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Wenatche Journal, August
June 5th 1858.

Dear Mother,

I returned from Boston
yesterday. did not have time before I went
to write you. But I had received my orders
I am to go to Troy as soon as Capt Grogan
arrives to relieve me. I have sold the
farm at Chelona for \$100, ~~as~~ much to old
Dalton's Chagrin. The other is not yet disposed
of. I understand that a man in this town
has a Tax due against it. My love to all
I trust you are all well I shall make you
a long visit before I leave. don't think I shall
take Lizzie on till I have been with my horse
and put every thing in order. Lizzie has
just come into the office - I send her love.

Affectionately your son
W. Howard

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Thomas's Journal
June 2^d to 25^d

Dear Mother
I returned from Boston
yesterday. I had been here before some
time since. I had received my
letter of the 10th of May as soon as I
arrived in Boston. I had also the
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1856]

Dear Mother,

I suppose Rowland got through Tuesday as I heard from him at Wintthrop. He had rather bad travelling & should judge from my side the next day. I put a pole to my single sleigh & attached both horses - got to Wintthrop an hour before the cars. So took Laura to visit Laura George's. I took dinner with the latter. I never saw her looking better than she is now. Poor little Everard is still so lame. He cannot walk. The poor little fellow has suffered a great deal the past year with his hip, but his parents think him gaining gradually. Mr. Clark's oldest girl Mary has concluded to go out to live with you. Rowland thinks Lydia Leonard would not suit your town very well - I shall carry Mary Clark to Leeds a week from today (Thursday) Her Mother is very capable, as you observed and I think her daughter will suit you. I hope she will stay some time - I have not said anything about wages. I would like to have you write immediately & let me know if you would like me to do as I propose. If I don't get a letter I shall take

her out to venture - I don't think you ought
to be alone, or depend on help that is so
temporary & ~~uncertain~~ uncertain. I sold my
smallest colt today for fifty dollars
cash. I have been offered one hundred and
twenty five for the other, but think I shall
keep him awhile. He will make a good
horse. Lizzie and Guy are well - her
mother came here back with me
yesterday and is well. Charlie wished
he could have met you - He and I
had rather a cold & never see on
Monday, but I thought he had better
get back as soon as possible - allow me
to congratulate father on finding his
watch. It is rather a lucky place to lose
a watch in the road and in the snow.
Lizzie says tell them Guy is laughing and
playing - Love from all of us. I want
Kudolph to visit me as soon as he can -

Affectionately your son

Otis

Kennebec Arsenal Augusta, Me.

June 20th 1858

Dear Mother,

I received your letter day before yesterday and have wanted to hear from Captain Gorgas, so as to give you some positive information. I have not yet heard a word from him directly, and can therefore not determine when I shall leave. I am expecting a letter every day. Aunt Aurelia was mistaken. I have thought I should go on first with my horse and put the furniture in order, get a girl &c. before Lizzie came. Lizzie would be very happy to remain with you some time, her mother too will be likely to go with her. They will both assist you and make it easy for you. I have agreed to sell the Sutton Farm to a Mr. Gilbert an Englishman & Mechanic from Cold Springs. He has the refusal of it at \$1400⁰⁰ cash.

The place was so run down & the buildings so poor and growing poorer, that I did not think it best to hold on to it. If I could have remained here I think I could have turned it to better advantage.

A great many men seem here to look at the farm, but
none offered me much under its value -

I have taken up two or three tax deeds and paid the
taxes for 1855 - All of which I will show father when
he comes down. Aunt Fanny, Aunt M. from Hallsville
yesterday and is here now, we are all very well.

Tell Lelia I will not forget her saddle. I cannot
leave now for a visit at Leeds till I hear from
Gorgeas, for he may come in upon us any day, then I have
all my accounts to settle for the quarter at the end of
June. I am glad that the prospect brightens for

the Androscoggin Road. Are they actually paying their
debts? is a very pertinent question at this time.

When Uncle George is worth 20000 I will begin to
trust H. K. Stick. Charles staid with me from Thursday
till Monday morning. The small pox had broken out in
Mrs. Winkley's school and caused some apprehension to
all who had not been vaccinated in that vicinity.

Charlie got himself fixed up and came up here
for a few days for safety. He got all his lessons
so he did not lose anything by his visit.

My love to all. Truly your affectionate son

W. H. Stewart

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I will write again as soon as I hear from Capt. Gorgeas -