

H. S. D. Lee

Fort Randall N.Y.

August 6th 1859

My Dear Howard

Allow me to introduce
to your favorable notice 1st
Sgt. H. Jackson of the 4th Artillery
who is to appear before the Ex-
amining Board for promotion
to a Commission in the Army

Sgt. Jackson stands high
in the Regiment as a Soldier
a man of intelligence, and
so far as is known, his Charac-
ter is unexceptionable - He
was highly recommended by the
Regimental Board before which
he appeared - Any assistance
to the Sergeant, in the shape
of advice, looks, or in any other
way that might suggest itself

to you will be considered by
me in the shape of a personal
favor - Please bring him to
the favorable notice of the Board
if you think proper

Yours truly
Stephen D. Lee

To
Lieut O. C. Howard
West Point
N. Y.

for many years: On Tuesday
I visited Oss Island &
called on 7 families: 2
took the cars Wed at 2 1/2
P.M. - Keen, Liz. took Ellen &
both with the horse - You
see that I spent only one
night in Bangor - I called
on Mr. Stevens & Mrs. Shepard
& found both families well:
Chas. Whitten helped me
pack my trunks and I
was off at 6. the next
morn. - There is no fishing
here & I have kept pretty
quiet today - getting rested
for tomorrow & the Sabbath:
Pray for us that God will
enable us to encounter &
overcome the difficulties
before us & to advance the
cause of our Redeemer - Are
to all the family: Will you
not write me soon at Patten
your affectionate Mother
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Aug. 17, 1858

Dear Brother

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I write this as
much for Mother's sake
as your own: of course all
will read it - I arrived
here from Bangor at 7. last
evening, after the best &
dusty ride of 60 miles - the
boats run to a place about
ten miles below here in the
Spring & Fall, when the water
is high: & I hope to go back
by them: There is no stage
to Patten till tomorrow: &
then we ride in an open
waggon over a rough road
35 miles - 20 of which is an
unbroken forest - The country
between here & Bangor is
a natural waste - most
of the way - very few farms

and only one thrifty village
(Lincoln) on the route. It
is a flat sandy or boggy
country with a growth of low
firs & spruces - as dismal
& uninteresting in the way
of scenery as any you have
seen. The Penobscot has low
banks & looks as if it were
made merely for a lumbering
stream. From Lincoln to this
point (13 miles) things look
a little better - there are
islands in the river & some
respectable looking farm
houses. There are a great
many mean run taverns
on the route. This is a very
respectable house & in a
pretty place - not big enough
to be called a village tho.
There is a great deal of travel
here - but it is of the lowest

kind. I never heard so
much profanity in so
short a time in my life
before. I asked two men
to have mercy on me yester-
day aboard the coach
& they kindly stopped. I
left Hallowell Tuesday night.
Mr. Lander had been to carry
some people to the Mansion
House & he gave Ella & me
a ride up. We staid at
Capt. James & Wills forenoon.
rode down to Penobscot Wharf
to see a cousin of Es. Mon.
Night in Hallowell we
had a delightful little
prayer meeting on Birch
Island. Ella Mr. & Mr. Parker
tho? & a few others were
over. We had it at the
house of an old lame
gentleman who has
not been off the island

Lowiston August 16, 59

Friend Howard

Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th is at hand
& I was glad to have a line from
you & Lizzie, it being the first
that I ever had from you.
Lizzie is quit sick with the
summer complaint - not so but
^{what} she does her work -

I have seen Mr Smith he
will be up with those grave
stones Saturday if it does
not rain, he will come up
with a part of it Friday -
Sarah is at the shop yet -
She says that she will give
you as much for that slab
as Mr Smith will - -
we have a Picnic here from

Weythrop tomorrow you &
I had better come down
Abellia & Nora send their
love to all — I am in the
shop again — I will send
the trunk tomorrow afternoon

From Your Obedient
Servant
Sam^l Hicks

Leicester August 14th 59
Received of O^r Howard
Thirty five dollars In full
up to this date
Sam^l Hicks

Mrs Williams

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New Bingham, Aug. 22^d / 59.

Lieut. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Having seen you,
& heard much of you from friends,
I take the liberty of intruding upon
your time - hoping you will be at the
"Point" in season to speak an encour-
aging word to a Sergeant of my
husband's Company, (Co. 4th Battery)
who is to appear before the board
of examiners, on the 1st Monday
in Sept. — We feel very much
interested in Sergeant Jackson
& wish him success — but his oppor-
tunities for acquiring military
knowledge have been so limited

for several years, he may not be fully
prepared - May I ask, then, in the
sergeant's behalf, that you will befriend
him? If you can give him an
insight into the subjects upon which
he will be examined, it may be the
means of promoting his advancement -
& you will greatly oblige our husband
& myself - I hope your wife & children
are well, & that you have spent a
pleasant summer among friends - &
feel in health & spirits for the duties
of the coming winter - Mr Cousins -
(The Swiss Phillips) wish to be kindly
remembered - We would like much to
know if you have returned to the
Point. With kindest regards to you
wife & self - Believe me,
Your sincere friend -
M. A. Williams.

Lieut. J. C. Howard -
West. Point.

N. Y.

Wright M. H.

cherish & cultivate the friendship of
honest men & women -

I can fully appreciate the change
from a Cadet to something else - kind
of a transitory state of being - something
like a human voice; changing from
boyhood to manhood - I will hardly say
that I feel like a "gosling" though the
term might be appropriately applied -

I hope the Matinée, of which you
spoke, turned out better than was antic-
ipated - Wheeler wrote to me from
Georgia a few days since - I heard from
Lockett too - You can tell Miss C. if she
has not heard - that he is still living -

Remember me to Charles, Minnie
& Emily - to Burdett & C. -

I hope that we may yet have the
chance of meeting again - Talking over
"old times" - With my kindest wishes for
your success & happiness - I am, as ever

Yr. affectionate classmate,
M. H. Wright.

Please I'm a little
surprised to know who
in the circle have
mentioned my photo-
graph - I feel & receive
from my 2 - Misses D
C - Burdett & Dora -
I had 10 - I
guess folks will
think me quite
vain to be
mentioned
my "photo" about
so frequently -

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Cumtugdon, Tenn. Aug. 22. 1839.

Dear Chauncy:

I am exceedingly
obliged to you for your kindness in
attending so promptly to the little
affair concerning which I wrote - for
the Pay Accts - I trust you have not
concluded, that it was rather a bore,
to have such a correspondent - always
asking little favors &c. Of one thing
you may rest assured - that is, you
have the most hearty thanks of your
unworthy friend - & shall ever have
a claim upon his gratitude - I
mention the matter to you, not doubting
in the least your perfect willingness to
do any one such a favor - but because
I know that there are those, so selfish
& unfeeling, & dead to every friendly impulse,
as to enur at another for being so obliging
as you have been to me - Some

such, no doubt, we have all seen -

I trust that I may be able, at some time, to repay the favor - Though I would never wish you to be placed in a similar "fix" -

As yet, I have heard nothing from my box - but hope to hear something of its whereabouts, in a fortnight.

As for the Agent at West Point &c. it is all clear of them. I took it myself to New York; & there I got another receipt from the Express Office, in person -

However I shall not trouble myself much more about it - I have written to all the Stations around me - to St. Louis - Louisville &c. &c.

I feel quite sure that you all will have to remain some time yet - for reasons you stated - & that was the main reason why I objected to staying back - Not wanting to remain so long from home, & disliking the responsibility - though I may be flattering

myself to think of such a thing -

I know that you must be enjoying yourselves very much - & will regret it a little, upon leaving - Really I feel very much attached to the place, & the good people of its vicinity; at whose hands I recd. so much kindness - I never shall forget them I trust - The young Ladies, of whom you spoke, are well worthy of the good opinions of all -

I would gladly have you remember me kindly to them all - Present my kindest regards to the Misses Harder & Miss Dumick(?) who are so kind as to have you remember them to me -

What a glorious time you must have with them all at the "Hops" & at their homes & around generally - After all, Reuse, what is this life without the good feelings of all our friends - & the friendship of all around? A few selfish souls may spurn such an idea, but those prompted by the ordinary feelings of humanity will ever

The advantage of being 1st Assistant is that I will have ten dollars additional pay. Whatever may turn up I will have a new course of Mathematics to teach & will have to study more than heretofore. As I am away from Lizzie & the children, they can send no message by this letter. I hope this will find you well & happy. God give you strength to pray for us for many years. I hope, my dear mother you will remember me personally in your prayers, that I may not fall into temptation & that I may do my duty faithfully in the fear of God. Give my regards to all inquiring friends.

Very affectionately Yours
Son O. P. Howard

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New York City (Mr Bacons office)
August 26th 1859

My dear Mother,

I will begin and give a brief account of our journey thus far, as doubtless it will be interesting to you. We went on very pleasantly from Mr Brewsters. They fell asleep in my arms just below Leeds junction and slept till we got to Harbourn. Aunt Sarah Jones came aboard at Lewiston & went over with us to Auburn. So Lizzie had time enough to talk with her. After considerable search, I found a Sophomore Student, a pleasant young man, by the name of Verrill, who kindly consented to deliver the package with which I was intrusted to deliver. After we got to Portland, I sent the family to Mr Waites in a carriage, and went myself to look after the baggage & secure a stateroom &c and then walked up. We had a lunch there & stopped to tea. Started in good season & all walked to the boat, but Grace whose room in "Indies & Papi's Arms" by turns. We were on board "the Montreal" some time before the boat left (some 15 minutes). We were just leaving, when who should we find but Poley Poley & his family. There was considerable swell & the boat began to rise & fall & rock sensibly. Mrs Poley felt sick, then Lizzie hastened to her room. soon Susan was taken & they declared there was something in

his throat. But Guy & Grace were soon in bed & asleep & showed no more signs of sickness. Lizzie & Susan, however, differing from Charlie, were sick enough to do them some good. To add to the discomfort, it was quite foggy and an intermittent whistle kept the surrounding waters informed of our whereabouts. I was kindly offered a berth in a room nearly opposite Lizzie's - and after going in about ten & finding them all quiet, I went to my room & slept till morning. We arrived in Boston very late somewhere about 8 a.m. and went with Percy under a heavy rain to the United States Hotel. There we sat down for the day. I went to find Ch^s Mulliken. & with him went to his house in Ashland place. Mrs Mulliken then accompanied us to see Lizzie. We had a room for the day & the children got rested & refreshed before evening. Mr Percy went at 3 P.M. via Springfield. He said he had a "free pass" from Springfield home for himself & wife. It continued to rain all day. I purchased my tickets in the morning, but was told in the afternoon I had better go by another route (not the Fall River) on account of the storm. but I thought I would risk it as I had got my tickets already. It cleared up & the sun came out just as we started and we had a delightful ride to Fall River. We left Boston at the usual time 5 1/2 P.M. & were at Fall River by 7. We found Professor Bartlett of West Point on the car. He told us of some of the changes at West Point. Lieutenants Baird, Sumner and Blunt of the Mathematical Department have been ordered away, and several officers of the other Departments, so much

so that West Point will soon quite a new face socially, whether improved or not remains to be determined. We went on board the Empire State got two rooms adjoining as I did not like to leave my family - if it was going to be rough. Grace & Susan had a wide berth. They with Lizzie occupied one room & Guy & I the other. We were to bed before 9 & contrary to expectation had a smooth & pleasant night. All slept comfortably till morning. We got to the wharf near the Battery by 8 o'clock. Then after sending my baggage to the boat "Thos. Powell" for West Point we walked across the Battery Park to the Brooklyn ferry. The children saw a military company with a band, all on horseback; just as we were crossing the street, they passed along playing. We crossed to Brooklyn & went on up to Maria Supper's. where Miss Maria gave us all a breakfast which was by this time particularly relished by the children. I have left them there. I am here looking after the vessel. Percy & Silas have gone to Maine. Aunt had a portion of her cancer, or rather one of her cancers removed. I have learned no further particulars about her than what we already know. We shall go to West Point by the Thomas Powell this evening leaving the foot of Jay St. at 3-45 P.M.

There is a small prospect of my being made Professor Church's first assistant. It will depend on the new officer ordered there. if either of them rank me I cannot obtain the place, if they do not I think Professor Church will gladly give it to me.

(at mine house)

there, if you could get time -
I went to the college prayer-
meeting yesterday forenoon.

It was very interesting. The number
of students present about forty -
They seemed to be all very much
engaged - We shall probably have
a chapel prayer meeting in our chapel.
The number of Christians in our
class is few is small. I have
been making some inquiries -
All the fellows on this story of
this end are pious fellows, so
we don't have much noise. I think
I have got into a good neighborhood -
I read your letter at home. I should
think that you had got into a rather
hard place or else you was a little
home sick when you wrote last to
mother. I must study. Write me
soon. As ever your aff. brother
R. B. Gilmore

R. B. Howard - Pastor

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Yord. Coll. Aug. 29. 1859.

My Dear Brother:

I am now in
college and what to say about it
I hardly know. I like what I
have seen of college life well-
much better than I had any
hopes of when I was here at
Commencement. I came here
on Tuesday and on Wednesday
morning I went to work as fast
as I could to fix up my room.
There were not more than 20
students here then. I got all
settled before Friday night and
was very glad that I came so
early. Many of the boys have not
got half of their things fixed
yet. and we commenced
writing this morning.

Our class is the largest that has
ever entered at this season in
the term. It numbers fifty
five. Tutu Tucker thinks that
there will be nearly seventy
in all before the end of the
Sophomore year. The Sophomore
class have had ten or twelve
added to their class - most of them
from Waterville College -

I went down to Bath on Saturday
to see Ella having got the
impression that she was going to
Roxbury today and I thought I
would like to see her before she
went. I found that she started the
day before. I came back as I
intended in the evening train.
I had a pleasant visit. I like
Capt. Patten very much. I
have never seen him before -

They are progressing finely with
their house. It is now almost
finished. Everything looks
new and nice about it.
I made Mrs. Frost a call on
Friday evening. She said "give
my regards to Rowland when you
write him" and I suppose you have
it. I like the fellows in my "end"
very much. Many of them are
juniors much more pleasant
than it would have been had
they been all Sophomores ~~the~~ the
way they are in the other end -
Nettie has gone to Portland to
make a visit. I have not yet
seen her. She will not teach this
fall, as it was supposed a short
time ago. Mrs. Mayman frequen-
tly speaks of you. She inquired
when you would again come
this way on your way to Bath.
Laid she supposed you would stop