Washington Arsenal, 1st May, 1861.

My Dear Sir.

I am detained at this place by Major Ramsay's in command, and Lieut. 2d Infty; Shunk, Brown, and Thorne — Lieut. 4th Arty; are on duty here, with one company of Artillery, and the Adjutant, Major 1st Dragoons. Upwards with a thousand men. Upwards with a light battery is here on guard when the President arrives for a visit of Virginia. I am a witness of the scene in which Mr. Ca-

[illegible] to tell Carroll that I was at his Father's night before last, and saw Mr. Carroll, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Mercer, and Miss. Carroll — Miss. Sallie was well, but absent — and they were all quite well. Mr. Carroll had just returned from Frederick, Md. and said that there was great probability that Maryland would not secede from the Union.

We are in absolute ignorance of movements south of the Potomac. The newspaper accounts are all fudge. Mrs. Stevens was in Richmond, and it is believed that there are some S. C. troops there, but nothing more definite is known.

If any letters have arrived or should arrive — I do not expect that any have — I will be obliged if you will receive them, and forward them to me in Washington City.

Please present my kind regards to Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Wing, Mrs. Carroll, to Carroll, and to my boys, and kiss the children for me.

Yours truly,

L. F. Hammond.

L. F. H.

at most paralyzed military affairs, at least, in this district. Even until now this point where the from the amount of arms here is more important, than the Capitol and the White House both together, is left so exposed that, until the recent accession of troops in the troops, it might have been captured at any time by a force of three hundred men. Within three or four days this Dist. has been formed into the Department of Washington, and Col. Mansfield placed in command, and day before yesterday Mr. Lincoln came down in person to inspect, so that it is believed that there will be a larger force here before long. It is designed to place

place also the troops on a much more at a convenient point in the neighborhood of the City, before many days. But while probably the main hope is the Capital - commanding this, in the metropolitan land of the U.S. Very truly, and entirely your's,

The reason of the R.S. Day there, are entirely unexplained. The reason of the recognition of two other Officers, and the removal of the capital by Battalions there in which only of Wm. Lincoln's friends is not. We have an enemy in the field a strong and determined, the bravest which the Department will encounter. The loitering by Canada which I feared that they were about to make with Jeff. Davis I hope are now in the City, here many days when they will have 20,000! It is difficult to estimate any where the hour thus long, but I

Truly

ington May 1st 1861

Lincoln

I arrived here Saturday eve in company with Lieut Robert & Dr Shammel could not have got here if I had not been with Mr Robert as I presume you heard his Pop we had a hard time getting through but I was glad to get here under any circumstances

I presented my letters to Mr Fullie and Judge Cornell one here seem them after they are doing all they can for me

I shall rest here until

it would be in New York so I shall remain here a week or so and see what turns up I will write you how I succeed from time to time with many thanks my dear Cousin for your kind note I remain your truly

G W Lee

Write me at 286 F St with care of Mrs Robert

Perry

any thing you guess here

Mrs Carol
with them
any one fr
heim to m
Mr Carr
yesterday to
of the Navy who will
do all in his power for
me. Mrs Fuller presented
me to Commodore Smith
who seems pleased to do
all he can and has advised
me what to do.
I had a letter also to
Mr Welles Sec of the Navy
which I presented to him
but have had no evidence
with him yet but have
sent in my application
and shall have to wait
patiently for what will
turn up. Commodore Smith
thinks my services
will be required and
I have better wait for
a while.
If I could get letters
from the Senators from
Maine they would be of
great service to me. I
have thought of writing
to Stratfield to see
if he could get any
for me. I know the
Washburns very well
and think they would
send me letters. What do
you think of it.
I am Boarding at a
private boarding house
that Mrs Fuller recommended
me to at 7 dollars a week
so it is as cheap for
me to remain here as

Washington D.C.
May 9/61

My dear Howard.

I have just communicated the substance of your letter to Col. Ripley, he had not time to read it, and he desires me to say that he does not see any impropriety in the course you intend to pursue. I must say that I do not myself. It would be careful to state the objects of my resignation

so rather what course I intended to pursue in entering into the volunteer service.

That is the course which McBrook has taken, & then was blame cast upon him for so doing.

Kindest regards to Mrs Howard & in a great hurry I remain

Your friend

J. G. W. Perkins

Washington City
May 9th 1861

Dear Howard

Your letter inquiring about my quarters was received last week, I must apologize for not having answered it sooner, but the fact is there is so much confusion in the city that one forgets everything except his meals — I have no objection to your occupying my quarters for the present — provided of course you give them up when I want them I have very little idea now of returning to the Point, but should I do so I will probably want the same quarters I occupied before — The only furniture I possessed was in the back room second floor — You can use it if you wish; it would be kept in

better order by use than by packing up. The Cadets have just arrived. Nothing new yours ~~to~~

A. Piper

a more solid basis. Most Christian men in these parts feel that God has stretched forth his arm & that a reckoning is come — that the relic of past barbarism which like an iceberg set down in the North & floated down into the Gulf Zone has found its freezing — may down into the middle of the 19th century — that this impotent remnant of another age must be melted away & perish forever.

I dont think we have a lack of wisdom or of true courage & decision in our Executive at Washington & we have the best man for the place in the State for our Governor. With the Cloud of fervent faithful prayer which are going up the right the cause of humanity, of religion, of Christ shall prevail — I will stay at home & pray or go where Providence dictates & there pray & do with the help of my Saviour what my hands find to do.

Prof. Russell is here at present giving an Elocutionary Lecture. I have often wished for your coming that there lectures. They would do you great good as well as be a pleasant entertainment. He is a white haired man & may never come again but we hope to have him next year. He nobly recited an extract from one of Webster's speeches on Union the other eve & was heartily cheered I assure you. He has often heard Daniel Webster. Have you read some of the great sermons which have been called out by these times? I think we are living in an age long to be remembered. How contemptible the man who shrinks from the post of duty now. Pardon

I will add more some time today. It is a charming morning. I sent Rowland your previous letter. Have not had time to read your recently. I will. Now I think it is as it must this bright morning upon flag-embellished paper-war! Affectionately yours to behold

Bangor May 10th 1861

My dear brother

Nothing could have given me more pleasure than did the receipt of your letter from you last evening. But your communication did a good deal of startling news. I am becoming accustomed to startling news but it usually comes in the Papers. I like the idea of your offering your services to Gov. Washburn. Some body who knows you has been inquiring what you were going to do. I felt confident you would not be wanting when your duty might call and now we so much need good & experienced officers for our raw recruits. I saw enough of the militia last year to be a good deal shocked at the conduct & appearance of Volunteers. There will be a sad lack of discipline. Bras arrived safely at least around Prince were this morning by the morning gun at the Arsenal grounds. The first of the kind I have heard since at West Point. They have one regiment up there. It is in right of the State. They have elected their own officers. I believe Sebat Roberts who was I think in college with you in a lower class in Lewiston Col. They are forming another reg. here in fact I think they have companies enough in the county for another. I should think the Lewiston Co. would think of you but I suppose there are many more ambitious to take the offices and without some previous intimation from you hardly anyone would have thought of your leaving the reg. Some. I was pleased to see Maj. Anderson was at the head of a Brigade of Regt

Particularly pleased this morning also to see that Col. Mansfield (whom I knew at W.P. & better from your own accounts of him than from any acquaintance of mine) was made Brt. Brig. Gen. Has Maj Mordecai & Watmough seceded? and when is his son. I was greatly surprised to hear that John Weir & four other young men belonged to the 7th Reg. Have they just gone in a company which left N.Y. yesterday or did they go with the main body of the Reg. some time ago? With Johnny would write. I should like to have been with you at this time when the 1st Class was leaving. How can the 2d class graduate before next July? Benjamin will be a valid man for the times & many of that class will make noble officers — are they not? How much I cover wish that the other 3d might become christians. — Have many of the 2d Class seceded. Where is Patill? Is he a christian — think you? You have never mentioned Lockett. I would like much to know when he is. The report last night that Beauregard was dead created quite a stir. Was glad that you made some mention of Mrs. Gay & Miss Jennie. How long will they remain at Buttermilk? — It seems to me that these times have led many of true piety even when to new consecration, a deeper sense of God's presence & a more complete trust in Him and I hope it has led all christians to come so near to Christ as to be more thoroughly under the control of his blessed Spirit & thus to redouble their zeal for his cause. Oh that such glorious results might be attained. I expect to preach next Sabbath at West Hamden as there was urged to do so & I know not as there is any valid objection.

I should like much to be with that 7th Reg. I expressed the same to my room mate my 1st before last — then I did not know that I had any friends there. In fact I turned gladly to the war, in any capacity if it was my duty.

The wish has often been expressed that you were here at the S.C., to drill a company of students. Dr. Stephens consented to do so when we was thinking of forming a company but he is a secessionist. It would be a fine thing to extract from him a little service for his country. Gen. L. I think is all right for the Union — Saw Mrs. L. down at the City Hall where the ladies were making uniforms for the soldiers, but a large hand prevented her from visiting — Where is Jack Shot Wilson? — I heard a sermon up at the Arsenal in the open air from Mr. Everett last Lord's day, eloquent, touching, elevating discourse. "Brethren, stand not" — He turned not to a word to inform their excitement, nor a word to allay their enthusiasm but would gladly stamp upon their glowing hearts the cross of Christ. — I do not give you the exact words — There was a great throng there — Evidently the sermon was written & memorized — When I met him the other day, he says, "Mr. Jones & other will not come — for war, the condition I believe." I told him it was a strange doctrine for the pulpit — I hoped the war would soon be over. But I do not think it will be. There must be hard fighting & the flow of blood — I trust God will cleanse us as a nation & we will be established finally upon

Mr Fiske desires an exchange next Lab. & perhaps I will do it - I'd rather preach where they have been "revived" -

Sarah is busy cultivating her garden - & so well as usual - John comes to the Baptist meeting occasionally - Helen seems just as far from the kingdom as ever. They live near the Depot - Last wednesday our ministerial association of Franklin & Somerset Co's had a pleasant meeting with us - you will remember Rev. Messrs. Lappan of Pownalborough & Adams of New Sharon. who inquired kindly for you & Charles -

Love to Charles & Kindest Christian Regards to Capt Venall

Yr. aff. Bro. Benjamin

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Hammington May. 11/61

Dear Brother Otis

As you wrote us last this should be addressed to you. You spoke of my treatment of Dellie - It is a thing of which I am utterly unconscious, if I seem "cool" to him - I am sure I have his highest welfare at heart - I have watched the papers closely to see your Div. & Brigade mentioned in the pursuit of the Rebels - but have not as yet & so conclude that you are in the rear - We commit you to God whatever the event may be - It seems as if the Rebellion was on its last legs - but many more valuable lives will have to be sacrificed yet - Our church has not been so full today,

the Methodists having their new minister = I preached A. M. on the Christian Conflict. Rom. 7 - 21.25 = P. M. How to improve the gracious visits of Christ = Luke - IV - 42 = The religious interest has abated & I fear a reaction as is so apt to be the case after a Revival = Mr Hammond writes me that a glorious work is in progress at Lewiston. The Baptist ministers write that they have given up all attempts at counting the converts, they are so numerous = I hope to spend one night there this week = Our winds are still cold & the snow lies pretty deep on the north mountains - but the grass begins to look green in the fields & the maples to put forth their long red buds - the roads are quite "settled" tho: rather soft yet "for the transportation of heavy guns" - I suppose = Have not heard from Lizzie or Mother since I wrote - Susan has sent another letter to Guy wh. I will forward in the morning - We are pretty well settled in our house now - Aunt Jane helping us = I hope you & Charles will come to see us yet in this house = We often speak of you both. conjecturing, remembering, prognosticating &c = Ella is pretty well - but weighs only 101. - baby is well & happy - but a little we fellow = Our S. S. Concert is tonight. The children are each to repeat a verse in some hymn & will be getting his =

a commission in the fifth Artillery of which Major Anderson is to be or is Col.

At present all of us are attached to volunteer companies. I have a Co. of the 12th N.Y.S.M. We have entire controle of them - Commissioned officers and all.

Of our class the first three went into the Eng. - None in the Topog'l. Eng. and two in the ordnance. Nineteen in the artillery. Two in the Eng. are the only Kents.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Howard.

I am boarding at Mrs. Bryants No. 303 E. St.

Your friend

A. Ames.

Washington D.C.
May 12th 1861.

Mr. Howard:

Dear Sir:

Upon my arrival in New York cit I telegraphed and wrote to those who control the regiment under our consideration. I referred them to you.

The day of my arrival I saw Capt. Benton and gave him your letter; also Lieut. Piper who said he would write the same Evening. When I told him I would write you the information wanted he made the above statement which

stopped any further questions on my part. Being ignorant of the subject matter of course I could not enlighten you. Capt. Lee I did not see. He had gone to Boston to join a ship going into immediate service.

Dr. Hammond I saw at the President's reception of army and navy officers. Your message was delivered I saw him again to-day when he informed me he was soon to start for Portugas—(Excuse spelling)

Last eve I was at the camp of the seventh regiment— I saw Johnny Weir walking post a sentinel.

The city is considered perfectly safe. We have at least not less than thirty thousand troops here.

The volunteers are all intelligent looking men. In fact I never saw finer looking men taken in a body than they are.

The Rhode Island regiment pleases every one. Their gentlemanly bearing—for they are all gentlemen—the happy adaptation of ships to service—their intelligence, for they are of the first society in the New England states—strike the beholder at once and he feels he is not in the presence of ordinary troops. I gave up my chances in the ordnance and took the artillery. I am fifth from foot of the 2d lieutenants in the 2d Art. I shall apply for

New York May 18th 1864

My dear Cousin

I returned from Washington a week ago and have been making a visit to Milford for a few days. was in Boston a few hours and saw Olin all friends there well

I found my appointment on my return here as Master Mate in the Navy and of course accepted it I shall be appointed to one of the steamers on the Blockading fleet. do not yet know which one and shall be detained Sunts or 2d do. I got acquainted with Commodore Paulding and Smith and

they will do all they can for my promotion if I deserve it and I shall do all I can to do so.

Mr Carrol was very kind to me and done all he could he was much pleased to have you call on him for any favor and says he hopes you will always do it as it gives him much pleasure.

I expect to get away this week have to report myself to the Navy yard every morning and shall soon be off.

My dear Cousin I shall always feel under great obligations to you for your kindness to me and hope it may be in my power to reciprocate. I would run up & see you but do not feel that my time is my own ~~at all~~ so I may get orders any moment to join some vessel.

Give my love to Lizzie and the children also remember me to Mr Fuller.

It is a good thing that I went to Washington as I get acquainted with the heads of the Navy Department and think they feel much interest in me.

No news from South since I saw you with love I am

Your affectionate Cousin

S P Lee

I am stoping at the Washington Hotel here

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Washington D. C. May 13th. 1861

Lieut. O. O. Howard

Respected Sir

I have presumed to have a check for ($15.00) fifteen dollars drawn up in your favor by St. Symonds

I hope that you will excuse the liberty that I have taken for there appears to be no other reliable way of sending money to my family

I have an opportunity of attending church every sunday. I saw Mr. Benjamin there last he also stayed to communion, he is attached to our Co. I have written to my wife about the money and she will call on you. My thanks to yourself and Mrs. Howard that myself and family have experien

=ed at your experienced at your hand

Your Obdt, Servant

Henry N. Rotherg

keeps them back till they are better prepared - I do hope you will get your usual leave. One of the pleasantest things connected with our housekeeping has been the thought that you & your family would spend some time with us this Summer = How much we should enjoy studying, attending meetings & fishing together = We are just as much in the "Country" as they are at Leeds & the children would have a nice play ground in the lane & Orchard - I heard from Charles Thos: a Bangor Student Sat. He is as well as usual - Ellis is still at Yarmouth - but I think will get back to Coll. at the last of the term now commencing: With a great deal of love from myself & Ella to you all

Your aff. Brother
Rowland

Farmington May 13, 1861

Dear Bro: Otis

We have now been housekeeping two weeks & we both enjoy it very much: It is but half past five in the morning but Ella is up at the wash tub!! = She has only a little girl of 14. Mary & she begins to attend School this week - She has come to live with us for board - Clothing & School = She is very smart & great deal of help = Mrs Patten staid a week & fairly started us = Then Mother came up & staid two days - Mother does not seem well at all - She still feels the effect of her last fall & sickness = Yesterday we had our 1st Concert in

the P.M. & in the Evening Ella & I rode out a mile & a half & we had a little prayer meeting at the house of a sick member of our church - Farmington just begins to look lovely - The grass is wonderfully green = I have a nice little horse "Charley" whom I know you would like very much - Ella can drive him - I have hired an old waggon for the Summer for $5.00 & a chance to pasture my horse was included in my rent - We have a nice garden if I succeed in cultivating it & a good little Orchard which in a good year will afford us plenty of apples = Ellas sister Lizzie is here & will probably stay some time & I suppose we will have a visit from her "intended" by & by = Three young ladies united with our church by profession last Sab. but our religious interest is very low - The war excitement is not nearly so great here as in some places in the vicinity - but a number have volunteered. I have preached a Sermon on the Subject - It seems to me a good plan to send the 1st Class to Washington = The great want of these Volunteers is good drill officers - Every body is anxious to have the war prosecuted with vigor & brought to a speedy termination - but I suppose that Gen Scott feels that these new troops have hardly ability according to their zeal & so

West Point U.S.

May 15th 1861

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My dear Mother,

There is some prospect of our coming home this summer as you may have heard. I have been desired to say if I would accept the Colonelcy of the Wenuebec Regiment and have received letters from Mr Blaine & Governor Washburn relative thereto. I don't know which will be best for me. I shall expect much hard work & no little annoyance with the volunteers. whereas here I am quiet & untroubled. but if I can do more to advance the right & put down rebellion by changing I am ready to do so. It was with this view that I wrote to Governor Washburn tendering my services. I have felt great doubt & perplexity as to my line of duty in this crisis. I have just got a letter from Perry Lee stating that he had already received an appointment in the Navy. and that he is in New York awaiting Orders. His appointment is not a high one. but the chances of promotion are good. I am looking for a collision of troops every day

I just got a letter from Washington, which speaks of the good looks & good condition of our troops there. The Rhode Island regiment is said to be composed mainly of gentlemen. Give much love to Uncle & Sarah & to John & family. Remember me to the neighbors & to Father. I hope you are all well. We are. Jamie has a sore stile on the tops of his head. He is a happy & good boy. I do hope you will have the pleasure of making his acquaintance this evening. Jane. I haven't heard from Ellie since I wrote him. I read a good letter from Charles a day or two ago. He says he is glad I offered my services to the Governor. I would prefer a three years engagement for I mean to stay in the Army till the war is over if the Lord permits. Is Warren Lothrop still at home? If so how is his health?

I spoke last sunday for the Methodist Minister having absent. My prayer-meeting is now small since the premature departure of the 1st Class. Everything you can get the time to write me is interesting. I hope you are well & happy in the Lord. Your aff. son Chas

Bangor May 15. 1861

My Dear Friend.

On my return home last Saturday after ten days absence, I met your brother who informed me that you made up to take the command of the Kennebec Regt. now being raised, and I found him that it would afford me great pleasure to do all in my power to render you aide, And from the last account that I have had to day from there I have but little doubt that you will receive the vote for that office —

I will say to you in <u>strict confidence</u>

that I have reason to suppose that I may be offered the command of the first Brigade, in which event I had you in my mind for Inspector but perhaps the other position would be more desirable for pleasant staff duty; or I suppose the Gov. has many "patriotic friends" that have a claim, and so I am no office seeker and I believe never been classed in that category. I have no wish to enter my personal name with politicians for office.

Should you accept the position of Colonel, my thanks for who resides in Boston. I think would like the place of Dr. Morton, and is qualified to discharge the appropriate duty, and I trust is a christian man.

I should be pleased to hear from you upon receipt of this.

It is a singular coincidence that about ten days since on my way to Portland in the cars, I was solicited while a moment at the depot in Portsmouth, to be a candidate for the command of the Kennebec Regt. But having had some previous conversation with the Gov. one other, I did not feel at liberty to accept the offer, and now I have the best reason for praying no one urging your election with all my heart.

With kindest regards to Mrs. H. & family, and my sincere prayer that God will direct you, and make you more and more efficient in promoting his glory

Yr. C. O. Brewer
Portsmouth N. H.

Bro. Mr Lord

J. C. Storey

Nashville, Tenn.
May 16, 1861.

Please write to me if you can. But if you fail that it is not right I will feel that you are actuated by pure motives —

My Beloved Friend —

I almost fear, in these times of espionage & scrutiny to write to you a sad, sad, parting good-bye for in severing my connection with the Federal Army, I feel that I am separating from many true & devoted friends.

I pay to write, as stated, lest I should compromise you, on whom I so much love & revere, as holding communication with a traitor, as will no doubt be my title at the North — but the Lord only, can decide that —

Strong hand —

But you must understand me — I do not include the entire North — nor all of L's supporters, in the number which I blame for all our troubles — You know my views — I am strictly conservative in my views — I do not sustain the hasty action of some of the Southern States — but have determined to die if need be, in the defense of the soil of Tennessee — & her sister states —

We can muster 150000 fighting men in Tennessee — & volunteers are pouring in daily.

My dear, dear friend — let the end what it may, let us pray for redemption for our people — our country — & ask God to stay the hand of blood — Should we never meet again on Earth, may we be united in Heaven — My best love to Mrs. H. & the children — Sincerely yr. friend — M. St. Wright

Gen. O. O. Howard —

In taking the course I have, I have one consolation which affords me great comfort - viz: of having been sincere in my action - & performed what I believed to be my conscientious duty - & having reduced it to that, I feel that it is alone between my God & me - as stated in my letter forwarding my resignation -

Dear Howard, to what are we coming? Are we all to be butchered? Have the people North & South forgotten God, in their madness, & has He made them mad that they might destroy themselves? God forbid, but surely it looks very much that way -

As for the Administration, I am convinced that it intends war against the South - & for what? to gratify the ambition of Lincoln's advisers - not for love of the Union - because he could have saved that long since - So long as I could hope that Lincoln only intended to sustain the Capital - & for all invasion of Federal Rights, I remained in the Army - but when I became convinced that he intended invading the South, I left - I cannot help sustain that Government which is cold blood murders my Brothers, Sisters & Mother, that it may be sustained - Such a Government is not worthy of preservation - (i.e.) such leaders are not worthy to be sustained -

It is no love for the Union that actuates such a course - tis only for gain - of name & power & wealth - The Reserve is the

West Point N.Y. 1

My dear brother. May 18th 1861

I received your kind letter day before yesterday and was glad to hear from you & sister Ella indeed. You had not heard it seems of my offer of my services to the Governor of Maine and that I had been telegraphed to, asking if I would take the Colonelcy of the Kennebec regiment now being raised. and that I had consented conditionally - provided I could remain till after the examination & the President would permit. The former condition I did not make absolute & I leave that my resignation will probably be accepted at Washington. so that if I am elected I shall pull up stakes & soon be amongst you. I received a letter from Gen. Stevens of Bangor today. He says I am or shall be chosen, he has little doubt of it from his advices. I am not very anxious to leave here. I am now 1st assistant. We have a house to ourselves the next one north of the Carroll house. have just got comfortably moved. but I think I can do more good in a military

point of view in the volunteers than here. But perhaps not. I would not like to take a step unless I felt that it was God's will that I should do so. We have a young minister from Auburn staying at Mr Gray's. He boards with Mrs Gray. I was at his prayer meeting last night. He seems to have a warm Christian heart. I trust God will bless him in his work. When the first class left it carried away from us eight communicants and has diminished the attendants at the prayer-meeting. However, Thursday evening we had a good one. The members of the 1st class are distributed amongst the volunteer companies to drill them. A good move indeed. I think secession begins to abate particularly in Virginia. Union men will start up like magic soon. We are all well, means to come see you if possible. If I stay in the army, I don't expect I can go to Maine. It would not do to have idlers. I am glad to see your Ch. membership is increasing. May God give you a rich harvest. Love from us all. I am very sorry mother is so poorly in health. Your affectionate brother

J. C. Hanson

Yarmouth May 21 1861 –

My dear brother:

Your letter of the 6th inst came to hand this afternoon and I hasten to reply as quickly as possible – I was very glad to hear from you and am sorry your letter did not reach me before – ~~I am~~ Mother is not quite so prompt in sending letters &c. to me which go to Leeds as my impatience seems to desire – Your letter went to Brunswick & Leeds you see ere it reached me – Mother stated in her letter that you had had some correspondence in regard to the Colonelcy of the Kennebec Regiment, and I see by the Boston Journal of today, which I send by today's mail to you – that Rufus Howard of West Point is mentioned among the prominent candidates –

It is said to be a very fine body of men – You remember that Major Lally's men did good service in Mexico – Most of those come from the same section of country as those –

The war spirit here in Yarmouth don't run very high, as we have so many men in shipping which they think will be more scarce if the war should cease – We have, some two or three secessionists in town but they don't care much about making much ~~a~~ noise –

Mother is much concerned in regard to matters, but I think the fact that you are in the army makes her a little anxious –

I haven't yet volunteered – I believe my eyes are so bad that I cannot see to be accepted as an able bodied man – I would like to go as a clerk in a regiment or in some such capacity if it was convenient –

My love to Lizzie and the Children I take in hopes to see you all by the middle of June –

Your very R. H. Gilmore

I saw a friend today in the cars from Augusta who seemed to think that Prof. Howard of West Point would be the man - He did not know that you were a brother of mine till I told him -

I have not been home for nine weeks so I have only reports from home to tell you - Mother is comparatively quite well - Father appeared as young and well when I was at home as he has for a number of years - You know he is farming with the aid of Thomas Barber - I have not heard from Rowland or Charles for some time, but am in hopes to have a letter from each very soon - I have been very negligent of all of my correspondents for a long time so I might not to complain -

As you are I am still at Yarmouth I expected to go to Brunswick we this but have not been able to do so - Went down there last week by permission of the Pres. and I saw the President while there - He said I should go back to College as soon as he could get me there, but could not say what action the Faculty would take on the matter - He agreed to lay the matter before the meeting last night and I expect a letter in regard to the matter immediately by tomorrow morning - I will not mail this to go in the first train so that you may be able to tell where to send the answer to this letter which I hope to have very soon - I am very anxious to know what you are likely to do in the present crisis" - All eyes seem now to be turned toward the Army and the eyes of our family are particularly directed upon you - As you were designing to leave the army next fall I am in hopes you may be able to get the position of Colonel of the Brunswick Regiment

how to end them.

Please present my regards to Mrs. Howard, and to Mrs. Wing when you write, and to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, and to the Cheltons — and to every body at West Point.

I hope you have made up your mind to remain quietly at West Point.

Sincerely Yours,

L. F. Hammond.

P. S. Please remember me very specially to Mrs. Jennie and Mrs. Troy.

L. F. H.

Havana, Cuba.

22d. May, 1861.

My Dear Sir.

We sailed in the Bienville from New York at 4 P. M. the 17th. and arrived here this afternoon about 5:30.

Of all the disciples of this place, none gave me any idea of it. The harbor is in the shape of a much curved cow's horn, the City being on the concave side. The convex side is covered by a system of fortifications commencing at the Moro which stands upon the angle at the north side of the mouth of the harbor, and running along the elevated ground which bounds the north side of the harbor. Fortifications extend along the concave side of the harbor also from its mouth. The harbor is three or four miles long, and for

some distance from its mouth is not over five hundred yards wide. Ships pass so near the shore that they are hailed from the castle, and made to tell where they are from. I should say that three fortifications ~~are~~ cannot be passed by ships, without their count.

It was a clear afternoon and the scene was behind us as we came in, giving us the best light in which to see any thing. The first impression on me ~~was~~ were recollections of descriptions of Venice, and the next was that I was gazing at a panorama. The city is built compactly, the houses all have flat roofs, and are painted in every color. And Palaces, Prisons, Theatres, Churches, Fortifications, Ships and Gondolas of private persons seemed mixed promiscuously together. I saw – pointed out to me – as we passed along, besides the fortifications, – all of which are numerous, – the Cathedral in which repose the ashes of Christopher Columbus; the Palace of the Captain General of Cuba; the Tacon Theatre; the Tacon Prison, and the Palace in which Cortlandon was imprisoned and where he was shot.

We have not been ashore. And for fear of the night air – which is soft and balmy on deck – I confine myself to the Cabin. It is said to be perfectly healthy in town. But we hear terrible rumors accordingly that we soon see victims. The Niagara sailed out for Key West as we sailed in. We hope to get off tomorrow. There is no respite here now for either Key West or Tortugas.

I set to see the Captain about the berth the morning I left West Point, but he had not opened his ships. I left word for him to send me the berth to Tortugas if he had finished or commenced time, ~~and~~ if he had not commenced time not to ~~commence~~ make time by while waiting to time when I get to Tortugas and take time

Tell Grey that we have
a little dog, named Gypsy
who stays here most
of the time - & he
would laugh to see such
a funny little thing.
How is Diamond?

Farmington May 27/61

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Dear Brother

Your letter was
full of news to me. At
first thought I was very
much delighted that you
proposed to the Gov. with
a Mr. Regiment & thus
make your military
knowledge available to
our dear Country in this
her hour of need - but
as I notice in the papers
(one of wh. I send you -)
that there are competitors
for the Colonelcy of the
Kennebec Regiment, &
that it is quite uncertain
whether the Gov. will require
them & that they have
got your kind of "Lucks
Pox" - and then have
considerable - how respon

your religious influence is at W.P. & how much your family need you. & that there will probably soon be a chance of promotion in the regular Service. & that you will soon, if not now have hard work enough at the Point. & that your health is not very firm (I have been suffering from a lame back & can sympathize) — I have concluded that I will not be disappointed if your Resignation is not accepted. I often long to be in a position where I can render more immediate Service to the Country & the Soldiery. NEW Eng. is sending very many conscientious Christian men to this war. The Richmond Rep. men Ch. Association have spoken some very Christian & kindly words to their brethren & but they leave out of sight the fact that the Loyalists have acted like thieves. Let them restore the stolen property & then we will treat for Separation. I don't see how Lizzie lives thro' so many moves. One like to have killed us.

Ellen sends much love. Lt does Listen Lizzie

Patten

yours Bro
Bertram

1 Saddle
1 Bridle
1 Halter
1 Blanket
1 Currry Comb & Brush

McCellan — Saddle
Vinnor & Nee — Saddle
Grimsley's — Saddle
Grimsley's Officers' Tree —

Frankford Arsenal
May 23rd 1861

My dear Howard.

I am very much obliged to you for your good wishes and an interest to the dorsal bone. aly! even the marrow thereof.

In reference to the Equipment you wish, we have no supply on hand at all just now though I am daily in expectation of receipts for the Contractors. The Equipment we order is intended for the Service and cost $35 per set. It is very good indeed & consists of Saddle Complete, Bridle (riding & walking) Halter, Lariat rope & picket pin, Horse brush & Curry Comb. &c. My idea is that you would would like a more finished set, but would not want the lariat rope & pin — or walking bridle. Would you require the Shabrack? Just drop me a note stating explicitly what you want — and I will order you a set immediately for one of our Contractors or I will send you one of our Service sets if you think it will answer — I think some of the last issued to the

military academy are of the same pattern, and you can look at them and decide how you like them —

I am very busy and must ask you to excuse this hurried scribble. I have had the whole Phelan family and family like the Rennie Thompson to entertain, and have been alone for the last three weeks —

Any inquiries which the Bishop & Mrs Cox may wish for me — especially my legal and those of Mrs Cox & Miss Fennie —

In haste — very hurriedly
Yours faithfully
D. McDonald.

Farmington May 25/61

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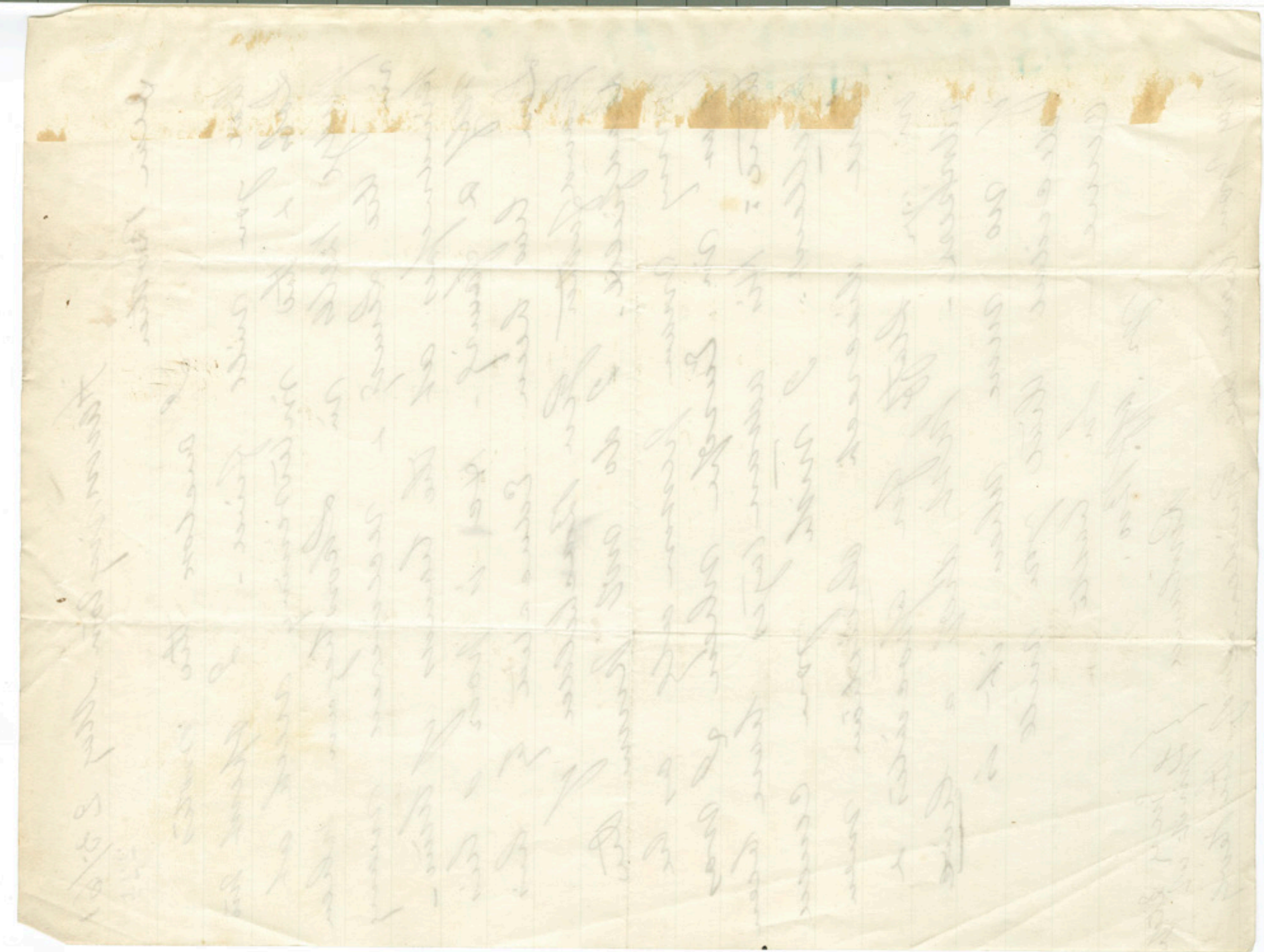
Dear Brother

I enclose the notes that you will find - I spent two Lobs & the intervening week at Judge Bells in Lkoshegan where in the family I received many kindnesses at the hands of himself & family - He is poor & his Son has been Educated by his Grandfather Gen Bachelder of Readfield - I do not know the young man personally as he was in Europe when I was there - His advantages have been excellent - I wish you could have discreet Christian men on yr staff for associates & advisers - Pitt drop a line if no more when it is decided that you will come - In haste

Yr. aff. Bro.

Rowland

May you have the Guidance of the Holy { Spirit at every step



Wednesday morning has found your father and I in our usual health I hope the same for you and Lizzie and the little ones, kiss Grey, Grace, and babie love to Susan, you will of course write to tell us of your destination when it's decided what it is, I hope now is a day of rest to Lizzie, to prepare her for her journey Rowland wrote he had cut his foot with an axe I hope he will be careful and not get cold in it,

from your affectionate Mother

Eliza G.

Oliver O. Howard,

My Dear Son, Leeds May 28th 1861.

Yours of the 15th, was daly received and gave me a hope that you would be with us in June, I looked for further news, last evening but none came, your name has been before the public, (but not as decided as I could wish) as the one who would probably take the command of the Benebec Regiment in a card in the Kennebec Journal, and another in the Portland Advertiser, one thing is certain, I should be glad to meet you and your family once more at my home, although I know the journey is fatigueing to Lizzie and all the rest of you I heard from Rowland, last Monday he's family were well he is housekeeping I have been to visit him and stoft three nights, Ella is very anxious to be a good housekeeper, Rowland has taken a good house and Ella has furnished it, I hope they will have their health Rowland has quite a large garden and I am in hopes the care of it will make him healthy. I have heard from Charles, and Rodelphus the same time that I did from you, write soon and tell us, what is your ~~decision~~ decision about your change of place and what you know about Perry Lee; and if you know anything of Sarah Sargent, I had a letter from Laura A. Wingate a few days since, in which she said she heard through Mrs Hazzard that she would sail from Nassau in May, and I am thinking she may be with Perry in New York at this time. Monday P.M. I dated my letter last eve-

nothing more, and at another evening, am feeling a new stimulous from receiving a package of letters from Rowland containing your's three days later date than mine, and one from Charles, date May 20th, and one from Mrs Sarah Sargent written May the 11th. She is communicating with Rowland with regard to a house for her own use at Farmington, she says she has another son born the 22nd of March. She has already paid her passage in the Steamer to New York to sail the 10th of June, poor Sarah, how will she ever get to New York with them all? but the great God, I trust, will help her. Charles ~~will~~ says General Stevens is in earnest to have you come to Maine, but your Mother has but one place to commit all things, and particularly at this time, when our once boasted, and beloved Country, is flying to Arms, and destroying each other, (as far as human eye can see without any just cause,) Oh! what "terrible ~~trifl~~ war is, especially a civil war, how much destruction of life and property is destroyed, and to think of our people, of our United States battering down their own improvements, and burning and pillaging their own property, Oh! I will stop, let us pray for help at the "Throne of Grace seems to me there never was a time, when every Christian should unite so fervently as now, and say in our hearts, Oh! "God in thy Wrath, remember Mercy", I have been to see Aunt Howard and Hannah, and called on all the neighbors about there I enjoyed much, went to Mr Lane, walked over grounds that your own father cultivated, through the whole I enjoyed a happy frame of mind no regrets haunted me as I looked about over the farm he transplanted and other improvements he made but a train of thought seemed to pervade me, that he enjoyed all his improvements, I stoped at Aunts, one night and one night with Laura, and Ensign, and filled up the time in making calls, Laura is expecting one of her cousins from Philadelphia to come here to live with her and ask me particularly to write to you on the subject said she did not wish you to have any trouble with her only to write her, that is Laura's cousin, to let her know the time you will be in New York so that she can meet you there and come on in company with you, I do not even know her name only Miss Brewster, I am anxious to hear more from you as to your destination my health is much better than for some time past, I have good help Thomas Bubier and wife are our help, your father says he is very well now entirely recovered from the lameness he has had the past Winter occationed by two falls the first of the Winter. Uncle Barney's Widdow Aunt Howard in a poor state of health she does not sit up much, but is dress'd every day and lies down, and gets up herself without help, Warren has sold his farm to Alvin Fox, and he is already settled there I took tea there and Alvin and Wife took me to Esq. Francis to Call, and from there to Mr Ramsdel's Warren's son in law who swap'd farms with John Otis, there I found Warren living for the present and his family, Alvin said he was in at Hikes a few days since, and that his Brother in law Owen Sawtell was there on Salary, he praised him as a smart man, Alvin is already contemplating building a new house and all other necessary building near the road on his farm

Washington D.C.
May 27th 1861.

Lieut Howard:
Dear Sir:

Your kind letter was duly received. Allow me to congratulate you on your good fortune — a Colonelcy or Assistant Adjutant — both so good that you appeared to wish to reap both:

In fact I believe if one was presented to you only, you would feel happier with the responsibility resting on your own shoulders than you do now. Still it is a question to be decided by yourself for you only know yourself well enough to be a judge.

I was elected Lieut. Col. but had to resign my position.

Col. A. McD. McCook, arrived here a few days ago. He informed me he made a conditional resignation which they might accept or not; he was to stick by his regiment.

I am connected with Capt Griffin

West Point light Artillery battery.

Lieut Simons has been made a Capt. in the Commissary department. Besides Capt. J. the officers are (according to rank) Lieuts. Piper, Ames, Benjamin and Westbrook.

During the excitement consequent upon the occupation of the sacred soil of Virginia in this vicinity I had command of a section of our battery at the Georgetown aqueduct bridge for some two days and one night. We were ordered to be ready at any moment but were not called on. The remainder went across long bridge where they were about as useful as I was. We hope we may do better the next time (if necessary.)

I am getting on well, learning something of regular service. My time is fully occupied or nearly so. I have not had an opportunity to see Johnny Weir as you requested. Benjamin has just been interrupting me. We live here together. I told him him of your remarks and knowledge of his doings and whereabouts which much puzzled him.

He now sends his kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Howard. He also wishes me to say that one of our battery Robinson, was out with him the other day and asked particularly about you, evincing much interest in your welfare. Robinson was in your Sunday school. He is now the clerk in the battery.

To-day I was at the arsenal getting a battery wagon, harnesses, saddles, &c. &c for our battery.

It is now eleven o'clock P.M. I am officer of the day and must inspect my guard after twelve. Benjamin is getting up a running discussion on the symptoms of being "head (over and) heels" in love. It distracts me much. I hope I may hear from you. I live at No. 434 6th St.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Howard and request her to remember me to Mrs. Waring when she writes her.

Your friend

A. Ames.

P.S. As for news my time is so much occupied that I look to the New York papers for it. So excuse me for not writing any. A.

My love to Prof. Church - Tell him I want an —

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New York
5th Av. Hotel 28 May 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I have telegraphed but have not yet got an answer, but I see by the Boston papers of yesterday that I am to be appointed by the Governor - also that Lieutenant Gilmore at the 27th St. Depot waiting for his wife to come by the train - He said Hamlin told him I was to have the Regiment. I think I will go on in the 8 P.M. train. It has a sleeping car attached & I will have a good nights rest. You & the Children must have prayers tomorrow morning - They must always pray for papa while he is away - I will write to Treadwell from Augusta. God bless you - Affectionately

Chas

West Point N.Y.
May 28th 1861

Sir

I have the honor to request a leave of absence of seven days from 8 A.M. tomorrow.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obdt. Servt.
O. O. Howard
1st Lt Ordnance
A. Prof. Math.

To/
A Biggs
Lieut & Adjt
Mil Acad

The absence of Lieut Howard at the present time will be inconvenient, but if the interests of the public service require it, I will interpose no objection and provide for the keeping of the lectures in the best way I can

A. E. Church
Prof Math

[illegible] Pay Day
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[illegible] Order
A. P. Mullins

Approved.
A. H. B.
Col & Supt M.A.

2300

Fort Jefferson, Florida, 29th May, 1861.

My Dear Sir.

Sailed from Havana the 25th in the "Iron Point" – the fastest schooner in these waters. Heavy sea, sick. Breakfasted next day in Key West. All well there. Quite tight. The Wyandot and Crusader were there, and the celebrated schooner "Wanderer". Sailed from there in the "Tortugas" – the Engineer schooner, reached here 24 hours in advance of her. Left her upset water and creeping in a calm.

This is a remarkable place: Rises from the depth of the waters like a gem of the seas. Is an octagonal fortification, occupies thirteen acres. Covers the whole island, which is surrounded by a mass of reefs. It is an island of crushed shells on a coral reef. There is no silicon here. There is no earth apparently.

Dr. J. F. Hammond
U. S. Army.
Fort Jefferson,
Tortugas,
Florida.

Care of the
U. S. Consul,
Havana,
Cuba.

cuitable, yet there are some remarkable trees, a few cocoanuts, palms, and other vegetation. At present it is quite healthy - but there is some dysentery, intermittent fever and jaundice. We live very comfortably - Turtle, fish, fresh beef, canned meats and vegetables, and milk; ice water - Croton water only, very excellent and a great luxury. We have some rough, and slight breezes; and delightful sea bathing. Since I have been here it has been nearly a dead calm. Yet the St. Louis sailed out this morning. ~~Was~~ The weather is clear, and the nights are cool. A strict quarantine is enforced. I found in Havana one of the prettiest girls that was at West Point last summer. I was delighted to see her. She was left there by her father for the summer, and will probably visit West Point.

There are numbers of pretty girls at Key West, and few or none here who can be visited. We have no news from Perkins, except that it is healthy there, and

Well by

Upon their return from the woods
Well by which time I shall have made the tour and made the rounds of
Where the Cuban - They are worthy hard times, and fever.

Dr. Dulles is delighted by our arrival for a week of the hot weather - Shad = = = = = The only has regards to you.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Stow, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, and to Mr. Wilkins, and to my body guard - Tell Lady Bennett ask him, and believe me

Truly Yours,

L. F. Hammond.

P.S. I forgot Dulles. He must shake to crave - this is his request that I write.

L. F. H.

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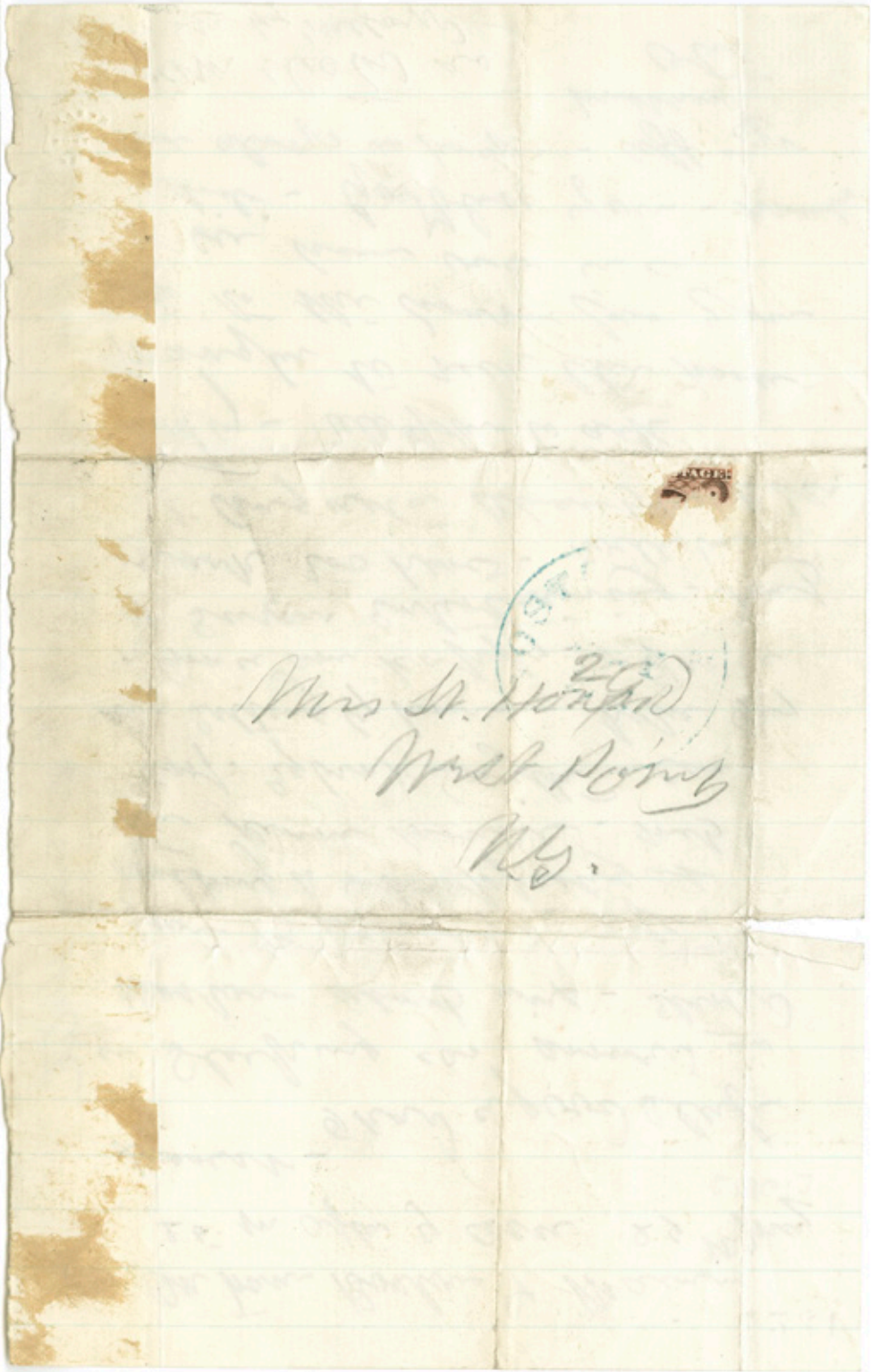
On Train Boston & Maine
25 m after 9 aem. 29th May
[1861]

Dearest -

I had a good sleep in Sleeping car - arrived in Boston about six - Started from Boston 7½ after walking to & breakfasting at the Revere House - met Prof. Egbert Smith in cars am sitting by him - hope Guy & Grace are happy - & Jamie & Susan entertaining - Don't work too hard - will be at Augusta about 4 P.M. today - tell John to ask Mangler to send the horse up to the house for you to see home once in a while - God bless you - remember me always in prayer - aff - yr husband

Otis

Some May days are as good as gold in Maine Health.



Mrs. M. Harford
West Point
Md.

Augusta
29 May 1861

My Dear Howard

You are chosen to the command of Third Regiment yesterday — & public opinion is entirely unanimous in favor of having you accept the position —

You will be at once notified of your election officially — The Regiment is enlisted for three years & may be called into service at once — You must hold yourself ready to come at a moment notice —

I understand the Lt. Col. (Kelsey) is an admirable military man — He that was he lost the Efficient & agreeable

Very Truly
in great haste

J Blaine

Send the telegram
Kenbridge Va.

to live in & in easy
communication with
Lewis Portland Lewiston
Bath & the rest of the
world = We now pay
8 cts per doz. for Eggs - 15 -
cts per lb for Butter - 33. for
potatoes per Bush - 75 cts per barrel
for Apples = Flour is more
& groceries about the same
as in Portland = The Society
is good & the Schools - ditto =
Rent $100 - per year = & now & lo -
a very pretty Cottage house,
can be bought for $1800 -
Objections - a long cold winter
&c = But good Bye = Do
drop a line when your
decision is made - Love to
Sister L. & little ones -
Yr aff. Brother
Rowland

Farmington May 31/61

Dear Bro: Otis

We are anxiously awaiting your fate - supposing that your acceptance of the Colnely must depend on the Per-acceptance of your resignation - I have since learned that Dr. Bell is an Homeopathist & has not succeeded very well as a Physician. I tell you this for what it is worth - Lizzie Patten caught a fall from our horse & injured her knee Tuesday & is "laid up" = We are very anxious about her on acct. of her previous troubles - She has been with us three

P.S.
We have had a pleasant little visit from Laura. She is looking for her Cousin from Philadelphia this Summer:
Uncle Ensign is here often -

weeks. Mother writes me one of her most cheerful letters: I send you the names of your Lt. Col & Major - I don't know Either of them - I do hope you can have some Christian men about you:
Sarah writes that she will be in N.Y. with her four boys by the 15th of June -
I am trying to decide on a house so as to write her the dimensions.
Would Lizzie like to come here & keep house as Sarah does if you go South with your Regiment?
We should enjoy having her & the children near us very much & this is one of the cheapest places

Phila May 31/61

My dear Otis

I shall probably go on to New York next week and propose spending the night with you provided I can get up to W.P. after having placed Vaughan on the Fall River boat, and provided also a civilian can get inside the sacred enclosure of W.P. during war times – Please write and let me know whether or not shall be in the way.

V. is not so well as when he came on the cold wet weather of March having had a very bad effect – during the past few days he has improved somewhat and I think will be able to move during next week. he is anxious to get home as he there has a horse and wagon at his service and here he has not. Maria and the young ones well – the former not quite so much so as I would like to see her – but still she cannot be called sick –

Allow me to congratulate you on your promotion to a Colonelcy – do you accept or not –

I am getting to think that the traitors must stand up and take an honest thrashing

Yr Very Ofn

W. H. Meade