

New York Mich, 1854

Friend Otis

Yours came to hand yesterday. I have bought and sent you twenty pounds of Waltons best Va Carondelet which cost (wholesale) 50¢ and comes to the amt you misted, you will find it an extra article. I can vouch for it as I use the seed myself. I have wondered what had become of you as I had not heard from you for a long time, the folks are all well & send love, I have directed Mr H Huestis Pacific Hotel Cold Springs. Let me hear from you soon again. I have to
Yours Truly
Epes

Mar 7, 1854

Dear Otis:

On my return last evening I found your note, informing me that you had made me a call. I was up to your barracks soon after retreat, in hopes to see you & tell you not to call down as I had to be absent, but I could not see you. The truth is, a Sady suit for me, & nothing but my presence would do; no excuse would suffice. — Women never listen to reason. On the other hand I knew you to be a very reasonable man & would take a reasonable excuse. I am very sorry I could not be at home — it is so seldom you call. I should like very much to have a chat with you.

Reed was here last evening. He said he had been spoken to about the bundle & would send it to me as soon as he received it. It may be some days before he can get across the river. As soon as I receive it, I will ~~bring~~ take it to you.

Yours Truly
W.

Chas. D. Howard
Best Print
Y^y
(present)

one, you recollect, to George III. and the consequence of its rejection was the more terrible war the world has experienced. Nap. III. has written one to the Czar, and been answered in the same way, and I shall expect the same consequence.

The insurrection of the Greeks makes the question more complicated and more liable to excite a general war, for it divides Christians from each other, uniting the whole Greek Church in a common cause and compelling Catholics and Protestants to make a common cause with Mahomedans. This war, if it occurs, between such gigantic powers, will thoroughly arouse the Military Spirit, all over the world and our people, excitable as they are, will not be the last to feel its influence.

The result must be favorable to all men whose "fortunes lie in their swords" or more sensibly, who belong to the Continental Army.

These things must occur, even if (which I doubt) our country is able to maintain strict ~~entire~~ neutrality. But then, What a man going to do who has a wife? Please answer that in your next, and let me know whether you think my reasoning is correct in regard to Army interests. Do you not remain in the Army with an eye to actual service, if any be required?

Dan. Coll. N. H. 8, 1854

My dear Brother

I write you as soon as I can see any chance. I had about a fortnight to make up and I have been pretty busy since my return to college. Owing to the state of the track, the Car did not run about the time I came to Brunswick, so I took your old way. J. E. gave Warren 25c to bring myself and baggage in his Wagon. I haven't taken such a ride before since the times I used to drive you & Percy to and from Brunswick. I meant to have gone by the way of Portland and seen Lizzie as I know she was expecting me, but for the cause I mentioned I was unable to do so. It is a great while now since I saw her, not since a few weeks after our return from New York. Mrs. White is unwell now, as in former, but Mr. Hicks said this ~~must~~ not be told Lizzie for fear it would trouble her needlessly. I saw Mr. H. at Lewiston when I came down. How much consideration all

her family seem to have for her feelings. I wrote
her the other day and made my excuses
for not visiting her. I left our folks well.
Dellie is a very pale looking boy, but tolerably
healthy. He has rather a disagreeable disposition,
one that needs a great deal of care and study
to get along well with. He has some of those
Poland Alger traits which are peculiarly distasteful
to me but I have striven pretty hard this
winter, to correct his ideas of right & wrong,
the honorable & dishonorable. He has as active an
ambition, as any of his brothers. but he lacks
in sense of honor and uprightness in
regard to means by which he may gain
his ends. If it were convenient I should
like to have him with me for some time.
Dellie is a good scholar, a quick learner, and has
a boundless spirit of inquiring, which will be
of great advantage ^{to him} if properly encouraged and
directed. He is now getting pretty old and
I am anxious to see him do well. to get
over his little jealousies and enviousness and
be more different from some of his half brothers.

Charles religious interest still continues
though perhaps not quite so active as it was. I
thought it best for him to return to Hunts Hill.

that the strong religious interest there, might
aid him in the strife which he is trying
to wage with the various sins which easily beset
us. He has got a hard work to do, and all
foreign assistance he can gain, will be of
advantage. There is hardly a school in the
State where religious influence, real piety is
predominant, except at Hunts Hill.

He talked some of coming to Ipswich to
be near me, but I did not advise it, for
the reason I have mentioned. He will remain
at Readfield one more term, and in the mean
time I shall look up a school for him. I shall
get what information I can of the Andover
Mass. school. I think it the most suitable
one for his purpose. Charles will enter college
one year from next commencement if his health
permits. I am more and more convinced
of the wisdom of your decision to remain in
the Army after you graduate. Our Army will
fill a much larger portion of history for
ten years to come than it has for ten years back.

The news by the steamer last night settles
in my mind the question of Peace or War in
Europe. When a Bonaparte writes an Autograph
letter, it means something. Napoleon ^{1st} wrote

Our next "Theme" is the Missouri Compromise and after thinking and reading on the subject pretty thoroughly, I think I am about prepared now to give Uncle Ward "a piece of my mind" on Taylor and his crew and all such as advocate and vote for its abrogation. Historically, I like first rate, it is the best. I have made a "Mail" on your entire college.

We have Prof Smyth's new Trigonometry this term, and the old Prof flies about as if this was the most important text book of the course. You know all about the Science, of course. We have just begun and I have got me a scale and dividers and am constructing triangles to order. Write me as soon as you can and constantly remember me as

Your very affectionate Brother
Houlman

C. C. Houlman

Dear Mr. [redacted]
 After thinking and waiting so long, I think I am about prepared to
 give you the [redacted] of my mind on the subject.
 I have been [redacted] and as I feel as [redacted] and
 as to the [redacted] of the [redacted] the first
 [redacted] is the [redacted] I have made a
 [redacted] of the [redacted] -
 The [redacted] of the [redacted] new [redacted]
 this [redacted] and the [redacted] of the [redacted] as if
 this was the [redacted] [redacted] but [redacted] of the
 [redacted] the [redacted] all about the [redacted] of course.
 The [redacted] of the [redacted] and [redacted] a [redacted]
 and [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
 to [redacted]. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
 [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
 [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
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Gail Oliver D. Howard,
 West Point,
 New York

D. C. Howard

Delia is at the table with me writing, that is his favorite
amusement, since the close of the school, Charles has been
trying to give him some lessons in music, but his progress
is does not seem to amount to much, how much I wish
he was more capable of closer application. ~~Boysland~~
leads the same life he always did, Louisa has not home
he might only on one foot since last May your father
went to visit ~~street~~ last Wednesday said A. had failed
considerable since he saw him last (a ^{week} since) had
lost flesh, looked poor I suppose the boys have written to you
of John H. this little daughter, Frank Leadbetter has a son
a few days old, your father has just made up to the door, I am
in hopes has brought letters, I wish I felt a more cheerful
spirit, your father has brought no letters, nor papers, the
trains are all stopped by the storm, which has been the
case a number of times the past winter, your aunt
Lucretia's sons have bought a farm for their father, to
live on in Monmouth three miles from the depot ^{to be}
Monmouth ridge paid two thousand dollars, they will
move in a few days, I am sorry to have them go they are
such good company, and take Warner & Mitchell instead
Charles and your mother made your aunt ^{Lucretia} ^{Leaves}
and Thomas a visit and took aunt Lucretia with
us, it was both painful and pleasant, it was painful to
see these helpless ones, and pleasure because aunt

write soon, and I will answer you immediately.

My dear son,

Leeds April 7 1835

I have this morning tried to draw my whole
self away from home, cares, sufficiently to address a letter to my dearest
son it is more than three months since I have written a whole letter to
any one, and I could fill a whole letter with reasons and apologies, but
I will leave them all, and write to you as tho' it was an every day occur-
ance, and I had attended to that duty, as punctually as to my household
duties, your last letter directed to me, which I intended particularly
to have answered I cannot find, it is probably mixed in with B.B.H.
books and papers and gone to Bowdoin... I will endeavor to answer
it as far as I can recollect, I am always desirous for your general benefit
in all things, but I know so little of your calculations, and your requirements
that I am unable to say much to your advantage, your shirts and stock-
ings, I am making arrangements to prepare for you, I would like to
have you tell me in your next letter whether you are wishing a part
of them with linen bosoms summer drawers I will prepare with
regard to your graduating suit, you must be guided by your
own judgment, ^{your} other clothes you ask my advice in your next
letter as I have lost the others, We have had a very severe winter
and I have been mostly shut up at home doing all in my power
to make my family comfortable, with but little satisfaction to
myself, on others, B.B.H. and Charles are now returned to their
studies, and I hope are doing well, it has been a comfort
to me to have them about me, and when my nervous system

was sufficiently ~~settled~~ settled I have had such views & two good
boys, with me, both pleasant and intelligent, I have lately been
to visit Mother, saw your Uncle John, went there and spent
the evening, your uncle has a very fine woman for his wife
and two fine children by his second marriage. Fanny, John
and Fanny appeared well, I found Mother in good health
enjoying the good news from her ^{children and} grand children, I heard
a week ago today by Laura, that Lizzie passed up in the Carriage
through this town to go to Turner, where her Mother was
sick I should be very glad to hear whether they are detain-
ed, there or not, or what was the matter with her mother, I feel
some anxiety, and ^{not} a little about your future destiny, and
for you to save as much as possible of your little all to com-
mence with, because I know money gives a man advantages
after you have bought what is actually need^{ful} to make all
right at West Point, would it not be better to delay the rest
of your purchases, until you come to Portland and be guided
by your friends, that is for your own consideration, We
received your part in your discussion, and I have read it with
pleasure, as I ever do any of your writings, your father brought
home the report of the war department of your standing
a few ^{days} ago your elements were 9 — and 8 1/2 on 7 since
the commencement of the Academic year, I frequently
have a wakefull time in the night when my imagination

to W. Paul B. and Kest's hill in no time at all, if you should
with any particular favor from home or from your mother
write just what you would like to have your mother do
because your manner of life is so different from mine, that I cannot
forestall your desires as I once could, I shall of course expect
you and Lizzie to spend all a good part of your furlough
at home, or with me I shall do all in my power to make you
comfortable, Your Watch I have never purchased I have looked
at quite a number but not feeling a confidence in my
own judgement I put it off for another time, until the two
years has almost expired, if I could get it I would present it to
Lizzie before your return Addison has been in Maine twice
I did not see him, I was told at Mother's that he is about return-
ing to California, and that his health is not sound I fear &
very much this is his last voyage he is not married or was talked
before his return, Halliwell does not look much as it did seven
years ago, very little doing. all the trade goes to Augusta
I presume you have heard of Mr Grant's death your Uncle John
father in law his property has been valued at four hundred
and ¹⁰⁰⁰ dollars without encumbrance, we did not have our
mails yesterday the traveling is so bad we should have
had letters from some of you, your father is supposed to
Augusta as a witness to be there at nine O'clock tomorrow
morning, the snow is very deep and has been very soft for

Hunts Hill March 14th 1854

My dear brother:

You observe I am away from home again to school, and that I have again taken up my quarters at Hunts Hill. Nellie brought me here last Sunday, my clothes being all fixed up as usual by mother; whom by the way I left in good health, as well as the rest of the family at home. I board at the Mansion-house & room with Bartlett Frost, whom I suppose you remember. He is Porter Frost's son, is fitting himself for college. He was at Dartmouth a while when Rowland & I were there and has been at Hunts Hill when I have been here. He first earns some money then goes to school. He is a pleasant & studious fellow. I think I shall like him for a chance, the only objection is that he is not pious and this need not interfere with me, although it would be pleasant if he were religious. The room in the North-West corner room in the second story, the same room that I occupied with Hewitt the first term I was at Hunts Hill. I study Greek & Latin. Began the first book of the Aeneid of Virgil and am reading in the Greek Reader. My Teacher is Mr. Wallcut. I like him as a teacher much, He is thorough & also gives pretty long

The man did not have such a one as they wished so they did not bring them home & I did not see them, he was going to send to Portland & get a case such as they wanted. I had a letter from Lizzie mailed March 3^d she wrote in good spirits. She has since gone to Livermore for she went through Leeds in the cars. She says, Otis says, March, April, May & then June, Hurrah! I shall I suppose get through school here about the 20th of June. This is the time you will be ^{from West Point} free is it not? I have written a letter to Rowland since I have been here for him if he can get them cheap to buy for me a Virgil & Cicero. I wrote Mother a letter last night of four pages. Thomas Langley was sick with the Measles when I left home & none of Mr S's family except himself have ever had them, so I expect they will have a hard time, but our family have all had them, excepting you, have you ever had them? And Otis what kind of weather are you having at West Point now? It has been quite a cold & windy day here today as it also was yesterday, before this we have had very pleasant weather most of the time this Spring. Write soon & remember Yours Affectionate
Cadet - C. A. Howard

Brother Charles

P.S. It is now about sunset and I shall attend prayer meeting this evening. My health is now pretty good Otis. How is yours?

long lessons. I have 28 lines of Virgil for tomorrow's lesson and 12 of Greek. Do you think better take up any more studies this term? If so, what shall I take? Mr Torrey is in the Legislature you know, a Senator, so he will not be here till that rises, in the course of three or four weeks.

Mr Robinson is here to take charge of the English department of the school.

I have been to church to day both in the forenoon & afternoon. Heard Elder Prince in the forenoon & Elder Eaton in the afternoon.

I enjoyed the Sermons much, like to hear Elder Eaton speak a little better & he preached a rather more connected & interesting discourse.

I thank you also for your kind letter of Feb. 26th which I received in due season & should have answered before, but thought I would wait till I was settled at school. I don't think I am any better than you, although you do not seem to be very proud (if that is the right word) of your religious conduct & appearance, at least. It does not seem to me as a matter of course, but I hope that I am better, for then I should not be too good, should I? But the idea entered my mind when I read your letter that you perhaps knew yourself better than I do my self, & that perhaps I am more self-conceited, or perhaps that you were deceived, in not thinking highly enough of

your Moral & Religious works, although it is an unusual thing to be deceived in this manner.

I think there is a little of both. I am some self-conceited & you in the sense which I have taken, are a little wanting. ^{in self-conceit} You say, "All expenditure of breath in convincing me that I ought to serve my God & is useless." Well, I hope you will do no harm & will continue to pray to the Great God, & will read the Bible regularly, & that I shall do the same.

I asked Elder Hill what were the conditions of joining the Chapel & he said, "that you do no harm." — But adieu to this subject for a while.

I wish you to write me about West ^{point} affairs this Spring. What are you now studying? do you have to study hard? Are you quarter master now? We received your check before I left home, & are you prospering in your society this Spring? I should like to hear you give me a condensed order of exercises in your next letter if you please. We had a very pleasant Temperance Society at South Leeds this Winter there were 37 members when I left home. Father & Mother went to Hallowell & were gone from home four days a short time before I left home. They left all well there & brought home with them Grandmother's Sagittary & they each had their hats taken care to have them ~~enclosed~~ in one case.



I am glad that you have written to Celia but you had not for some time previous, I have written to him but have not yet received an answer. I was glad you sent Rowlands letter, although I received a short one from him the same day directly from Brunswick, for I had written him about some books, so that he only wrote a short business letter, as he wished to get an answer to me as soon as possible. But he wrote more news &c in the one which you sent to me. Have you heard from Lizzie & her mother lately? If you have you must tell me about them. When Lizzie gets back to Portland, I intend to write her a letter. I have been doing very well since I last wrote you in my studies. Like my chum well, whom you ^{know} I have changed if you have received my letter, he is not pious but studious. I also

P.S. Father doubtless has returned ere this, and what news has he brought from the West? and how is his cough? seems to me he has it a long time. My health is good my cough most often.

like any teacher Mr Welsh better than I expected perhaps. I hardly ever have a class or at least am in a class that wish to get as long lessons as I do but I have some this Spring, that are obliged to get as long lessons as I wish to, for Mr Welsh thinks every one can learn as well as himself. But still he has them go thorough &c. I have had forty-two lines in Greek and twenty lines in Greek & the class that has studied one term more than I has but 45 & 80. I attend the Class & prayer meetings here and enjoy them much. It certainly can do no one any injury to attend these but must on the other hand do them much good. I thought perhaps you & the rest of the family would like to see some of the Letter Paper with the engraving of Kents Hall on the Maine Wesleyan Seminary Extension-house upon it. So I have procured three sheets of the paper & send you these lines on one, you observe. And I will send one to Lizzie & Grandmother, to whom I will write on her birthday if you will tell me when it is. You observe that the form of the buildings & the ground looks natural, but the trees are not near as large in the original. Perhaps I better address Deline a few lines to close the sheet. & Mother write again as soon as you can. And remember me to Mr. Appleton Charles

New York March 28 1854

Friend Otis

I sent you some time since a package directed to Care Pacific Hotel Cold Spring and have not heard if you have received it or not,

We will please inform me of the fact. Ada has gone back to Cal^o to remain about a year, the folks here are all well, Frank & I caught a burglar in the house last month & sent him to Sing Sing for life, Perhaps you would like to call on him if so I will give you a letter of introduction Perry has shipped 2^d mate of the Clipper Ship Defiance bound to Liverpool & Calcutta probably, she will sail soon, We have to

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Galena March 29th /84

Friend Howard

Yours of the 28th inst was received yesterday morning - You will excuse brevity when I tell you that it is now Court time & we are tolerably busy - See fact for the last three weeks I have scarcely thought of anything but Pleas, Demurrers & Motions - Jurors & Judges, with all the various paraphernalia of Court duty & responsibility - But it drags here - The most tiresome business in the world of which I have any experience (except teaching School) is attending upon Court, waiting for your own cases to be called and disposed of & Compelled to be always there lest some rule of Court may be taken upon you in your absence, greatly to your own & your client's disadvantage - Ah. I fear it will hardly suit you quick & impulsive temperament; & yet you seem determined to make the trial - Well, come on! There is nothing like trying, you know & perhaps you may

This is our business paper & all our attention is to the firm, & its business card -

to pleasure with the profession, in
spite of its more uninteresting features
I am not dissatisfied nor disappointed
It is on the whole, neither more nor
less reasonable than I had anticipated
and I hope by years of patient study
& practice to arrive at a fair understand-
ing of its mysteries - That there is labor
in it there can be no question -

In all other respects I remain
about as usual - Feel about as
I used to & would be as pleased to see
you as ever. I assure you - It would
not be unwise for you to take a trip out
West after you get through at West Point
for recreation & pleasure - One would
find a trip up the Mississippi very
interesting & agreeable in the month of
July or August. I have no doubt,
I intend to avail myself of the first
opportunity I have, to see that noble
stream somewhat near its beginning -
It is said to be a delightful - Not less
when I am left "engaged", I will give
you further information, & in the mean-
time I remain

Yours truly

Jos W. Smith