
1149 8/7/1860

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Bro Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1091

Harpswell

Source: Bowdoin

Harpswell August 7th 1860

Dear Bro Otis

Will you please to apply to the Town Clerk for a certificate of intention to Marry & bring it with you when you come. You need not mention it to any one else & Town Clerks can keep mum. Be careful about the names - mine is Rowland Bailey &c & my intended was christened Mary Ellen. I am sorry to say. As this matter is essential, I hope it will come out right. I heard from Ella yesterday. She complains of Dispepsia & her Mother of Summer complaint, but I hope their troubles are temporary. I will go over to Bath the first of the week. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will give notice that you will address the people here a week from next Sabbath.

I had a good Sabbath, think I will exchange next Sab.

Have just returned from visiting some families on Orrs Island where I staid last night. Can't you come down Friday. Write when you will come & we will try to meet you at Brunswick.

Dr Quimby caused Lizzie Patten to have one good nights rest & Ella thinks she will go & spend some time with him in Sept.

Everybody wants you to preach here & everybody enjoyed the prayer meeting.

No new indications of interest. I am trying to get a Deacon chosen & a good subscription made for a regular minister. Pray for me. Give my Love to Lizzie, Mother, Father, Charles, Dellie & the dear children. I will expect to see them all at Bath the 21st. Del & Charles could come to Brunswick Monday & go down Tuesday morn.

Father & Mother can go directly to Capt Pattens. So Lizzie & the children. They will expect all & I hope Lizzie will get there before even. She would be at home on such an occasion.

Man proposes God disposes. I try to leave all with him & prepare not to be disappointed, if He should hinder & thwart my poor plans. I would like to have one of yr Discourses directed to young converts, & one to the "dead in trespasses & sins".

Your affectionate Brother
Rowland

The "Certificate" is given after five days notice. I will hand you the fee - 50 cts. R.

1150 8/7/1860

From: Ella [Patten]

To: Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-1092

Bath

Source: Bowdoin

Bath Aug. 7th 1860

Dear Otis,

I received your note this afternoon, and went down directly, and bought the silk. Will send it by Express tomorrow, unless I can think of some other better way to send it.

$2 \frac{1}{2}$ yds at \$1.15 a yd = \$2.87 $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\$3.00 - \$2.87 \frac{1}{2} = .12 \frac{1}{2}$

which I will send you with the silk, if it doesn't go by express. If it does, why that will just pay for it, and we shall be square.

If you go out to Harpswell, a week from next Sunday, why wont Lizzie and the children come here & stay the remaining time? We would like to have them very much, and it will not be inconvenient at all. Please tell your father & mother, and the rest, that we can accommodate them all, the night before the grand affair, but they will have to be packed pretty closely! And so will you all. We expect them all to come here.

I am glad Grace is so well. I hope all the sickness is fairly over, now. Papa has gone to Portland, to the Bell & Everett Convention! I don't know what's come over Papa, I'm sure.

Goodnight with Love to Lizzie, Charles & all.

Ella

1151 8/13/1860 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-1093

Bath

Source: Bowdoin

Bath Aug 13, 1860

Dear Brother

I preached in Topsham on exchange yesterday & came down here this morn. Am glad you can be in Harpswell next Sabbath. I wish you would write if you have not already when you will come. If I do not hear from you, you must look out for a passage down Sat. P.M. Perhaps Thos. Eaton will be up. I hope Lizzie & the children will come to Brunswick. Helen is very desirous to see the children. Guy particularly. Mary Russell (Mrs Pattens girl) is sick with a sore hand. This rather disables them. Sorry to hear that Dellie is unwell. I shall be disappointed if all my Brothers are not at our Wedding. I suppose Dellie will stay down, as the Term will commence so soon. Perhaps he & Chas had better come to Bruns. Monday & come down to Bath Tues morn. Give my love to Nettie. She will find a note Enclosed.

Love to Mother. If she & Father come by cars to Brunswick, we can meet them there Monday. Please see that Uncle Ensign looks nicely if you can. Hope there is no mistake about the certificate. You did not mention receiving my letter about it. I will return to Harpswell by the middle of the week. Ella sends love to all. She is not very well.

Your aff. Bro.
Rowland

Ella did not know that Nettie was at Leeds or her invitation would have gone in the package.

1152 8/16/1860 *From:* WH Merrick

To: My dear Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1094

Source: Bowdoin

Aug 16 / 60

My dear Otis

I have kept my weather eye open for an investment for your money and now have one which promises well - so send on the money as soon as you like. It is in a suburban Passenger R. way which I think will pay well.

I hope you will let us hear from you before long. Maria was well frightened when she heard what was the matter with you and I feel very thankful that no evil resulted from the vicinity of such a disagreeable disease.

I wrote to Rowland a few days since inviting him & wife to pay us a visit when they are on their wedding tour. Maria called on Mrs Winthrop Tappan after she got home. Mrs T said she intended inviting them to pay her a visit so between the two houses I hope Rowland will find sufficient inducement to try the experiment. We hear from Hallowell that Grandfather arrived safely, but is failing. My impression is that he will not get to Phila again. I saw him for a moment on my return trip, while at Cambridge. I suppose you have heard that we encountered Fenderson & Warren Woodman on board the Portland boat. Uncle Ensign was with them and recognized me, otherwise I presume we should not have become known to each other as Maria has grown so much since they saw her last.

Give my love to Mrs H and the little ones whom I hope are all well.

We are flourishing like green bay trees. Maria had a touch of dysentery for a day or so but is mending rapidly.

Let me hear from you soon and tell us how the Grebles are. Mrs G was just on the point of returning to WP when Maria called there, her children a being sick.

Yr Very Truly & Affy
WH Merrick

1153 8/27/1860 *From:* F.T. Sargent

To: Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-1095

Nassau

Source: Bowdoin

Nassau Aug 27, 1860

Dear Otis

I am so full of business (Mr Darling being absent) that I have no time to write you a letter just now, but as I have just given a letter of introduction to Lieut Col Bouchier (we pronounce it Bowcher) C.V. Royal Engineers, I thought I would drop you a line so that you might know of his coming. He has been here as Colonel of the Engineer department for about three years, and we all regret his departure very much. He has won many medals in the Crimean War, but is one of the most unassuming men you ever met, and I hope he will pay West Point a visit, and if so that he will receive that attention from the officers there, that his rank & bravery ought to command. It will be particularly gratifying to me if he does, as he is a man of very liberal ideas and would highly appreciate attention from our American officers.

I am very busy, having four or five wrecks on my hands and about all the work to attend to. I have recently been admitted into the firm of J Darling & Co and since then have had all that I could attend to. Mr Darling will be out in the next steamer & then I shall be relieved of some of my responsibility.

I suppose you have been at Leeds this Summer and had a good rest. I enjoyed our visit there last summer very much, and hope some day or another to see them all again. Our Summer has been very hot, but not unhealthy - the children are troubled with "prickly heat" a great deal, & poor baby has been a perfect Job all summer, but is now getting rid of his ampules. Sarah has been very well except her troublesome head aches, and as for myself I am better than I was three months ago, and able to undergo quite an amount of labor. I think if all goes well with us we shall go north next summer for a while, but that is so far ahead that I do not look forward to it with any degree of certainty.

Perry left here a few days ago for Matanzas with a cargo of salt and from there will no doubt go to New York. He has a good vessel, and I hope will make some money this time. I rather think Bacon was the only one who made anything out of the Bark - his commissions &c paid him well.

Sarah joins me in love to you all. Brother Charles came out in this Steamer, and will remain until the next. We are glad to have him with us.

Your Aff Cuz
F.T. Sargent