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West Point July 1st 1888

Dear Cousin Otis

We arrived here safe on Monday Eve and found every thing as comfortable as we could wish, Ellen was at her Sisters on the Point and came right to the house so we had no trouble at all. Mother finds it very pleasant she enjoys it much. The Trip Barado are very kind and call to see Mother often. Miss Dermot called a day or two ago. I think we could not be pleasanter situated any where. I meet Mr Robert most every day. There is few of the officers here that I met before,

I enclose 2 letters that I found on her arrival here.

Mother's health remains about the same as when you saw her. if any thing she is not quite so strong. I have decided to remain on shore until her health improves which I fear will never be. I think that she will never recover I am more convinced than when you saw her in New York. About business arrangements I think it quite possible that I may

visit main sometime this month to see
if I can raise one or two thousand dollars
to put into a ship. write me what you
think do you think any of my friends have
got the money to lend me at 7 percent or I
invest on them on account and if they would
do it. about vessels there is a plenty of
them for sale in New York Cheap

Give my love to your mother & all folks
~~the~~ Lizzie & all our friends at Leeds
tell John Harrison that he owes me a
letter when he pays up I will write him
again. Kiss the children for me & believe
me your affectionate Cousin

J Perry Lee

Mary Lee

{ P. L. Rawland is well & happy }

Brunswick July 6, 1858

My dear Brother Otis

I mentioned in
mother's, in ~~mother's~~ letter that
I was desirous you should come
down & be near now I will
express the same to you. Ella
wants you to come & see her very
much - wants you to stay two or three
days. We would be glad to see you
this week or as soon as you can
come but want you to make
arrangements to stay several
days for I want you to spend
one night if you can't any
more with me and the rest
you must be at Bath so as
to attend the morning meeting.
Ella would be delighted to

Starch
Sugar
tea
crackers.

I look with glad
 eyes on you
 as you stand
 in the midst of
 your friends
 and family
 and I am
 glad to hear
 that you are
 all well and
 happy. I am
 ever your
 affectionate
 father

from Lizzie come & bring
both children - Say Lizzie &
Anne Pettie - her sisters would
be so happy to take care of the
little ones - I want to see
Lizzie very much & the chil-
dren - Do come either alone
or with Lizzie or the whole
family - Pettie went to Bath
with me & we had a very
pleasant day, but I cannot
write more because I want
this to go out in today's
mail?

If you come this week
we shall be ready for you
if not hope to hear a letter
before long - My love to Father & Mother -
Yours Affec. Brother
C. H. Howard

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Locks July 15. 1858

Dear Cousin Otis

Since you have
been in Maria I have not had
an opportunity to see you, ^{mostly} but thinking
that you might have some spare
funds ^{would} for which you like to be
receiving interest and I being
in debt to some one, which is now
due and having no paper on
which I can raise money, that
possibly you could lend me that
month or less, and let me pay
you in a year or if I could pay
by installments it would
become easier to me I could easily
pay \$ for a year and I would
give you satisfactory security
on real estate if you desired it

I am in what men call a snug place
as I cannot raise the money from
what paper I have altho it is due
and good and I have depended on
it until my notes become due

when I was disappointed - If you
can accomodate me it would
be a great favor. (P)

Please write me soon if it
is possible for you to help me.

There all well as usual Father
has been unwell but is now better.
Mother remains much the same.

Hoping to see you here soon
to make us a visit and hoping that
you and your family are enjoying
health and doing good in your
pastor's career.

I remain your
afft cousin

J. H. Otis

J. H. Otis

Augusta Maine
July 19th 1858

My dear Mother

We came home
last Tuesday night, visited Hallenell
on Saturday and saw all our
friends there. but our visit was
marred by Guy becoming quite ill.
We came back before it was late Saturday
evening and poor Guy lied and sent
for Dr Briggs. Saturday night Guy
had a burning fever all night. and
all day yesterday the fever continued &
last night. Sometimes it subsides & then
comes on again. He is patient and
good as he can be. We have every
attention, convenience, kindness & medical
attendance. Chas. Mulliken gives every
evidence I could ask of a "new heart".
he has his family prayer with his
wife & children twice a day. & asks a

Kissing at the table, and as far as
I can see is acting as near as he can
by God's help, as his obedient child.
Sizzie continues well. Mrs. Molliken & the
old lady wish you had come down to
the expectation. We were going to Bath
this morning at nine o'clock, but
Guy's sickness has prevented. Ann
Ellen & Seneca Ann improved for you.
They were quite well. Remember
us in your prayers. Our feelings
will be governed by the sickness
of Guy. He could not now be
moved with safety. On any
change for the better or worse
I will write you - My love to
father. Tell Cynthia when you see her
I hope she remembers her promise to
me. I have not forgotten it -
I have heard from Rowland twice
since I have been here. The first
time he said he had not been very
well but the second letter about

Say that he is well. His "feast"
was about done. We are watching
for favorable symptoms in Guy's case.
I am down street otherwise Sizzie
would send love. Grace is well &
I hope Sizzie will continue so.
She slept well last night, when
she did sleep. Guy wants her to
take him up occasionally, & then he
says "put me down, mamma." He
only remains up a half minute -
Goodbye for the present.

Emma Morris, has had an attack
of bleeding at the lungs. Thursday
& Friday of last week. She was
able to be up yesterday. All the
rest of Stephen's family are quite
well. He is much engaged in
religion. Affectionately Yrs Son
O. J. Howard

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West Point July 22nd. 1858

My Dear Eltis & Lizzie,

I have but little strength to write so you will excuse my addressing you together. We are enjoying your Cottage exceedingly the sweet sounds of music from the birds scarcely cease at all I never enjoyed the pure air of the country as I have & my health seems to improve so much that was it not for this local difficulty I should think myself almost well. I get tired easy I went to New York & Brooklyn last Monday and returned the same evening and felt quite well the next day. I feel quite free from care. Ellen does every thing so nicely. We have had three bowls of current Jelly made ^{Ellen made} all the currents up the children came in from professor's Weas yard and sobed the bushes a good deal so we only had nine quarts - we have had so many raspberries we have not used many currents except to mix with the raspberries I want to make some raspberry jam for you but fear I shall miss of it as we have had a heavy shower during the past night. Michael assumes to take good care of every thing the second week after we came up he picked string beans one day and green peas the next but the bush beans are too large and the others are not large enough and the green peas tasted but a small they were delicious - so have nothing now from the garden but raspberries & Perry has enjoyed picking them very much. all your friends have been very kind and attentive

and enquire very affectionately after all of you Mr. Dill's
mother was here when I came she heard I was here and came
with her son to see me she said she regretted very
much she could not see you as her son had written
to her so much about Lieutenant Howard and he said
he could never express the gratitude he felt to him and
said all the sections felt the same and intended to
present a sword in token of their affection, but Col. Henshaw
told them they could not make presents - Mr. Foster called
I was out, he is in Maine. Mr. Carter has called too, his father
has been here and wanted to see Lieutenant Howard - Mr. Wright
comes to see us often. Mr. Roberts & the Berards are exceedingly
attentive and kind. Miss Dumait. Mrs. Mear, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Doherty
& daughter, Mrs. Delfield & daughter - the Miss Thompsons professor
Frank Mr. C. Mann and his daughter Miss Clark have called also
Miss Larnel. They all enquire so very kindly all about you
and speak so affectionately about the dear children Mrs. Wren spoke
of her danger at the time she had the marble in her throat
she spoke of her as that dear lamb and that angelick child
I was quite in love with Mrs. Wren I have seen her two or three
times and have seen her babies - and Mrs. Gilmore has fine baby
too Mrs. Gilmore said she was prevented from calling on Mrs.
Howard before going to Brooklyn and since her return Mrs.
Howard had not called on her - she is a very pleasant lady
I have not been to the Sunday school the weather is so
hot that Perry will not consent for me to go out at
that hour as the hills would be steep for me to go
down We hear from Frank and Sarah often they are
quite well Perry has had some offers for business but
he does not think I better write any thing about business
as I am not able to attend to any thing myself and
I try not to disturb myself about those things I
cannot control I hear from Silas often and also Mother
here and all friends - I do wish you Mother would
write to me give a great deal of love to her & Col.
Gilmore also to Roland Charles & Rodolphes and Miss
the dear children for me. Why don't Ensign write
to me? do I owe him a letter - you must tell all my
friends I have so many letters to write to my Mother
that I am apt to put off writing to other relatives but
I would love to write do remember me affectionately
all of my relatives and all enquiring friends Ensign
and John Harrison Hallen & their dear children & Susan
the Ellen & family - good by in haste your affectionate
Aunt Ann O'Brien

Fort Kearney, N.Y. 126
July 28, 1868

Dear Otis:-

In looking over
my old letters the other day
I found, in one of them, that
I was indebted to you \$6.75 for
ammunition got while in Florida.
I recollect of writing to Mother
to pay the bill, while you were
on furlough in Maine, & I am
ashamed that it has not been
paid before. I enclose herewith
a check for the amount.
Since I left you in Florida,
I am happy to say that I have
got along very pleasantly indeed.
When I came to this post, I was
made a, a, q, m, a, a, c, s & Post Adj.
all of which duties I have just
been relieved from, after performing
them thus far, to the satisfaction of
my Commanding Officer, Capt. J. P.
McBarn. Capt. McBarn left here
yesterday, & I am in command
of the Company.

Since I came to this post, I have
had fine sport, hunting Buffalo
& other wild game never enjoyed
such hunting before.
Col. May, recently took command
of the post & three companies came
here with him, so there will be
4 companies here during the
coming winter.

Nothing of particular importance
has recently been heard from
the army in Utah.

Please write to me on the
receipt of this, I believe me
to be

Truly Yours
W. C. Cushman

to
Lieut. H. Howard
Fort Point
N. Y.