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854 10/1/1857 *From:* John H Kinsler

*To:* Lieu [OO] Howard

OOH-0791

Columbia S.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Lieu Howard

My dear Sir:

You cannot imagine the thrill of delight, which shot through my heart, as I read to night in the Southern Christian Advocate, a communication from Rev D B Lyne of Tampa, in which your name was mentioned in a connexion which endears you still more to me. Immediately recured to my mind our meeting on board the old Gen Clinch last winter, and our subsequent intercourse until we parted on the stage road near Ocala. You may perhaps have lost, in the busy scenes of an Indian Campaign, all recollection of myself. But, Sir, your image, features, & all are indelably stamped upon my mind. You gained a place in my esteem, in my affections, long before we parted. You may conceive then my joy to find you entering the ministry of the church, under whose banner I am enlisted as an humble Class leader. Nothing has occurred for years to affect me so much as the announcement in the article refered to above.

How delighted I should be to find you in the South Carolina Conference.

Will you increase my gratification by writing to me? If so, my address is Columbia S.C.,

Permit me to subscribe myself your Brother in Christ.

John H Kinsler

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855 10/5/1857 *From:* R.H.K. Whiteley

*To:* Dear Lieut [OO Howard]

OOH-0792

New York Arsenal

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York Arsenal

Oct 5 1857

Dear Lieut

Please accept my warm thanks for your note of the 29th ult, & the copy of Capt Massy's letter on Colt's Rifles. I was in Hartford last Saturday, showed the letter to Col S. Cooper & to Col Colt, both requested a copy. I have given them, requisitioning on the latter not to publish any part of it without your consent. I am glad to learn you have arrived at West Point, have Mrs H & the babies with you, and do heartily wish you every happiness you may desire. I know of no greater delight to a believing heart than to be engaged in the cause of that precious Saviour who has done so much for us. And I feel you are happy in the religious privileges you enjoy.

The spiritual destruction of this Island is one strong reason urging me to a more congenial spot, & I long to pitch my tent where the lecture & prayer meeting can be reached & enjoyed as well as the preached word. In winter we do not hear more than one sermon in a month, and my children are entirely cut off from Sabbath School. This Island is a very pretty place, but does not suit a Christian desiring to grow in grace & to work in his Master's vineyard.

Please remember Mrs W & myself very kindly to Mrs H. When you visit N.Y. we will be glad to see you, and if I can do any thing for you in the great city, command me. Mrs W sends you her best respects.

Yours truly  
R.H.K. Whiteley

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856 10/7/1857 *From:* Eliza Gilmore

*To:* O.O. Howard

OOH-0793

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Oct. 7th 1857

Otis my dear Son,

Your last letter which came in mail Tue, was very happily received, & am glad you are getting along, so happily.

Your father has been to Auburn this week and saw the depot Master. He says your telegraphic dispatch did not reach him in time to send the box that night and he sent it the next morning to Portland. He introduced your father to a man connected with the railroad train and gave him in writing a description of the box you left. He promised to send it to West Point by Express. It will (if found in Portland) soon reach you. I wrote to Dellie on the reception of your first letter but could not describe it. You said so little about it.

I did not think of writing so much when I commenced. My object particularly in writing at this late hour, was to let you know what we have done about the band box. It is now eleven o'clock. Remember me affectionately to you wife and Children. In much haste,

Your affectionate Mother  
Eliza Gilmore

O.O. Howard

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857 10/7/1857 *From:* Oren Whitman

*To:* Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-0794

North Turner

*Source:* Bowdoin

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North Turner Oct 7, 1857

Dear Sir

I have seen the Administrator of Fathers estate. He says that there only 120\$ after adjusting all demands. There is ten shares to said estate making 12\$ to each share so you or your wife have a just claim on me for that amount. The real estate has not been sold. I own 7/10 of it. I bought all the heirs out except yours, Olive Southerland and Mary H. Timberlake. My object was to save cost and trouble of administration but it was not done.

When your Mother was here last summer we talked the matter over. We thought that Sarah & Novella might get grave stones for mothers grave that we would for Fathers. I had bargained for their price 17\$. Now if you should carry out her plan matters would stand thus between us. I have a claim and a just one too of somewhere between 2 & 3\$ as far back as 1848. I charged your Father with a note I held against a man in Saco of 200.\$ that had been on interest two months making 202.\$. I received 50\$ the latter part of the winter or spring of 1850. The first of May I received 165\$ by Lucretia on her arrival from Biddeford.

I should not neglect these circumstances if I had not dates showing the facts. The cost of digging grave, making box for coffin & satisfying one of the ministers was 3\$. There was not notice enough given for me to satisfy both ministers as they lived in different directions. If we call the sum due from the Saco debt 2\$ and the interest about nine years, would make over 3\$ added to the funeral charges makes 6\$. add one half of 17\$ which is 8.50 making the sum 14.50 against you. Your claim against me is 12\$ leaving a balance in my favor of which I lay no claim nor I am not willing to receive any thing from you.

But on the contrary I am perfectly willing to pay you if you require it. So please write at your earliest convenience & tell how we shall settle it & what the state of your health is & what else you please.

A letter from you'd be gratifying to me at this time as I am in an unusual gloomy state of mind & my health not the best & my nervous sistem very much disordered. Probably it is partly occasioned by a want of sleep. Some nights I have not got any sleep, others but little.

My wife's health is very poor - been worse the whole season than usual. She had 4 physicians within the last six weeks. Appears now some better. Dare not flatter myself with any great degree of permanence about it as she is subject to ups & more especially downs. I think she is getting some what discouraged about herself, has not been able to leave her room or sit up much for several weeks past. Her courage I think has held out wonderfully & indeed I think she is rather a good & wonderful woman, & it would be very strange if eight years of sickness suffering would not discourage even a saint, which in my mind she comes as near to & much nearer than the most of people tho I will acknowledge myself to be inclined to partiality & I will freely admit that I am not as <same> now as I was one year ago. Neither are my phisical powers near as good so if I say foolish things you will excuse me for I feel full yet confidence in your goodness. Perhaps you may think I am trying to flatter for the sake of favor or gain. It is not so. It is a true sentiment if I know my heart. It is free from avaricious desires at this time, but not in former years. So wealth does not make happyness. In my opinion a competency is all that is needed here for comfort & happyness.

So no more at this time. My wife joins with me in messages of love to you & yours.

Oren Whitman

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858 10/14/1857 *From:* Francis N Page

*To:* Lieut OO Howard

OOH-0795

Fort Brooke Florida

West Point  
NY

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Fort Brooke Florida  
October 14 1857

My dear Howard

I received yours of the 21st ult and as there was no other officer in the Department available concluded that I would take charge of the Ordnance Depot myself. I hope that your business will all be arranged to your satisfaction and the necessary papers will be duly transmitted.

I am glad that you are comfortably located and suppose that by this time you are duly initiated in your new calling. We are getting on pretty much as when you left us.

The Colonel has been absent some time on a trip to Fort Dallas. He selected a very bad time to go and I fear he has been weather bound.

Kilburn accompanied him and constituted his factotum in the way of staff.

My health is still poor, but thank God I am the only invalid in my family all having enjoyed good health thus far.

By way of recreation from equations, quadratics & curvatures let me hear from you occasionally.

I had strong hopes of terminating this everlasting Florida war when you left, but now I am doubtful whether we can do any thing with the present force - the loss of the moral effect of Regular troops in the Country is beginning to be felt and the volunteers are fast becoming worthless.

Mrs P and Lizzie desire to be remembered to you.

With the warmest wishes for your health & happiness

I remain

Very truly yours

Francis N Page

Lieut OO Howard  
West Point  
NY

N.B. Please remember me affectionately to my old friend Kendrick.

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859 10/24/1857 *From:* H.K. Craig  
Col of Ordnance  
Ordnance Office  
Washington

*To:* Lieut O. O. Howard  
West Point, N.Y.

OOH-0797

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Ordnance Office  
Washington, Oct'r 24 1857

Lieut O. O. Howard  
West Point, N.Y.

Sir,

Be pleased to forward the cash amount for part of the 3d quarter, which yet remains due from you as disbursing office at Fort Brooke Depot. The amount referred to in your letter of the 8th August, as received from officers under the 1237th part of the Army Regulations, may remain where you placed it, viz: under "Ordnance Services".

Respectfully  
Yr Ob Ser't  
H.K. Craig  
Col of Ordnance

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860 10/26/1857 *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* [OO Howard]

OOH-0799

Bangor Theo Seminary

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[This letter has torn pages, resulting in many unknown words and lines. These are indicated by <>.]

Bangor Theo Seminary  
Oct 26, 1857

<[Torn page]> & Sister

Your letter was <> from Hallowell to Leeds <> while Ella Charles & I <> & we were all rejoiced <> so good news from you. <> & Ella returned & I came <> Friday last. All of us <> a week at Leeds. <> mother well, but pretty <> me off & Charles too <> go home again this fall <> school begins at the close <> college Term.

<> glad to hear of Lizzies <> glad too that she found blessed Ordinance, as <> consecration & <> in the Faith once <> to the Saints.

<> not had the children <> yet?

<> so glad that Guy's health is so much <improved of> <> dozzen times for "Uncle" <>, I hope you have <> your house by this time <> go to Troy for your <> to hear all about it. <> baby. I have not <> my room yet. I <> very cheaply but <> comfortable yet so <> with a classmate <> Tuition & Room Rent <> are free. We board <> for less than \$1.75 <> I hope my <exper?> <> light all the time <>.

We had a recitation in the Greek Testament <> like a Bible Class in <> was opened by <> like Every body & <> so far.

The Bible & Religion <> work <> thought! How can <> other wise than <hap?>.

Dr Shepard is <> I attend that I <> up in that S.SA. At <> in a School House <>.

<?kers> are familiar. <> Religion is all their <>

<> me that I may <> how coldness that <> sin of all Christian <> <?ially > of Theological <> may I keep <> always before <> worth of <> in my <> will go with you <> & <> you use <> you go if you live <>

<> very interesting <> the "Ridge" at <> evenings. At the <> were few dry eyes <> that there were <> <affected> hearts.

<> great deal of love to <> - Ella & I were to <> you both together at Leeds <> she employed most of her <> in sewing for her "old <>.

Charles is in love - no <doubt> of that. Whether he will be married immediately or <not> is a question.

I do wish that <> was not so very "blind". <> I remember you both & <the> little ones always in my <>. <Bear> me on both your <> to the throne of grace. When I get settle in <my> room, I will write you <a> more decent letter <> you details of Bangor "Seminary". My own <> &c.

Your aff. Brother  
Rowland

Address "Bangor Theo. <>

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861 10/26/1857 *From:* DB Syne

*To:* My Dear brother [OO]  
Howard

OOH-0800

Tampa Fla

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Tampa Fla Oct 26th 1857

My Dear brother Howard

Your welcome precious letter was rec'd saturday week, just on my return from the Country, where I enjoyed a few days recreation; not on the fairy scenes of your City "Common"; but in the wild desolation of Fort Brook reserve. But, then I had the benefit of the exhilarating breezes, on the charming bay: it did me much good. I was highly delighted with your account of your trip, your religious privileges, and above all, "the heart in the right place". May it never be otherwise, and certainly it never will, if you watch and pray as you have set out, and as the blessed Bible teaches. How precious to meet with such a Christian as brother Barry, and in such a place, and how profitable to hear such discourses from the Ministers of the various denominations, as you have described. Your delight in them proves two things 1st the genuineness of your religion 2nd that God is no respecter of persons, so as to allow any one people to monopolize his mercies. How cheering to mix thy prayers and entreaties with those of a brother converted since you last met. And Oh how sublime the privilege of bowing before God in your own home, with your own lovely companion and little ones, and commit them to the keeping of our Father in heaven. Glory to God for his unspeakable mercies, and abundant grace conferred on you and yours.

I am disposed to believe that West Point is the very place for you and believe that Providence has kindly opened your way for usefulness by your call to that important position, where your religion, in "the recitation room" will be made available in promoting his glory as long as you are faithful, mixing religion with your lectures, and letting your light shine before those young men so strangely by God Committed to your care.

The President of any Theological institution, or the Minister of any Church, may well content himself with your opportunity for doing good, in your present blessed employ. I am glad you have the opportunity of improving your talent at the anticipated prayer meeting. Trust in God "who giveth the increase".

I hope you will obtain license to preach as soon as practicable; for then you will feel bound on Sabbath to extend your labours "to the regions beyond" and then enlarge your field of usefulness, as well as your desire for the study of the scriptures and of theology.

Several reasons not necessary to name hindered me from writing sooner. I met the Col often at Church, & in my room he seemed a little jealous that your letter to me was longer than the one written him.

Precious Old man pious, what a treat to have such a friend. He contributed \$20 toward my support and at my collection last night, for the Orphans & Widows of ministers, paid five dollars. The collection amounted to \$68. It will increase to \$75. Would you believe it, Mssrs Clemens & Hahn paid five Dols each, and Mr Hutton contributed also. We had a religious time, and I had great liberty in presenting to the Congregation my theme, Benevolence in the light of a privilege - from Mathew 26.6.13 inclusive. Hon was much overcome with emotion, when he asked me to put him down five &c. This is the work of the Lord & marvelous in our eyes.

We are doing well in this station. They have paid me some \$90, only yet, I am inclined to have a protracted prayer meeting embracing, ninth to the fifteenth of November, at which time bro Cooper will come to his fourth Quarterly meeting. Dear bro will you remember us earnestly then in your prayers.

The Church was glad to hear from you, and Oh how sweetly the Col prayed for you after I informed the brethren of your desire, and good will toward us. I believe I speak truly, when stating the fact, that, the members of our society here love you much.

I very much prize the kind word your lovely wife sent to one personally unknown to her, even to such a one as the humble writer. You remember I once hoped to behold her face but providence has planned better things for her. May God bless her and you & your little cherubin day by day.



Sickness is somewhat abating here. We had several in the community since your departure. Mrs Branch died, I think, since you left. Bro Clark's babe was interred last week, and so was brother Robertson whom you knew. He died in the faith. Capt Daldy died in the Garison, the burial service by Rev Mr. Meredith, Mr. Redbrook. Merchant Married by self to Miss Robertson of sing school memory.

There is scarce any Indian news. The Spaniard from Key West committed to jail here, for the murder of a free negro at Key West, was tried last week and found guilty of manslaughter. The Negro murderer will be tried this week and I suppose cleared, for we have but mock trials, impossible to hang a man in this country .

Write soon and often, direct to Jacksonville as I expect to leave soon for Conference. Please present my kindest regards to you wife, and kiss the children for their unknown friend. Pray for me always, and may the God of love and peace feed you on meat convenient for you & yours and make you abundantly useful & happy.

Yours.

D. B. Lyne

P.S. Capt Hardy has been elected Lt Col of Rogers regiment. Col Roger's wife died. Drake tried to kill his duck through jealousy at a party, they parted for a time. I am religious DBL