do such things or that the Ladies at Coxe's Hotel would have taken pains to have sent you Bouquet. If you had not given them a talented Oration. How you are troubled with bilious Oils. you were obliged to write this letter lying on your side & you mention a new one every time you write. There is a firm in your letter to me I should like to have you explain. Matthew says he must be your witness because you have become an officer. I see you like to have a part in the cost of the Plates. The same as that which used to cause you to feel so badly when a Plate. Though I suppose you do not see them now as badly as the older claps did you for you certainly can pity them. But I suppose you would like to know of some thing. Well you know we have been laying for the last

three weeks. We mow the same ground that you did ~~do~~
when you used the scythe. I have not mowed much. thought
I have had a scythe & shatter of my own. there is always
enough to do in haying besides mowing. We have had very
good weather for mowing hay ever since we began
but not good for raising grass & the other crops to
grow. It has been so dry that the people of Leeds
thought they would have scarcely any crops of grain
& potatoes at all, but today it is mending the weather.
We have got in the barn all of ^{our} hay & have cut
some in the meadow. Thomas Longley has been at work here lately
and now Amiel Jones is here. He, Roland & I with father
make up our haying gang. It being a rainy day today I take
the opportunity ^{to write} my brother a letter, but Amiel is playing
on the violin up in the South chamber & I being in North room
am puzzled to keep my mind upon it. Father & mother start-
ed for Halliwell yesterday morning. leaving Nancy, Del-
lie the Boys & I to keep house. They had a good day to go
down though rather warm, they thought of coming back
today but it has rained so they have not come & it is
now most three o'clock. Do you not wish you were
at Halliwell as you were 12 years ago, when you used
to be so glad when the time came for a visit from
Father & Mother or Father; for I have been reading letters
of yours written at that time when you were wishing
for & anticipating with pleasure such visits. We have
a letter from Roland every week, he says "it is frugality
& not economy for I know I am not economical"
that keeps me from going with Lizzie to West Point

But poor Lizzie is not able to go to West Point
now. I got your letter to Mother last night & read
it. I ~~do~~ know she just as lief I would as not.
It has been just about a week in coming. We shall
get your letters sooner when the mail gets to
going in the cars. & they have now contracted for
carrying it. But have not every thing ready, such as P. O. No.
You mentioned hearing that she was unwell, but Aunt-
Martha Jones wrote us a letter on her arrival in Port-
land saying that Lizzie had a slow lung fever.
But very likely you have heard about it before this.
Aunt Martha came to Uncle Cassin's work up last
Friday & stayed till Sunday when she rode down
home with mother & I & stayed till Friday when mother
carried her to the depot to take the Noon Train of cars.
He sent some strawberries to Lizzie but she was not
allowed to eat them. Have you had anything like
strawberries on your table this summer at home? - When
had a great many from our beds in the Gardens. & we
have them now. And do you have green peas we have
had some the first week a week ago last Sunday.
We have preaching every Sunday now at home. Our new
Minister is just about your age ~~and he reminds~~
me of you often. I think he resembles Wm in features.
Friday - At home I did not finish my letter Wed. you see
& could not get a chance to write any yesterday. But I
will write a little while now for I can overtake the boys.
for I have to spread what they mow. Father & mother came
from Halliwell after it - almost raining arrived about Sunday.

My letter is rather disconnected

great satisfaction to friends about the young gentlemen
in such fine dress as you have, but I must con-
gratulate the pleasure. At present I am much more
interested in riding on horseback than in dancing.
We have got a famous Mexican pony who
is a remarkably well trained animal and has
always been kept for riding. I go to ride the
or four times a week. Will. has been in Boston
this spring, we saw Lizzy several times. I have
not seen them since last fall and do not know
when I shall go again. My friends the Bos-
wells are going to move there this next September.
I shall miss them very much indeed as Emily
is almost my only friend, that I can go to, here.
I am now talking of going to Philadelphia this
winter but do not know whether I shall ac-
complish it. If I go I shall certainly call
at West Point either going or returning.
Will. is studying law quite busily this summer.
We are all very well here and at Genoa. Mother
But I find I must be about ending this epistle
as I seem to be coming to the end of the stick
and beside it is time all respectable, sedate persons
should be thinking of going to their beds as
it is often ten o'clock some time. Write me
soon as you can find time. We are
your affectionate cousin
Lucius Cobb

Hallowell July 21st /53.
Wednesday Ev'g

I have been intending for a long time
to write you a letter very dear Will. but
have put it off from time to time till I felt
almost ashamed to write at all; but as I have
been talking with your mother a good deal
about you today I determined to write you so
that we might sometimes hear from you here.
The only way we get any news of you is from
Ludo and that rather seldom. Your mother came
down with Col. Gilman yesterday but went home to-
day, the visit was decidedly a short one but I spent
the evening with her and saw her off this after-
noon so that I made the most of it, I could. Father
went away on Monday up to his town-ship in
New Hampshire where he will stay two or three weeks.
I trust the gentlemen won't be settled up by the
rowdy mosquitoes. I have not yet seen the
letter you wrote to the "Advertiser" as we do
not take it, but father said he saw it down
at the office and Will. promised to bring it to me
but as he does not a remarkably good evening, I am

still waiting with patience to read it. It must have
been a very, very sad thing to you all and still
more so to his relations. But if he has gone to
a better world where is no weariness of spirit or flesh
no one would recall him to a life which, lately
at least, must have been but a hard struggle.
I suppose you have heard of poor Eugene Stearns
death this spring; and Annie Stearns a young lady
"that I believe you use to go to school with," died
about the same time, "why" Stearns a young lady
a sister of Eugene's died a few months before
he did. Eugene had a typhoid fever and was
unconsciously the whole of his sickness. It
has always seemed to me a most terrible thing, the
idea of dying without the least consciousness of
one's situation. Mr. says that Dr. Bell has given
them some reason to hope that Spencer will
get better. I do so trust that he may get better.
I have been in Bath a great deal this spring
and summer and became great friends with
a young gentleman that you may remember
in college named Jackson (J. E. B). I believe
are his initials, he spoke of you and inquired
about you. I wish you would come on here to com-
mencement this fall, I suppose a good many of
your old friends will be there this year. I suppose
a good many of them will be unable to come

as they have you so far away. Sam. Wharton went
out West this spring. Goodwin went last fall
so they probably will not return so soon. I suppose
you have heard of Tom Smith's marriage.
He has married a young ^{Southern} lady who seems by all
accounts to possess all virtues and the blessing
of quite a big dowry besides. They were to be
in town this month - Pringle has got engaged
to a young lady but I believe it has not increased
his happiness as he finds after a more intimate
acquaintance that he does not love her very much
but I cannot imagine why he does not break off
with the young lady. I suppose you heard of
the sudden death of Mr. Gardiner's father, a few
months ago. He went to the druggists to get some
sort of medicine and the boy made a mistake
and gave him arsenic, which he took and died
in a very short time.
I have from Adrian that Mr. Largent will be in
a while. Adrian thinks of coming home this
fall, I believe and Mr. Largent will come in
the spring ~~therefore~~ Sarah will not be under
the necessity of going out there -
I have received a note of invitation to your winter
even parties tonight. I was rather disappointed at
not finding a letter but nevertheless am glad to
see I am not forgotten - It would give me

Consistent Christians. I dread Carlton's return as I
know he cannot see us all again without renewing all
of his sorrow and sorrows. He is naturally melancholy
and I fear the more for time. But I am resolved to
do what I can to cheer and encourage him, that
he may again enjoy life, which has lost one of its
principal attractions.

I attended meeting in Ipswich yesterday
as I usually do. We had good services. I belong to
the choir there and usually pass my Sabbath day
very pleasantly. For although I eschew Music & Women
as they are generally used. I have no objection to
Music and women once a week for recreation.

This is miserable paper and my letter will look worse
than ever. But if you can read it, I shall be satisfied.

I am anxious to hear from Fizzie and if
if I do not otherwise, think I shall write to Berley
this week. I think her illness resembles Anna Bartlett's
last summer. If Charles writes me correctly. Write soon
and tell me if you hear from her.

Your affectionate Brother

Ronlance

Charles Oliver C. Brown

Pond Coll July 2nd 1853

My dear Brother
On the same day when I received your
letter I went on to see Joe McLean. Since, as he delight
to subscribe himself, and asked about your second
degree. He coolly informed me that if I wished me to
off I must pay for it then. He pulled out my wallet
and found, for a number, just the 30c required. He
paid in, and he entered your name among the list
of Applicants for A. B. It will be delivered at
Commencement or a ^{few} ^{days} ^{afterwards} called for - and then
you can have it I suppose. When you graduate at West
Point. I shall send up your title and see how many
of our have had bestowed upon you.

I received a letter from Charles & Rodolphus
yesterday by the way of Hallwell, when I suppose Father
mailed it. The family were well, but Liza (Mrs. Oliver) was
very sick. They have heard from Fizzie that she was
no better since I saw her on the Smiths visit. I wrote
her one of my usual jolly jiving letters last Monday
and have not yet received an answer. I really hope
that she is able to write perhaps you hear from her.

We have had fine weather all Summer. The College
Yard looks finely. They begin to be some talk about Commence-
ment. The Seniors go away in about a week. I suppose
this is the last College Class that you are acquainted with
as they were Freshmen when you Graduated. They are the

smallest class in college numbering 25. but they have
some very smart fellows and will probably have a
better Commencement than last year - They have engaged Doelworthy
New York, Band - which ensures good music.
Voy John Spaulding is ~~the~~ ^{behind} no one in the class in point of
thorough education and real ability. I suppose you never
honestly have thought of when he entered college. He
has been in no Society since, remaining in college term
time and keeping two schools vacation. He is as awkward
as ever. He is going to Cambridge Spring School and will
make a Unitarian minister. Fuller, as you wrote some
time ago has the reputation of being a smart man, but
not much of him. He is full of talk and his table is
full of gossip. To all judge him. Joss. Simonton, Lewis &
Shuler. Mac K. you probably recollect, they will come out
of college with little or no improvement from their college
course. Webb, Southgate, Cummings & Drew are their strongest
men every way. Page is the handsomest man in college and
that is his highest praise. I think Wavel of the Junior class
will take your place at West Point. I think he can have it
if he wishes, as Mr Benson, an old neighbor and friend
is the Member having the appointment. If he does take your
place, he will follow pretty closely in your footsteps, graduating
here in the first place. He is now president of the Athenaeum
Society but is not a great scholar. If he goes to West Point
I hope he will do as well as you have, and then I
shall feel that Old Kennebec & Old Bowdoin had been
twice in succession, honorably represented at the
Military Academy. How right glad am I that it

does not fall on me to sustain this reputation. I suppose
you know that Prof. Updeau is in Asia Minor looking around
Jerusalem and the Holy Land. He has been gone nearly a
year and will return next month. His letters are published
in the Boston Congregationalist. The present Freshman class
has had to do without his protecting care.

Prof. Hitchcock is more popular in college than
any than ever Prof. Stone was. His sermons are the best I ever
heard. You should hear him. Monday morning July 25th.

Various causes have prevented me from finishing my
letter until now. I received a letter from my brother on
Saturday informing me of the death of his brother. His name
is Leonard & he belongs in Norwalk. The circumstances
of his brother's death are melancholy. They are two orphan brothers
with neither father or mother - ages were about 21. The younger
one was at Waterville at school and was about ready to enter
college, which he would have done next Commencement.

My brother was looking forward with a great deal of
pleasure to the time when they would be united and pursue
their college course together. Francis came down here and
went to Portland with us on the 4th of July and
was taken sick immediately on reaching his school.
Legras was with him in his last few days. He is almost
distracted at the loss of his brother and writes me a strange
wild letter. It is just like losing a part of himself.
Francis had a share in all his plans for future happiness.
He was associated with all, and Legras will need all of
his religion to enable him to bear his death. They were
members of the Baptist Church and as far as I know

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Dear Nellie

I forgot to answer your question
in Mother's letter and now I haven't any
book but if I recollect this is the way to do
the question and Charles will explain

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Tell me if this the
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Yours affectionately
Rutherford

P.S. I enclose map of the A & S L. R. R.
which I happen to have

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I do not think I would succeed if I did try in getting a leave, since I have so little pretext for going. My second degree I can have as well without going. And they would not give me a leave to go & see Lizzy, since they recognize no such relations. I wish you & Lizzy could come to West Point again this summer, but to me use wishing.

Professor Sprole invited me to accompany him & his family on a fishing excursion to a small lake, back five or six miles. I told him I would go if he would ensure my getting a permit signed before I put it in. He said he would do so, but I do not believe Maj

Garnett will approve of the same. There has been a rumor that the Maj' was going to take us down to New York next month, but as the Superintendent laughed at me the other night when he heard me tell a lady that we were going - I inferred that he did not intend to let us go. Uncle Ward seems to be having town offices in abundance Pres. of Health Association Supervisor &c. He sends me a paper nearly every week. Give my love to all. Does Willie grow any? I expect he will be quite a good sized young man when I come home again.

Remember me to all my friends. Warren was well the last ^{time} I saw him. I do not visit him now.

There is too much danger. I am too well known by every body. I would be glad to, but it is better that I should not often.

My affectionate son W. H. Garrison

West Point, N.Y. July 26th 1853

My dear Mother,

I suppose you will be expecting a letter Saturday night. I am officer of the day, to day, but I will try at odd intervals to write you a few lines and let you know I am very well. The last letter I had from Lizzy informed me that she was ill, and I have not heard from her since. You may suspect that I have some anxiety: I am in hopes to get a letter to day soon. Then I will know. I heard some plebe using profane language just now and had to go & see who it was. The officer of the day has to report every violation of the regulations he meets with. He cannot avoid it for he has to sign a certificate to that effect. It is a disagreeable duty. I have been on four times as officer of the day and have not had to report for profanity before. There is now more or much profane language meets my ear as formerly. Somebody gets reported for it every week & oftener. This does not have the effect to regenerate, but it gives us a fairer exterior.

To day we complete our laboratory duty, but we have to go instead to practical engineering, making gabions fascines, embankments &c in the open sun. I like to be employed but I was in hopes to get some time to read this encampment, but I

find it impossible. Some people, relatives of my Uncle's family at Puttsville came here yesterday afternoon and sent for me. Not being relations of mine, I could not have got excused from any duty. I went about with them however and went to recitation at 4 without a lesson. What we study during the encampments does not in any way effect our rank; but they report for not making a proper recitation, which gives four demerits. The 4 Capts and 1st 4 Lieutenants go on as officers of the day. The remaining 8 Lieuts go on as officers of the Guard. The former seldom if ever get reported - for their certificate precludes every possibility of it, except an army officer report them for lying. but not so with the latter, for they almost always get 8 demerits or 12 every time they go on, for they are not only held responsible for themselves but for the three corporals and the 24 men who are under their charge. I was very fortunate to have been made no higher a Lieut as I was. I have not seen Roland yet at West Point. I shall be much pleased to meet him - will call him my brother & can thus get excused from duty one day, and after that can be with him when ever on duty as long as he will stay. We have parties Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings in the Academic Hall. I usually go. but seldom dance; Last evening I spent the evening conversing with Mrs Bliss, the mother of a classmate. He is her only child. She says she has to be

"Herb's" mother, sister &c all at once. But is over six feet tall finely formed, with a handsome pleasant countenance quite a big boy for her. There has been a beautiful lady here from N. York Mrs James. She was one of those who sent me the Bouquet. I got acquainted with her and amused myself by conversing with her. I think it better for me to spruce up and go down to the parties. I am usually too tired to write read or think - It helps me to get a little accustomed to society. I have quite a number of acquaintances now at West Point. at Professor Spooley Prof Bartlett & Mrs Berard's &c.

Sometimes on Saturday evening I get permission to spend an hour or two with them. My Speech, whatever be its intrinsic merit, has opened the way to our little society here. I presume you have a register before this time. Ask Charlie if he got an invitation from the Corps of Cadets to attend the cotillion parties this summer. Ask him if he is coming. It seems to me Rowland has not written me for some time. Is he not well?

I am almost afraid to get letters for fear of getting bad news. I want to hear that Lizzie is entirely well.

Oh my Mother. there are links between a mother & her son that do not exist elsewhere, and I feel the interest my mother has for me & the affection she bestows upon me. I do not repay it as I ought. but I believe that I have an excellent mother and will not be likely to forget the lessons she has taught me. Have there many from our part of the State been to visit the Crystal Palace? I wish to go home very much. but I believe I will not try.

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Friend Otis

Your kind invitation
was duly received for which
I am much obliged, It would
afford me pleasure to be present
at your Cotillion Party but
being very busy at present it
would be out of the question.
I hope you dance & enjoy your
self enough to answer both of us.
It is a pity Portland would not
send a female representation
for your special benefit. Silas
I suppose you know has gone
to Niagara C. W. with his father,
he has been there some months.
Perry leaves here to day mate
of the Bark Marie. He has
been mate of my brother's Brig
Pedraza for some time. I think
he will make a smart man

at least I hope so, Sarah
has been at Machias several
months, she has a fine little
girl about a year old, they are
both well, Mrs Lee is well she
is keeping house where she
boards, I am boarding with her
Frank has gone into business
for himself in Sacramento they
(Frank & a man by the name of
Freeman) bought out Addison
the firm is Freeman & Co, Add
is doing business at San Francisco
I think he will be home this
fall and take a better half
Frank will probably be here
next Spring, I suppose you
are quite with West Point next
year, I saw Nett when he
was there he was looking
finely and I think has improved
much since he left home, let
me hear from you soon, in haste
Yours Truly Eph Sargent

Once more Chum accept my
excuses and if they are not
valid make them so by accep-
ting them and let me hear
from you as soon as you
can.

Alb Dow has been
defeated here but the
issue was not the "law"
but the execution of it.

I think the law will be
triumphantly sustained
in the state and in this city.

It is the best law this state
or any other ever had as
any one who witnesses the
operation can but see.

Though formerly a ~~running~~
myself I have given my
support, such as it is, to the "law"
from the first because I saw
if carried out it must be effective.

As ever I am
Belg S. Perley your true friend.

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But enough of her - I tell you
Chum I have ceased to trouble
myself about her though I now
and then think of her and I do
not believe even with your han-
dicaps, self-control you could
meet the woman you love wedded
to another without emotions.

The fact is with me what I
feel I am sure to show - others
feel as much and more but
no one knows it but themselves.

By the way I hear that Old
Townsend has quit his woman,
so this adds another to the
catalogue already too large
in our class. of those,

"Whom love is of themselves,
a thing apart". Do you think
Howard the rest of that ques-
tion is true - "two woman's whole
creation"?

I don't like the spirit in which
Jewett speaks of his former lady,

If he speaks of her he sort of seems to chuckle over his leaving her as though ^{it was} a mighty clever performance.

I don't blame him for rejoicing at his freedom but to exult in the idea of having done a handsome thing is a little too much.

Liz says she can't bear him. The say old Adams of our class is staying with Miss Susan Springer - so old Jack says who is at Bowd. attending medical lectures.

Tom Smith has got engaged to a rich girl out to Tenn. his uncle tells me and has quit his school on the strength of it. 'Thats the way they do it - not much of a

way either. Jewett would like to wait upon one of Ten-Broeck's sisters I guess. But all this about Jewett is "sub rosa" you know. He was in here about a fortnight since and spent the evening there. you see how the cat jumps with him don't you!

My father wrote me the other day he had sold his farm and he may possibly move here. I shall quit teaching this fall I think and what to go to doing I am sure I don't know. Can you advise a fellow? I shall be glad to see you here Chas in June and no mistake and I know a number that will though you will take the shine all off of us citizens for the time

Dand. Coll. July 31st 1853.

Dear Brother

I was in the President's room today on business and he took occasion to renew his compliments to you, and recommended me to your illustrious example. He says, Your brother was a young man in whom we placed a great deal of confidence. He maintained a noble character in college - and I am happy to hear that he has more than sustained that reputation at West Point. You have something to do, to come up to his standard of excellence, and his course must be an encouraging one to you, and an incentive to exertion. Say that over in the Press own voice and then you will take. -

This, I own, looks very flattering to you, but I think the Press means something besides to flatter you -

You told me a number of years ago that you feared I attributed bad or double motives to others because I found them in myself - Perhaps it is so. But the English of the Press remarks appeared to me like this - Howard, from what we have known and seen of you, we have reason to think you a little mild and reckless and very careless - and therefore we feel it a duty to give you a word of warning - So he gains my attention and then by all times compliments to you, which he knows I love to

hear, that he may have an opportunity to give me
a little reprimand. This is all right, but I think
the President. thinks me a little worse than I
am. He knows that I am nervous and very careless in
my recitations. not having much fear of a dead-
and gradually learning to take a Law without
winning - So he is in hopes to incite me to exert
in these particulars - to pay more attention to my
rank and small College Law. I think this is
what your frequent praises mean, although I
do not doubt, that you deserve them all, yet he
would not take the trouble to bestow them so liberally,
did he not look upon them as a kind of rebuke
on me - But still I honor him even for these notices.
They are for my good and that of the College -

Prof Upham used to talk to me in the same
way. He opposed me one morning after Recitation.
and said. Forward. I know the structure of your
mind and your ability to do well. I feel an
interest in you on account of your brother and I
hope you will excuse me, if, during your College
course, I see any defect in your recitations. I
remind you of the same. This was simply saying -
You make poor tails and you ought to better them.

I thank them for their interest in me, but I
can't think that it is all on your account.
They probably think me worse than I am and take
this gentle way to improve me. Don't you suppose it
is so - I don't suppose you had reason to think

when here, or since. that you was any more esteemed
than many others of your Classmates. and I don't
suppose you was so yet. But however. I think highly
of both Pres & Prof. - and doubtless they mean only my
good - But here am I sitting at my school with
nothing at all. I have been reading Brancells Johnson
lately and came across this passage. I thought it
peculiarly encouraging to you and as you may
not recollect it. I will transcribe. - The Dr says -
"The Character of a Soldier is high. They have the respect
of Mankind. An officer is much more respected than any
other man who has as little money. In a commercial
country money will purchase respect. But you find, an
officer, who has, properly speaking, no money, is everywhere
well received and treated with attention. The Character
of a Soldier always stands him in stead. You know all
about Dr Johnson and properly estimate the great worth
and weight of the opinions of "the greatest scholar of his age".
Assuming these opinions to be ~~correct~~ as they undoubtedly
are, it is certainly no slight pleasure to pass through this
world with the respect and esteem paid to Wealth -
and not have the trouble of acquiring it. and, after all,
the bubble reputation consist in a quite measure, in the
amount of respect in which we are personally held
and the ~~amount~~ ^{amount} of pleasure which we are personally
able to convey, ^{must} than in anything else. So, as far as you
are concerned I feel considerably more reconciled to your
devoting yourself to the monotonous duties of an Officer, than
I did when you first went to West Point. I believe that

as a military man one can ^{be as happy and} ~~enjoy life as well as~~
as useful as in any of the more peaceful pursuits of life.
Hearst you conclude to? Thus much of my letter has
been written without a date and I think I will let
stand it until I hear from Lizzie. I expect a letter
from Mr. Perley this afternoon and he will prob-
ably tell me how she is. I have heard nothing since I saw
you last, nor have they at home. Charles wrote
yesterday that they were all well at home - If Lizzie
able, I think it very probable you will see us as
that is, if she wishes to go - I hate pretty much
to go if nothing occurs to prevent. Mother writes me that
Father has given her an invitation to visit the World's Fair
him. She says she does not wish to go and shall ask him to
give me that money for my journey - I would not have
sacrifice one jot of pleasure on my account. but if
thinks she would not enjoy a visit to New York.
I have no objection to the proposed diversion of the fair
if possible, I should like to have her go too - and
it would make a very pleasant party. The President
has been last night and the Seniors leave soon.
Doolittle's Band is engaged for commencement and
Leon Bellamy Storer of Ohio delivers the Placidian
oration. The Freshman class bids fair to number 60
Bodoin seems on the high road to prosperity -
election of Gen. Pierce. Sends down flocks of N. H. boys
The Granite State Freshmen think that every Bodoin
if Democratic, is president - and every one, even if an abolition-
a candidate for that high office. Hale & Pierce have caused
colleges already a number of students -

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I have kept my letter out that I might
 hear from Lizzie before I wrote. I have just received
 a letter from her, a part of which was written
 yesterday and at the same time she says she is going
 to write you so I can tell you no news. She says
 I won't let me how she has been, but that she is
 now improving every day and that she is
 going to Lewiston with her mother tomorrow
 (Sunday.) You must write me very soon. Tell
 me how much money I shall want to visit
 West Point and the World's Fair, bearing in
 mind my habits of expense. You can reckon some
 to you on your journey to and fro. That is, if you
 collect anything about it. I spent the
 Sabbath in Litchfield yesterday and took tea
 with Mr Adams. He has recently heard from
 Mr. Washburn of Galena, Illinois. He is member
 Congress for that District. Townsend is in the
 town. We saw some of the Lewises today
 happy as they well could be, just got through.
 Tell you I love them.
 My dear Carlton has just returned today from the
 funeral of his brother. They were two only, orphan brothers.
 They belong in Massachusetts, had about as much property as
 we had. Cyrus (my brother) died last, and his brother
 to enter college this fall. He came down from

Waterville, (where he was at school) and went into
Patterson with us on the 4th. He was taken sick
immediately after and is now dead and
buried. I don't know but that I wrote you this
before but Scotland, return, with his grief and
tears, and the whole house weeping about me, have
recalled it again forcibly to my mind. He will
not be comforted. I shall write to Lizzie
while at Lewis town.

Your affectionate Brother

Rowland