

C. H. Howard  
July 7/56

in three weeks from tomorrow. Do  
you think I better come home to  
stay the week before commencement?  
I suppose it will be more ex-  
pensive to go home if I go in  
the cars or stage. There is a stage  
which runs between Georgetown &  
this place. Leaving Br. Mond. Morn.  
& Friday. It is quite pleasant today  
for Rowland to go up on the boat.  
I hope some one will write soon  
and send me the money & that  
this will be the last I shall need  
for some time. How does Nellie  
get along with the farming & how  
my love to him. He ought to  
write me some longer letters, he  
writes so few. - Otis is soon going  
well. It has made us a pleasant  
visit & longer than he or we expected.  
We will cheerfully bid him Good Bye.  
Remember me to Roland & Cynthia & family.  
Also my love to Sister Benjamin. Chris. H. Howard

Mrs. Eliza Gilmore J.  
Bowd. Coll. July 7/56  
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My dear mother

I have a half hour  
at this time, 12 o'clock, & I have  
concluded to spend it in writing  
to you. Rowland was intending to  
go from Bath to Augusta today. Eliza  
I think will go with him to see Otis  
and Lizzie before they leave as Otis  
writes he expects to go pretty soon. I  
went with Rowland to Bath on  
the 4th and remained till the 2 o'  
clock train of cars came up to Bowd.  
when I again returned & got my leave  
for Saturday morning. Rowland came  
up Sat. Afternoon & went back in the  
evening. I don't know as he will  
be able to go to Leeds now that Eliza is  
with him at Augusta. He will return  
to college to write his oration I believe.  
We had a not very favorable day for



the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but most of the  
Students went Buckner fishing.  
They are very plenty down in  
the Bay now. They could draw them  
out as fast as they pleased.

Moody of my class who boards  
at Mrs. Gross' with me got about  
30 which he brought home &  
tho' they tried his own yet they  
wouldn't the labor as they are not  
all gone yet & have furnished  
two or three good meals. We are now  
reversing. The term is drawing to  
a close. There are a thousand little  
expenses which I had not imagined  
and which I cannot get rid of  
paying and therefore shall be oblig-  
ed to call for ten dollars more.

My class decided to have a cap  
which, (as I was in need of some  
kind of a one), I was not strenuously  
opposed to. This will have to be  
paid for this term \$2.22. The Repub-

licans have a reading-room or rather  
the "Fairmont Club" is also the  
"Keyston Club" and as I was a  
member of the former I was  
obliged to pay a dollar for their  
reading-room. My class supper  
comes off soon and I shall be  
compelled to pay \$1.50 or 2.00 for  
this. As I have about finished  
my Freshmen year, I must get my  
Society pin \$1.50. I have wanted  
off is many of such expenses as  
I could & get there are many left.  
I succeeded in my opposition  
to a "Bonfire", which would have  
been another large bill. I hope  
after I have settled with Rowland  
for his half of the furniture, that  
my expenses will be less than  
they have been but I don't know  
how it will be. I went to my S.  
school as usual yesterday. There  
were 20 present. My term will close



Kennebec Arsenal Augusta Maine  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1856

Dear Mother,

Since Father and Ellie were here I have been to Montville. I went a fortnight ago to day and returned the Monday following. I had a very pleasant visit, found Aunt Fanny's family well. I will tell you more about my visit when I see you. All Father that Mr Gilbert backed out of his bargain. Ask him if I had better advertise and sell the farm at Pub. Auction. Gorge will be here the first of next week he writes. He is now on his way. I shall be here about a week after his arrival. I think Lizzie may leave sooner. I sold Haddock to Sicut Gilman of Rockland, who has just graduated at West Point and is now at home. Ellie's saddle is ready for him. I shall have Lizzie here for a time, and hope Rowland will come on with her and stay to study law with me. It will be of advantage to me and keep him out of the coming political excitement, which I fear would absorb his entire time and attention if he remained in this State.



Rosland spent the 4<sup>th</sup> at Bath, and came up here on  
the following Monday bringing Ella with him. They  
staid with us till Wednesday. We had a very pleasant  
visit from them. Ella is a quick girl, very unpretending  
and unaffected in her manners. I like her very much.  
I saw uncle John a day or two since, but not long enough  
to have any conversation with him. I am now very  
busy preparing my papers to turn over. I thought I  
should have gone to Leeds before this, but will not  
be able to now, till I am relieved. Guy grows & changes  
every day. He jumps after me every time I come in. He  
still continues fat & clever. Give my love to all -  
Father must write me immediately about the farm -  
for if I sell at auction I must be about it. I have  
advertised again in the Journal.

Rosland thought a little of going home for a day or two -

He has got considerable to do before commencement.

There is Cyntia. Rosland's thin baby - Remember me  
to them

Affectingly Yours Son

C. T. Howarth



Kennebec Arsenal Augusta Me  
July 17<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Dear Mother,

I got a letter from Rowland yesterday saying he had been to Leeds and found you all well. He adds that Amanda has got the small pox. I am very anxious on your account, but some of you may have been exposed. Major Gorges has been expected every day since last Monday, but has not made his appearance yet. I was thinking of bringing Lizzie and Guy out the last of this week or the first of next if he came. My papers are nearly ready to turn over the property &c. I can finish everything in two days. But it will take some time to pack. I don't want to be exposed to the small pox for I never have had a vaccination taken properly within my recollection. Lizzie will be vaccinated again - Guy has been & it took nicely. I want to hear from you all about the matter. I sold Malach. But there were three Army officers (West Point instructors) passed through here on their way back from Montreal



and had a horse a piece. I bought one of them. A  
French Pony - He is just & tough - If <sup>4</sup> Roland, or father  
wants a smart one I can sell him. Tell father there  
are a couple of men who want to buy the farm - paying  
part cash & part give me a nice span of horses with  
a double carriage and harnesses. This offer I shall not  
take up with. I don't think, unless I can find a market  
for the team prior to buying it - If I can sell my  
horse to advantage I might go with my two mares to Boston  
by Steam Boat & drive them through to New York in four  
days, to dispose of them there. I have merely thought of  
this. Joshua <sup>Junior</sup> offers me his house & place in town, that he  
values at \$1600 for mine & says he will rent the house of  
me - I am bound to sell if I can for I don't like to be  
balked. Ask Father if he has got the Bond signed by  
Mr Smith, ~~to be~~ making him <sup>(Smith)</sup> responsible for rent on  
the Dalton farm. Mr Bradley wants to find it. He  
tells me that Mr Smith is going to try to force him to  
pay the balance over & above the price of the place. Some of  
that old scamp Dalton's maneuvering. Joshua, Charles, Wives &  
Miss Emma were here last night & staid quite a little  
time in the evening. They are very anxious about their  
friends at Leeds. With soon. Yrs affectionately

Thos -

P. S. Haverhill  
July 12 / 1856



Seeds July 19<sup>th</sup> 1856

My dear Brother

We received your letter last night. Mother thinks that there is no danger from Capt. Turner's on account of the "small pox" and that Lizzie and the baby can come any time just the same as if they were not sick. Mrs. Turner takes great pains so that no one will take it. The Doctor says that Mrs. Berry's symptoms are very favorable. There are a number of cases of the Small pox in Auburn and in Lewiston where Amanda took it. We think that there is not so much danger here as at Lewiston. Father says that the farm is more desirable than Joshua Turner's



House house, but you had better  
give him <sup>(Mr Turner)</sup> any pay day which he might  
wish for, if he wishes to buy it. So

Mrs. Waite at Augusta or has she  
gone some where on account of the small  
pox. Is she coming to Leeds with  
Lizzie & Guy. I cannot come to get  
my Saddle, but I would like to have  
it very much if you can get it here  
with out much inconvenience.

Give my love to Lizzie, Guy &  
the rest of the family

Lie. haste your  
Affectionate Brother  
R. H. Gilman

Lieut. O. O. Howard

July 19/56  
R. H. Gilman



C. H. Howard

July 20 1856

Write to me to call for so much money.

- I guess Rowland has called on Miss  
Leonela Patten who lives in this place,  
(a cousin of Ella's), who is very sick.  
She went to Bath & stayed a week about  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She is of a weak con-  
stitution & was taken with the Cholera mor-  
bus a few days ago. The Doctor thinks  
it doubtful if she ever recovers. Rowland  
has been with her much & seems to feel  
badly. He has commenced to write some  
of his Vermonts Edition. - Mother, I did  
not know what you meant by saying I  
should do all I could to make you happy.  
- I'm sure if I desire any one thing more than  
all others, it is that you may be happy. And  
if there is any one thing I would labor  
for or endure troubles & trials for it is that.  
And if there is any person I honor &  
love & would lay down my life for it  
is you, mother. Let you need no such prop-  
ositions to assure you. If I neglect any duty  
I owe you, or any opportunity of doing a kindness,

It is not intentional neglect. No person claims  
or shares my attention to a regard for you. And no  
one is half so near & dear as my brother, mother & father.  
I suppose I shall not be home till I see you 836  
all down here. Will then, Adieu.  
Your affec. son C. H. Howard. Board. Coll. July 20.

My dear Mother:

It is only nine  
o'clock, and as Rowland has not  
come in I will devote an hour to  
writing you a letter. I have this minute  
returned from prayer-meeting or rather  
from hearing a lecture from Prof.  
Packard, for instead of the usual  
prayer-meeting, Prof. Packard was  
present tonight & gave us a very  
interesting sermon without any notes.  
It tended to prove that if any pur-  
-pose or providence of God seemed  
unaccountable or even wrong to us, it  
was no evidence in truth of its being  
so, for God's thoughts are above our  
thoughts & his ways above our ways. I  
have been at church all day. An  
acquaintance came up this morning  
to get me to go down & play on the



Melodeon at the Baptist. You know I  
never played any in church but  
they urged hard so I went down. I  
played for them in the forenoon & then  
they must have me in the afternoon. So I  
procured some one to go to my Sabbath-  
school & played also this afternoon.

They say they will furnish me with  
a horse to go to my Sabbath School if  
I will play for them. — There is con-  
siderable excitement here today on acct.  
of a man missing. Mr. Fields, ~~father~~  
an old man has not been seen since  
last Tuesday. Today most all of the  
college students & many of the town-  
men have been searching the woods  
for him. His family is very respectable  
— consisting of a wife & several children,  
young ladies & gentlemen. The man has  
been intemperate in years past & destroy-  
ed his health. He was seen walking  
towards Freeport last, facing Dun-  
swick. Many of the students will go

to search tomorrow. One if not  
more than one of the Seniors is engaged  
to a daughter of his. There are three  
daughters. They must all feel very sad.  
— Rowland returned in safety from  
Leeds. I was glad enough to hear  
from you all. I assure <sup>you</sup> but I ~~was~~ sorry  
to learn the "Small Pox" was so near you,  
and it was no welcome news to know  
one of my old friends & neighbor was  
rick with such a disease. I hope it  
will not spread about the town. — We  
had a short letter from Otis a day or two  
ago. He hardly dare read Lizzie &  
Amy up home for fear of the "Small Pox".  
He had seen nothing of Capt. Corvus  
as yet, said he was looking for him  
in every train of cars & every boat. — I  
was greatly obliged for so long a letter  
from you & from Debbie. Debbie's was  
one of the best he ever wrote me. I was  
~~so~~ pleased <sup>too</sup> that you were so prompt to  
send me the money. It seems very