My dear Sir

Please accept my thanks (& you will certainly have those of our readers) for your very interesting & valuable letter which will appear in this weeks Observer. It contains a great amount of information which will encourage the hearts of Christians & which I trust will lead to more earnest prayer on behalf of those who are called to bear arms in defence of our common country. The information too relates to a class of which little is known of a religious character among christians generally.

As you did not expressly authorize the publication of your letter in full I have omitted the initials but published the letter entire.

I will forward you several copies.

Yours very truly

EDG Prime
Portland Aprill 6 1860

Lieut OO Howard
Dear Sir

I now enclose you the Cashiers Check of Canal Bank on the Bank of New York for two hundred twenty two dollars being Amt. of dividend, due your good Wife on Rail Road Bonds and Bank Stock. I expected to have Sent you with this the Certificate of 4 shares of Bank Stock, which I purchased long ago as I before advised you, but the Cashier being unwell and not at the Bank, the certificates were not ready to day, but they will draw interest all the Same. Shall undoubtedly get the certificate to forward you 1st of the week perhaps tomorrow.

Love to all

Your Affectionate Uncle
E Waite

Bonds   150
Casco   44
Canal   28
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$222
Portland Aprill 7 1860

Lieut O O Howard
Dear Sir

I wrote you yesterday enclosing Check on Bank of New York for $222. I was not then sure of getting the Certificate of Stock which I now enclose. I paid for this long time ago so as get it at original cost. I could not get it in Casco or Canal at any price. Should you prefer the Cash I think it will readily Sell at a small advance. I have taken some stock in the same Bank and consider it as Good as any Bank in the City.

Please acknowledge Recpt and Oblige
Love to all from
Your Affectionate Uncle
E. Waite
Portland Aprill 21/60

Lieut O O Howard
Dear Sir

On the 6 inst I enclosed a Check for 222 on the bank of New York, directed to you. Also on 7th I enclosed certificates for 4 Shares Bank Stock.

Please inform me if the Same have been recvd.

In haste

Yours truly
E Waite
New York April 21 [1860]

Dear Otis

I received your Card on my return to New York and was sorry not to have seen you or Lizzie but I did not get back as soon as I expected and since then have been very busy getting the Lucy-Darling ready for sea or I should have been up to see you. I go this evening to Boston and shall be back Tuesday morning and shall sail about the 1st of May for Nassau. I should like much to have Charles go out with me but think with you it is rather late in the season for him to enjoy the trip or to benefit his health as it will be very warm in Nassau when I am there.

I got a letter from Sarah yesterday. She said she hoped Charles would come out and visit them but thought they would not want a teacher at Inagua for less than a year.

With much love to Lizzie and the children and Charles, I remain your affectionate Cousin
Perry

PS tell Miss Gray I will not be able to make that visit to Pokepsie this trip but I will try and spend one night with you before I sail.

Perry
East Cambridge Apl 30th [1860]

Dear Cousin Otis

I hope you will excuse me for this intrusion when I say to you I have been thinking for some time writing you and enquiring for your brother Charles Henry who I suppose has been spending the winter with you, (but do not know certainly) and desire you to give him my respects and say to him when he returns to Maine I wish him to come and spend some time with me on his return, which would give him an opportunity of seeing and hearing whatever might be of interest to him. How is his health? I have not had a word from your Mother or Uncle Ensign for a long time.

Please write me all you may know of our Maine friends. I have written Laura Ann [See Note 1] but have had no answer. I have had a letter recently from Martha Jane, Fenderson, Warren and Martha Martin, also one from Perry Lee, Addison Martin and Mr Sargent and Sarah. All of the above mentioned were well together with their families. Perry Lee was here to see us a week since. He appeared courageous and energetic notwithstanding his ill fortune.

My family are all well. Oliver remains in the same drug store where he has been for so long a time. Rodman with his Father, Lester goes to school &c [See Note 2]. I suppose Guy has got to be quite big in size and mind for I hear you are a model Father. No doubt you have more time to devote to the interest of your children than most of Parents. Your little girl I have never seen but hope when you visit Maine with your family you will take the trouble to come and spend some time with me. I should enjoy a visit from you and would endeavour to do all in my power to make it agreeable to yourself and wife to whom give my best respects and kiss the children for me. (I would like to do it better myself however.)

Now to come to the point. I have moved, a short distance from where I lived when you were here. We have a large convenient and airy house, plenty of room to make you and all your family comfortable without inconvenience if you will take the trouble to come and see us.

I will give you directions that you may have no trouble in finding us upon your arrival in Boston. Take a carriage to the Revere house from which the cars start every ten minutes for East Cambridge. Get into the cars and say to the conductor where you wish to stop and he will leave you at our door, it being the second Brick house from the Cor. of Otis and Third Sts. Our name is on the door. You cannot have any trouble in finding us. Leave your Baggage left at the Revere house and we can send for it.

Remember me affectionately to Charles if he is with you and if not with you when you write him, please forward my wishes and also my directions and oblige

Yours affectionately
O.B. Hazard [Olive B. (Woodman) Hazard]

PS we have a fine play-ground for children in front of the house.


[Note 2. Olive and her husband Samuel had three sons, Oliver Woodman (b. Jan. 10, 1841), Thomas Rodman (b. Apr, 1843) and Samuel Lester Jr. (b Sep. 23, 1854).]