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*From:* O. O. Howard

*To:* Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

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Dear Mother,

I returned from Boston yesterday - did not have time before I went to write you that I had received my orders. I am to go to Troy as soon as Capt Gorgas arrives to relieve me. I have sold the farm at Chelsea for \$100.00 much to old Dalton's chagrin. The other is not yet disposed of. I understand that a man in this town has a Tax deed 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 house and put everything in order. Lizzie has just come into the office & sends her love.

Affectionately your Son  
OO Howard