

I can't afford a desert only when Mrs Bogg's sends me
in one as she sometimes very kindly does. She
~~always does when she has~~ always sends me a
dish of soup when she has it for dinner. I like
Madame Bogg's very much, though I can hardly
make it seem right that she is other than Miss
Mary. Guy, bless his little heart, what is he doing?
sleeping I will bet ten to one, when this arrives
does he like to be kissed yet? He must have a kitten
when he gets here. There is no use in asking all
these questions, you & his grandmother will hear
a thousand & one of his wonderful transactions to
till after you get home, and there is hardly time
to write them. Don't he get covered with dirt
tumbling about the floor? Write me as soon
as you get this what day you will certainly start
and what day I may look for you -

Give my love to all individually. Charlie has
gone back to Birmmworth so you will not see
him again. I don't know whether Rowland
will be in Bath or at home when this gets
to you. Yes Rowland will be quite an addition
to our little family and will make time pass
pleasantly. Mother continues well? She feels partly to
send Rowland go - I don't wonder, Rowland, Sallie &
Charlie, all gone, will be almost as lonely as I
as Mother is. Tell Rowland to cast his vote very
quietly & not create a disturbance at the polls.
Kiss little Guy for me just once - Your affectionate
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Mativolist Arsenal N. Y.

Sept. 1st 1856

My dearest wife,

It is Monday morning after breakfast.
As I was coming to this place this Office Monday sent me
with a little white letter which was welcome to assure
you. We have now got through the long month of
August; the weather is pleasant and cool enough even
for you. I have not said anything about the month
of September, but if you can start on the seventh you
know who will be glad to meet you at the end of
your route. Rowland mentions the tenth which
is Wednesday. I am ready for you & have been for
four weeks. I am glad Guy is growing & improving
and that Mother is better. I have been a good
deal anxious about her. The workmen were all
disbanded Friday night, but the Army Bill passed
Saturday & a telegraphic dispatch called them together
again to commence work this morning. The suspension
of the regular appropriation caused much dejection
and anxiety here, but it is over now. Mr Robert Bogg
left yesterday evening with his sisters. Miss Pamela, after
she had bidden me good bye came back and said, please
give my love to Mrs Howard & Guy & tell her I am very sorry
I could not have seen her. Mrs Saidley & the Major are
here. She says she was in hopes to find you here. I

believe you are half a kind taller than she is. Don't
you feel proud? Major Symington is still unwell,
confined to the house, but is much better. The good
news that the Army Bill had passed did him a
deal of good. Maj. Siddle has become Captain in the regular
course of promotion by the 14 yrs. rule - being now full
Captain and having Major & Boggs is 1st Lieutenant. Stone
has resigned. I will be 1st Lieut. by regular promotion
next July. I have not told you about Lieutenant
Symes of our corps. He was Asst. Professor in Prof.
Sporck's department at West Point. About a month
ago he was taken deranged from softening of the brain.
It is thought to be hereditary. He was a young man of
ability far more than ordinary. Maj. Delafield has been
sent to West Point as Superintendent and Col. Warder
as Commandant of Cadets. Professor Sporck was summarily
relieved from duty at West Point a day or two ago and
replaced by the Rev. French, Episcopalian. The old professor
had no warning but was arbitrarily ~~dismissed~~ dismissed
by Jeff Davis. He went to Washington to learn the reason.
Jeff Davis told him the last report of the Board of Visitors
showed that he was inefficient in the extreme. It was
probably effected by those professors & instructors who do
not like him any too well.

We had a social party at Mrs. Wood's on Saturday evening.
Gen. Wood is sick and is expected home as soon as he
get relieved. Mrs. Wood & Mrs. Hunt inquired very often
after Mrs. Howard. So also did Mrs. Emma Willard &

grandmother. Miss Mary Patterson also wished to be remem-
bered to you. All had a good many questions to ask
about Guy. My old instructor Guy Peck, seemed much
pleased that I had called my little boy Guy. Miss Emma
looks just as she used to. Her Grandmother, Mrs. Willard
I am sorry to say wants to have a private conver-
sation with me. I fear she will take me to task
about my delinquency in relation to her tidal theory.
She has a sociable this evening, but I shall not go.
Mrs. Symington treats me with considerable coolness
lately. I suspect it is on account of politics or
some other small matter. I call there quite often
however, was in last evening to see Major & Mrs. Siddle,
James Dr. & Mrs. Vile & Mr. Vadyman. Mrs. Siddle
likes Dr. Vile as well as you do Dr. Briggs & for the same
reason I presume. I stopped writing to inspect & report
upon the fabrications for the month of August
and have just resumed my writing. I shall be glad
when this week has passed if it does make me a
week older. I am of the opinion it will make me a few
weeks younger to have you all here. I don't know what I have
any more news to write and I don't feel like moralizing.
As for my housekeeping I shan't say anything about it. I
generally eat my dinner about two o'clock, which I don't
find half as good as home as one. It down to my paper
& a cigar immediately after, and that is the end of the
matter. What do I eat? Why potatoes, tomatoes, & corn with
one or two clays & then Mutton Chops - this is my dinner

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he don't feel big - I have had some suc-
cess, but I always endeavor to be kind
& equal with all & when I reflect how
much I have yet to accomplish before
I can be anybody or even "get a living"
I feel as if I was just nothing at
all - I was very much gratified at
the result of the Maine Election - I do
as much as I could to bring about
that result - but now, I have got all
through with politics - I have been
invited to speak in New York State
but have declined - I wouldn't say
much about politics if I were
you - Talk & write about your studies
& your Miscellaneous reading & then
you will improve yourself & make
no enemies. Father & Mother ought
to stop over one train with you either
going or coming from Easton - If you
wish it I have no doubt they will
Remember me to Merrill, Humphrey & Henry Rowland

W. C. Howard
Sept. 13. 1856

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Watervliet Arsenal West Troy
September 18th 1856

Dear Brother,

I understand you, too,
have gone from home, gone to Andover. I
fear you are having a sober time of it. When
you get time you must write me all about your
situation and companions. You must keep a
'stiff upper lip' and let nothing discourage
you. Howland, Sizzie & the rest left home
last Wednesday and reached here Thursday
evening. They had a very good journey - no
accident on the boat or on the road excep-
ting that Mrs. Waitt got separated from her
party at Springfield and was carried on
towards New York as far as Hartford and
was obliged to follow along to Albany in the
next train which reached that place in the
night. I was waiting for her at Albany and
brought her up with my pony. They seemed to
enjoy traveling wonderfully. Though he got a

pretty dirty face before he reached Albany
Rowland is here. I am in his room and he
is arranging his books. He has quite a pleasant
little room - an iron bedstead, table, bookcase &c
after a regular student's fashion. Yesterday afternoon
we went to Albany, went in my carriage.
We visited the office of a young lawyer. Mr
Jackson. had quite a talk and returned
about night. To day Rowland & I went to Troy
and visited the office of Mr Beach, one
of the principal lawyers of Troy. Rowland
has not yet decided where he shall study.

He may go to Law Lectures at Albany and
study in Troy. Guy has just come in
to see us and seems to be very happy
to visit such a literary place. He would
not be satisfied till he had got my smoking
cap. He is now pulling my hair and I cannot
write. You must let us hear from you often.

I suppose you will be very industrious. You
will have to be very careful of expense, since
Board & everything else is so high. Keep love
from all of us. Rowland will fill this letter

Your affectionate brother
C. P. Howard

Dear Mr. Bellie

I am glad that you room
in the same house with Humphrey and
Henry Thompson. They are old scholars
of mine & I think Humphrey particularly
a good fellow for you to associate with.
Do you board near Mrs. Edwards. who has
a small select school for young ladies.
That was the school that Ella & a number
of other North girls were at for some time.
What Latin book are you in? & what
is your teachers name. I would not
care for a carpenter, if I were you. I did
not have one till my senior year in
college. The way is, to begin small and
go up & if you are two or three years
preparing - you will find that it re-
quires the strictest economy to keep
your expenses within reasonable bounds.

You must recollect that even a
"Freshman" is not much of a boy before
he reaches that point is below it -

Don't feel proud of your advantages. Don't
visit New York Point. After college &