Dear Howard:

I write to ask you to do me a favor. I presume you are very busy now, and perhaps ought not to trouble you at this time. My one reason is that I presume you will leave the "Point" as soon as the examinations in your department are finished. I wish to know if there is any prospect for me at the Academy during the next academic year.

You may recall that I was in poor health when I sailed you in the winter. I am considerably better now but still unable to do military duty. I am improving slowly which is all that can be expected with my chronic diarrhea. I think I shall be able to attend to light duties in two or three months if I have no "break down." It will be important for me to oppose myself much fatigue &.interval severe weather and above all to unwholesome diet for several months but as I dislike to be reporting sick when I think I might be doing something useful for my country, Uncle, I am anxious to assume some situation adapted to my condition. I believe I could teach Mathematics to new cadets in a satisfactory manner to Professor Church. or perhaps the course of ethics prescribed for them - Mathematics I think on more suitable for my mind. If therefore you will speak to Mr. Church upon this subject I will be glad you will much oblige me.
I understand the professors have experienced some difficulty in obtaining instructors, those for whom they have applied being unwilling to return to the Academy or the War Department, unwilling to detail them. I think the exact difficulty will not obtain in my case, the former civil judge. I have expressed a preference for the Mathematical department, but I am not disposed to reject any position which I can fill with justice to myself and to the institution.

I am writing at my wife's brother's room, and I will thank you to address your reply to this to his care.


Please give my kindest regards to your wife and believe me,

Very truly,

E. T. Black

West Point, New York
New York June 11th, 1858

My dear Otis,

As the weather has come on very hot, mother & myself have decided that she had better accept your kind offer of your house this summer as I feel satisfied that her health will be very much worse if she stops here. You cannot imagine how warm and uncomfortable it is in the city. Mother begins to feel the effects of it already. She was very much worse yesterday, had a spell. Keep her bed most of the day.

Will you please write me Monday what arrangements she had better make and when she had better go up and if the girl you have will stay with her. I have given up my visit to Philadelphia. Have found several good chances to trip into vessels that will pay well. Have writing to Hindfield to see what he will do and when you come down Wednesday I will explain it to you and you can see the vessels.

About mother going to West Point. I knew you will do what you & Leggie think.
best if you can leave the house so
Mother could go up a day or two after you
leave perhaps it would be best then you
& Lizzie could do her hair & explain things
to her & she could get along very well
Perhaps I will come up myself & see you
about it if you think best please write me
as soon as you receive this & oblige your
affectionate cousin

S. Roby

Case J. R. Bacon Exp
No 53 South St

Please my love to Lizzie & Kiss The Children
for Uncle Roby
Dear Brother,

Having received your last letter, I am quite at ease, whether you have left West Point or not, as it will do no harm to write.

I spent a very happy vacation of over two weeks, and came back here a week ago. Ella was with me most of the time at Bath, Saugerties, Tarrytown, and Leeds.

The only drawback to my enjoyment were Aunt Martha’s tall state, and the fine state of religion in my own town. Best, thank God, there are some signs of good there. Fooleen in...
On the right road, and her hope needs not the strength that comes from faith, perseverance, and prayer.

Others are quite serious. Mr. Smales, I believe, has heard me mentioned to me. I called on Mr. S. I did not see him. I saw but readers. Unfavorable circumstances for religious conversation. Together I am to feel much better from the power of sympathy, or from the wheel of the Holy Spirit, is yet to be determined. I wished that I could have there more time to visit and converse with a man of the people. I hope much from your visit this season.

Other considerations are, is it not sufficient evidence.

Letter for your visit to see if God will bless you by giving you the same love as he, in the Ocean of your rejoicing.

I am going to be at the Respective on the 20th. I wish that you might be there. Charles Melcher has spoken in Meeting. I have not heard whether he has turned to a hope. And of the many new faces of old friends in Bath, I can only say that I have met, pleased to the name of God who behalf brings the Change! I hope a horse and carriage at Leeds and I think you'd better leave me for your journey. Our old place is with few, and there is no other house you know to be here. I hope for all your talents, that you will have a good thing.
My dear Mrs. Howard,

I will attempt another in relation to you. To come up now and see me I would be so glad to see you and dear little Guy. I would come down but can’t persuade Mr. Lee to let me. He thinks I have two children to carry about and that I better remain at home. I have adopted a little girl about five years old. She is a very interesting little creature, and I don’t like to leave them. But really I do want you and Mr. Howard to see Annie. She is looking at so everybody says she hasn’t teeth or any idea of talking or cupping but still she tries to talk and can say Papu & Mama, listen and other words. Do come up and see me. Both Mr. Lee and myself have grown up this vain world and endeavoring to serve Him who deserves all praise from
me first sinful creatures, for we have put ourselves to him, and were buried with him in baptism in the Hudson River, and now we are going to serve him trust. May God and Mrs. Howard will come us in poor prayers to God, that we may also prove faithful. Give my love to Mrs. Farnam. Mrs. Lee's.

I remain yours sincerely yours,

Annie F. Lee.
My dear Brother,

I have just arrived
from West Point with my little family
Sister. Mrs. Brown & the children are
in New York. I left them at a public house
on the way to the Navy Yard. She does
look quite so cheerful and quite so well as
when she was at West Point. I will
soon see you. Tell her how she is. All
will come New York tomorrow night, but
will probably stay over the Fourth in
Boston. Expect on Tuesday or Wednesday
of next week. I have just read a letter from
Sarah. She writes cheerfully. Aunt sends
a great deal of love & says she wishes you
would write her. She says it makes her
sick to write a letter. Percy is still here.
I hope the town of Chicago still has
clear manifestations to you. Pray for
me, dear Mother, that I may be preserved
from evils. My love to all

Your affectionate Son

O. C. Howard
Brunswick, June 26, 1858.

My dear Mother,

It has been one week since I received your letter and the money but I have not yet written to acknowledge the receipt of either. I went away Sunday afternoon to Augusta and returned there evening. Constan[t] met me at Richmond in another train on his way to Bath. I was disappointed for I had expected to see him and spend the night with him. Should not have gone up had I known he was going to Bath. I left the train at Richmond and went to Aunt Ellen's. She and her family were about at noon. They had just eaten dinner and I was specially provided for. About 3 o'clock Aunt took me to Augusta in her carriage with the Children [Candie and] Lizzie. I found at the Church a good many acquaintances among other [the] Judge of Mercer with whom I used to study.
Kent's Hill. He wanted me to go and make my home at his uncle's - Mr. Daniel Pike - but that place had been engaged by the Bangor Theological Student and it was very doubtful whether there was any room. He also told me that one of them expected to go elsewhere and would not be there, so I had the place.

It was a very pleasant family and I was acquainted with Rice, Palmer, and Leland. I spent in College, whom I was then soon for acquainted also with Shepherd - son of Prof. Shepherd; Fenney another student, and with Scowen another from the Seminary, who was a member of Otis's Club in College. I enjoyed the meetings much. Mr. Foxton went down to Wallingford, walked with Shepherd; supper - thought in the end I would come to dinner. Roland came up from Gardiner to town and with him. They had come up in the boat. I heard from Mr. Pike and wife that...
Charlie Mullins was expecting George Conard Tonge at the meeting. As I was going up to the church after dinner, met John Harrison at the Atkinson House on his way to China. He told me he had arrived at Seattle a week ago. While in August, I was expecting to see him, John didn't see Constable Well - I was from home at the church. We went to Cordova in the morning to Portland to spend the night together at Mrs. Joshua Turner’s. The morning prayer-meeting was very interesting. Mrs. Turner was the morning we were at Joshua’s - walked over with Constable. We looked for Old Mr. Turner all day. Melvin came in the morning and said Old-tired. I coming down. There was a greater crowd in Titus than on account of the Convention. I was in the hall & heard Rev. Freeman speak a few minutes, but it was too hot to stay there. Besides, I liked the exercises of
the church much better. On the after-
morn there, we listened to one of its
best sermons I ever heard from Mr. Storer. Everyone who knows him considers
him the best of men and surely he is
indicated it. The preacher was in that
Carpenter’s church in Portland. We had
in vain for Otei. After waiting uper in
the depot where we collected many of
the cars. Most of the cars had the roofs
created besides all that could get upon
the freight cars. It began to rain soon after we left Gardner where we
Richmond. I stopped a little before we
backed drivers there. This
the crowd in the cars still more intense. It
had a hard all the way from Walling-
but held a student and my companion of
way. It rained coming home after we got
at Providence as I did not get wet. That
day the children look nicely. You not
The happy in having Elois and her family with you. I was not so good a mind to go to London but concluded this would now do. And I see you have my love to Isabella and to Reggie. I am glad to hear little Grace is so pretty a baby.

I had been hoping to go to Yorke with Elois last, and that the Christie's sale exhibition in which Pocxlanti has a part is to take place on Monday evening before my examination on Tuesday. And I shall have to forgo the pleasure of accompanying Elois and Mrs. Hearing Pocxlanti's part in it. Pocxlanti may perhaps will give some account of the discoveries &c &c. of the paintings. You have probably seen Mrs. Parker before this time. I hope that about made up again in these few days. It's been only 3 morehetto advances in Calendar. The years works.
more I shall enter upon my last year in College. This year will be spent in review for the examination.

I hope to hear from home soon. Perhaps Mr. Otis will have an opportunity of writing. Plans Rodrigo's first term while it August - he is as much engaged as ever or else it Ellen.

We have daily morning prayer meeting just in Brunswick but they are not very well attended. Then have the last meetings down to Both. Will Mr. Otis come down? I have all day Wednesday to myself each week.

Vettila was much gratified to be remembered by you and she and her mother would like much to have you come down to commencement. How does the Prayer-making in the Ride's household? Hope Mr. Otis will be able to meet with them there - give my love to Father & always wish of prayer for me.

Your Affectionate Son

Chas. H. Howard
Samuel Flaxman
June 14, 1858

Dear Sir, I must take my Psalms and send you a line to let you know that we are all well at present. I believe you must write to us and we will write to you there is some of your papers that comes here and if you want them sent to you and will send them to you. I am staying at the office in the garrison. It is at the garrison office in the garrison and headquarters now, but the spot is breaking up they are sending mules of now theses next request got down with a real load of mules and horses after good Loonis is going to send off
all the Males in and around
horses there is in the
Garrison...

Good Bye for
this time

William Done

Lieutenant Allured

William G. Dunlap

William Done

Jim Dunlap
We had excellent meetings in the morning, with Mr. Docker's interest, and enjoyed the warm social atmosphere of the meetings more than the paper discussion. At least, the interest continues. If you desire to be educated, you cannot miss one of these morning meetings. Now, you could have engaged in the meetings than to leave the source of stimulating productive ideas in the climate. Let's learn in about five minutes, and I shall lead very busy all this time, leaving an opening for the discussion to prepare in addition to ordinary topics. Instead, I think, rather of gaining our space of knowledge for your use in your next session in the House. I am not much at the condition of teaching for the House, and I will not limit you to the model at all. However, I shall be able to write the best possible commentaries.

I cannot get my space,
With my thanks after my interview with him, I am to prepare to leave tomorrow if I hope to be here before Christmas. The Lord has always been kind to me in His service, and I hope He will continue to make me usefully employed. 

Dear friend, I am well as you may expect. I have not been to a religious meeting out of the house since I returned from New York. 

I heard a local preacher named Pearson, and he says that the true Spirit of a preacher is to be marked on the face of a man, and that he feels the true feeling of a preacher in his prayers and sermons. 

I am well and in good health, and I hope there will be much comfort to be had from my prayers and meditations. 

William Adams, Esq., with whom I spent some days, is a gentleman of good intentions, and I hope to see him again. 

Yours truly, 

[Signature]