Dec 1st £1856

Friend Howard:

Benz handed me a dollar the other day, which he said you gave him to pay a bill for a package. I did not understand it, so I sent you a note enquiring about it. Have you not received the note? Please send me a note to explain. I think it must not be forgotten. Are you acquainted with a Cadet by the name of Biggs? If you are, do you know anything of his character? It would be very much obliged if you would tell me something about him. I have a story to tell you about Henry the next time I see you.

In confidence,

 Yours,

 [Signature]
In much alone and master of my time as pleases

to be. If I have grief's & vexations I have known to

bellow my mother with them as I need to. When I have

pleasant company I don't think of letting any pass as

well as a letting of mother of them. This year with

mane the winter is one of the little points of getting

necessity & having a necessary taste of your

own. Still there must be an interior tone of

warm sympathy & other fine home confidence.

Surely I don't mean these shall be. My heart is

as tender as it ever was and I am as capable of

kindly feeling as I ever have been and I don't

mean to let age or care change me in those respects.

We live all very well. Mr. S. has mother have

put some into blue Newenams' rooms to better the air

in eating time. She new window and the new shoe-

new helping from Lake & Black franks. Now playing

with the round looking glass. He is still just

almost as tall as the lady big, eats twice, does not

spread expression pleasant. When observing things new

& change he sees a little of the Blessed concentrating

atome. He played cards, little social dances, minstrels

the Whist & the Royal sing out one all the day! "Gite

Lone" you let when. "Grin & Bear it"

He know alone quite well. But he tabbies over

occasionally, and now & then gets a thought on his

home. He is a lovely, gentle boy, always make on the

best ready for a good time. till stony time but he

was not got a booth yet, and though his boat has been

land on the shelf he will give it to go East about when

there is bringing to go to ship with.

So much for Groan. I am writing to S. giving him

the last thing he will probably be sorry to be better.

When they meet, we will write to each other about the

seem & the old & new things to the warm New York.

The admiration & wonder of the latter that how

John & Angelines would these days strange & new

things on the farm. How is Cygnet. Nylon & the

latter one? Remember me & bring to them all those

of they close to make it so, there may be a quieter

more comfortable life than ours but comfort &

aromatic comforts may attach anymore even to a flying

leap of the heart are only my wish to wish to help

my expenses latter without. I have collected 150.

dollars in the savings bank since my return and have

supported my family & helped out debts in my

way. My horses are too expensive but the loan has

not been able to dispose of clothes to advantage.

We have had a Jimmy from Ohio.6 sending

February. To keep & house send me & S. belligerent

before (from) in a slyly. This accounts for S.'s new

things. S. & myself are going to New York by the

boat tomorrow night on a Saturday night. The has been

weary but cool. If I am not going the trip till reports

for Groan. He is now in Brooklyn. We had a letter from

from a boy on this egg. We had a letter from Mark S.
My dearest Mother,

I told you in my last letter that Offie & myself were intending to go to New York & spend a week. We did so and returned last Tuesday night.

We left for the railroad, pressing on to the large Atlantic Ocean, that same by night between Long & New York. We were hindered by a snowstorm there on our journey in the way so that we could not arrive till late on Wednesday. But we had a good hotel room & a good night rest and an excellent breakfast next morning. After we tracked the baby we found it coming home. I left Offie on the boat &pngrarrow; my way across the bay to the ferry office, where I found them & got the necessary directions to the house in the city, and returned to Offie at the boat. Sometimes of your remember for the Hudson River boat, across the Hudson side towards Jersey city and not very far from your airport. I took the earlier cabin, and sign the certificate & we walked up to Broad- way, followed by little song, saying, "Where I carry your baggage? Will carry it to any part of the city." She arose out near Union Church & look on Emerson
New York, while I walked about & talked with Perry, Logan
leaves back at dinner party with us last night. On Friday we
went over to New York & dinner to Governor's Island
landing near Fort Totten in a large belonging to
the Government. This boat is manned by 7 sailors
to bring back the crews between Fort Totten & New York.

The wind was strong & the waves was high but

dodge through a little of it as yet & we left the
Newport Federal belonging to the United States.

Located on this Island as well as Fort Columbus.

Col. Whipple of our Department extended them.

We invited his guests & joined them this evening.

both to the city. Perry's Frau offices of his
acquaintance. Before I went into the park to look
about, asked when the help of Col. Whipple & returned
to other friends on the way. Mr. Stimson & his had a very
pleasure with the idea of going to tea, men

I promised as he is still present moment.

Said to Sarah that a good deal to improve about you
in a short time in my next letter. They
stay at present in very large family. Eden
& Granville送去 Frank Poore Christmas & a copy by
the name of Will and Caroline. We are entertaining with us.

Frank's brother Charles who is a

officer also takes his breakfast & coffee at Colburn's.

Sarah & Sarah offered Wednesday afternoon in

for South Ferry. He crossed over to "Atlanta" & the
in came to Hannon towards the right shore. Stepping
it I went on. We came to Hannon, landed at the
left & walked up Hannon till we came to No. 34.

This very dense as a collection shelled as we ever
shelled Brooklyn. It proved Sarah not very well, burned
permanently or a dark headache. There was very
very ill. She felt sickly death very grievously.

The cannot speak of her as I have ever.

for the little boy is one obvious little fellow, just beginning to
little. He is quite little by the age of 6 years. He insists
we think very early by being. Perry's office wanted me to give him these 120.

the evening for Saturday last February & with Mrs.

England & Whipple before the return again. Monday
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Wartford Avenue N.W. D.C.
February 22, 1856.

Dear Mother,

I am sorry not to have more time to write you a long letter before I leave for the South. I received orders to report to the Commanding General in Florida as soon as practicable last Thursday evening. I did not feel any of going even then, for Mr. Boggs had just sent an application to be sent south during the winter. But he has now heard from Washington, and I am certain he will not be substituted for me. This duty is not permanent but everybody knows and so I shall be there. It is an important command. I have charge of the Ordnance Department in the field, to purchase, receive, requisition for, or otherwise obtain, arms, ammunition, and issue them to the troops as they are required. I will have a detachment of men ready to make all the necessary repairs. (Fort Monroe is on the south coast of Virginia.) I shall go first to Fort Magruder. My orders don’t specify that fort but I must look out for Gen. Harney's troops and find him where I can. I have sold my wagon, sleigh, harness & box, this precaution. Zeigie will remain here till Hendley's last lectures are over. Then they go away the
first of March) go on to Maine. I will leave it 
Island to explain in detail. Jennie, Mother, 
Matt & Gray are well & wish your love sent to you. 
It is rather a hard task to break up to be off again 
so soon, but I regard it as somewhat to my 
advantage— I shall leave here tomorrow if 
nothing happens to present. I may not leave 
Amana till Saturday. Ever yours that one may 
meet again in the best of health. May His blessing 
be with you all & my little family. My journey 
you will hear from me often, on my journey 
& after I arrive. I will write when I can get 
the time. My best love to Charles, Ellen & Polly. 
Remember me to Mr. Holman & his family. I am 
cheerful & not much disappointed with my 
study. 

Your son,

J.

I enclose a letter from Ellen which I thought 
might be interesting to you as it gives some 
account of her circumstances. By “Campbell”, the 
means to keep winter. Note you please to put 
it by & keep it safe for me. Some it may 
be a little non-intelligible to you. But unless you 
can understand it, you are interested in the most 
way: & the love to new since she is married 
& taking care of the children. Abby is a sweetly 
& kind & a Irish girl—Julia & Miss Kellogg's sister 
& daughter.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Dec 24th, 1858

My dearest wife,

I am at 7 racks.

We left Albany about eleven, the train being delayed waiting for the troop train. We came straight through without much delay of no accident at the N.R.R. We reached Chambers St. By 5 P.M. and I came straight here. I met with an officer at Heenan's who got aboard as Garrison. He had been in Florida & told me the route. It is by Steam Tract to Savannah & thence by Steam back to Palatka on the St. John's River. thence by Stage to Tampa. This will be my route. I leave Saturday at 9 o'clock P.M. I shall go to Governor Island tomorrow & next day to Fort Hamilton to see him. He has just come there.

I went to see Mr. Parker the astronomer at Cham. He says he will go to see you of the Capsize the first time he goes to Troy. I hope we will be happy. My love to all.

With love to Ezra, your loving husband - Alter.
G.B. Howard
Dec 26/56

W. York City
Dec 26, 1856

My dear Mother,

I came here from Waterstreet last Wednesday, got in about nine P.M. It was very stormy when I left Aug. I went to Albany in an open sleigh with a cold wind, but the rest of the way we got on very well. I found Brother Logan very confined to his room. He has been bleeding at the lungs, has given the cough. You think he will get better. He has no cough. Sarah & Aunt love are quite well. I went to Governor's Island yesterday and dined with the
Capt. Whiting of the Ordnance

I obtained considerable

information with reference

to Florida from Officers who

have recently come from Tew-

per. I went back to Brooklyn

last night. I was due to go Saturday night on the

Steamer Alabama to Savannah

and thence by Steamer to

Palatka on the St. Johns River

in Florida. It being by stage

cross the country to Tampa.

This morning I went aboard

the Steamer Alabama and

then went to the Office in

Broadway, where I paid my

passage through to Palatka

Thirty five dollars. After this

I went to the Paymaster's Office

and then to Lieut. Vincent

and Stagnes. The latter have just

arrived from Florida. He told me

about the route, says he got through

in seven days. He says I will be

permanently located at Tampa,

and that Cairo will be sent in to see for repairs. I have

not anything certain about

my return. It may be

in three or four months if

I may be there six months.

Give my love to all. If

I can get time tomorrow

I will write to Charley K

Cullin. I shall write you again

to send a letter from Savannah

till then farewell.

With your very

Affectionate love

of Howard

I am at Frank's office.
New York City, Dec 26 1856

Paymaster Office

My dearest Wife,

I shall enclose you here with a check for fifty dollars endorsed over to your order. If you don't want it in mediacy please put your name on the back & deposit it to my order at the State Bank there. Let me hoping to go with you & introduce you. You will then be enabled to be recognized at any time you may wish the chance. I visited Governor Platt yesterday and spent the day with Capt. Whitney. The Capt. & Mrs. N. sent their love & sympathy to you. The Capt. says I will have a Permanent Station probably at some Settlement and having will be sent on for energies & perhaps at Throop or Ft. Blodges. It wasdaughters when I went over in the morning than when we went, but the Capt. sent me to Brooklyn in the evening, when it was very cold. I arrived with Capt. H. & Head in Christmas dinner. I met several officers there, one of whom to hard had a son born the night before. He was a very excellent fellow. It was his first child. He certainly recalled the anxiety & subsequent
July 4th 1865, when our darling Guy made his ingrep. Remember my darling wife that your heart and's heart will be with you in the coming time. He very cherished and keep up your God will help you. Your happiness will be marred in the end by this separation what is to come. I feel it and know. Don't act of a night without asking Heaven's help on your absent husband and yourself. Give me best love to yourself to Mother & Grandpa. My love to her & John Lee and the rest. I have paid my passage to Palatka thirty three dollars. It is so much up then I anticipated that I have decided to send you fifty dollars for your use when needed. I have been over Camp the Cleaver Alabama in which I go to Savannah. I might delay and go with some troops next Tuesday over the same route but would risk losing my transportation.

I have been gone too much time to a place to do anything, otherwise I would have been most happy to have returned it should a day or two with you. Write to brother if you can and tell your how hard one can be. My promise for a pleasant command to pleasant duty you will not hear from me again till reach Savannah. Take good care of yourself. Clearing our little boy as much as your pleasure. Tell him to send the last for me. To know your

[Signature]
I stayed around the house some read some, talked some and did other things some. In the afternoon I followed Aunt into the attic and she played with me sometime and as she found that I had a notion of staying sometime she gave me an opera glass and told me to amuse myself as long as I pleased. — The next day I went alone!!!. How funny alone to Bunker Hill Monument and after paying the fee a man put a lantern in my hand and told me to take care of myself which I accordinly did!!! When I got back I found it was most dinner time so I amused myself then until it was time for the girls to go to school and after reaching a tree shook them off and they went to school and at 2 o'clock I started for the depot having previously learned what time the car was to go to Framingham. When I got there the car was just starting from
By father until I met an Irishman at
4 Whence I asked the way to Brinton Hill he
pointed me so that I found Uncle Harriet
after walking a due amount of land. I
arrived there about six o'clock in the evening
and sat down to dinner and supper and
and I had like a good fellow. I heard, in the course of the afternoon to my
infinite relief. In the evening I made the
thought, played, wrote, sat till 10, until I got
back of it, and with pleasure accepted the
invitation to "dine at the Hotel."

Went to church in the afternoon of the next day and stayed in the
house in the afternoon; in the evening
I accepted the invitation to go and see Mr.
Mount and old acquaintance of mother...
I came home--went to bed.

Went to Boston in the morning
and took an Omnibus for Somerville,
where I arrived much earlier than I was
expected; but for all of that Aunt said
she was glad I had come.
The depot had but I knew that they only wanted to Reading so I didn't care.

The depot master told me to go down to a white post which was down on the railroad and the car would stop there.

But when I got there I found that, that post was not the only white post as there was another about 50 yards below, how could I tell which one it was? Well I thought I would stand about halfway between them, sure the risk of getting into the cars, how you see? From the risk of it and had to RUN too, but I got on board and in about an hour was found standing in the depot at Andover Maine.

I looked round, found my baggage where it had been put on the night that I went to Boston. Man carried them up and after paying a 25 cent piece to him I went on my way.
I got settled that night mostly and was admitted into the club. That night it was cold, Wednesday it was colder, Thursday Coldest, the thermometer was 14 below 0. I have not done anything since I got here of any importance except getting my clothes. My churn is a rogue she is about half sailor and half houseman. Her father is a lobster fisher and I don't think he and I could do much together but I should say anything to disturb the harmony. Don't say anything to mother about my churn because she will be troubled more about me than she is now. Had I better accept an agency which I can obtain? Write me what you think about it. I wish to make some money if I can and not depend entirely on father for all I wish for as I do not know how.
It is now Sunday morning and the sun is bright to
am. What a delightful passage we have had last
night! I waited before my father to ask another go-
right side. We set Puller by Butcher and had a little
smell of many passengers were sick, but I found
nothing for that. We came into port with such

My first view of the city is a very pleasant one:
There is a strong feeling between us, so
and that we belong to one family. I was told
the time in the dining room for one half, and
I sat down to a hearty breakfast. (Independence)
I am afraid to have a cold. The greatest care was
carried out of the door at 3 o'clock. I will write
more, so the writing of one and then some... Our
first view was from the south. The machinery is
doing. I am not sure that you are not more than
but your object is on the Shannon. I suppose
you are all well and that your trip is full of joy
as the wind. I would like to hear good news
before I go to sleep. I cannot... Give my love
to all. You & Poulson must be the best of
friends, and all the others. I must know all y
little troubles & great ones. My dear child, I pray
that you may be happy and well in health and

The beginning of the day is the beginning of a
ew life. I am writing to you with my best wishes
for health and happiness. I hope to hear from you
soon and to receive your letter. I am very
much attached to you. I am writing this letter
as I am told by my friends. I am sorry that you

From Capt. Columbus
Dec 22nd 1856

My dear wife:

It is now 10 o'clock, Sunday morning and
and I am several minutes early, on the other side
to everything. Besides the least little knot of the
ship with its contents. There are fifty passengers
and many more have left yesterday and some
are to arrive today. We have had a sweet night
and some have slept in the open air...
and went on by an express train to New York. After this I proceeded to Brooklyn to look over the boat. Then went to broker's office, where I bought a third ticket for shipment. Returned to Mrs. Blyth, and returned to Mr. Blyth and tenant the property. Now for the train for the East: NY.

At 10th I found some of my friends in New York about 19th of the 1st day, and went to see that they would be present. The other boys had taken my room and it was used for a restaurant. I was very interested in finding an old acquaintance and discussing the matter. Emerson Whitney had a dinner for the representatives. I talked with him another time. We had been on a trip to New York and the city and the thing I have learned is the difference between the East and the West. I feel that I have had a much more interesting life than my family. I cannot decide if I am not in New York, if I am not there. However, a good day to us. We have been in New York for a long time. We have been in New York for a good part of the time. We have been in New York for a good part of the time.

The train is very heavily loaded. It is not enough to do any harm, 2000 to a train estimated. It is at the very best, only 1000 to a train estimated. We have been in New York for a good part of the time. We have been in New York for a good part of the time.

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as through out the whole correspondence. Not any one of your letters have a letter I have enclosed him just when they belongd by the post and you there they are enclosed. I shall send them some day and when you not destroy them unpleasant ones. Darling how much I love you now truly love you. In many of my letters I show that expression but the my it did not wish that to hurt you when I say so I love you, ever these words do not express my affection more. Everincluding this one might be forgetten sent by fault. I wish I could forget them. and that the note Book by leaving to you and that you shall be gone away and your absence and teach us all to love him more and more, and then in this for subject remaining at Table. I have already made a long letter to one direction I write o changful and could tell her the brightest possible one if you charge and though it would always while here I am from you. he received a letter from Dallas tonight who has just returned to lsburg from Dallas. The clock just strikes two and as I have never moved this year (I will not write more tonight and finish the movie or the Better Read and add the next which with the least and last feelings of affection toward you. I remain your little wife yours
is manner brother Brodon John
with him down south. My dear one, I feel and
am convinced of the truth I all you say to
me in your second letter dated Oct. and will
anticipate the future full of pleasure and happiness
and not pain. I receive eagerly to express
my thanks, present you left me. I take it
very much indeed nothing could have pleased
me more, and what you wrote in it is the best
the writing and the "too long before leaving for
this," and the pleasure of getting anything from you
I must say brought a few tears that I could not
control. So here brother, I have gone
to the "Spencer lecture," we all went last night
in to hear brother D., and I did not move and
had tears down my cheeks (the lecture
was amusing), therefore preferred to stay and write
this letter. I have received a letter from the
Harvard Chapel saying, "Don't say much about the singing
because they will be quite different from your paper.
What I have written is above All Foster in the same in
New Church Stetch. Dr. Maycock G. O. 49 John A. B. Beck
late to Dec 25. I intend to take what I can to bring
it at the Resurrection Church. I am very happy with my
and have not needed more from you for some time.
As the letter called for the one subject I have
"that line might purchase my furniture, but I
have not. I would offer to assistance," I got my
spending by selling all things I shall settle the
little for the month the expenses and to a little helping
in Town. I hope you will not give yourself an
unnecessary expense about me. He ate at Massachusetts.
Went to the last there I finished about 22 9 feet.
So far which is quite to please the head of church.
I do not feel that it will be long until to get ready the
more. I know the time with purchase every thing, and
then I do not think to sell. So there in the little of my
(mentioned) I think only a few and letter
I have been collecting all your letters today looking
them over and rest hearing them of your constant
relations, then came to me your letters and have
collected our letters from all others (in writing a few
from your sisters and brothers) and arranged them
in this manner. I put my first letter to you in the
same envelope containing your first letter to me, an