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1341 8/16/1861      *From:* Aunt Ann Otis Lee      *To:* Lizzie & Otis [Howard]

OOH-1279                      West Point

*Source:* Bowdoin

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West Point August 16 [1861]

My Dear Lizzie & Otis

I was glad to hear you were all of you quite well again by Mr Wrights letter, and that you are enjoying your summer so well on the whole you had rather have been at Augusta while Guy was sick on account of the phisitions, there. We are enjoying West-Point - the birds are not quite as merry as when I first came but this is a delightful place and I shall never be able to thank you enough for letting us come. Perry will have been so much happier here than at board in the city. His health has been as much benefitted as mine.

I went to New York the 11th inst - and returned the 12th. Dr Riesar says there is not quite as decided improvement - as he had hoped but the disease is arrested and I am comfortable - and can enjoy every thing about me. Every one here is kind to me. Mrs Delfield [Delafield] enquired if I had vegetables in the garden and seemed very kind and neighbourly & Mrs Wear [Weir] too has been very kind and the Berards too. Blanch Berard has written from England, she is having a delightful summer there and thinks of spending a year if her mother can spare her.

Lieut Grebble went off finely. They were married in the little church. She had verry fine wedding presents a great deal of silver plate - of every useful article from a tea service to salt spoons every thing one could desire. They are at Niagara. We sent their cards to you did you receive them. Mr & Mrs Milne were quite charmed with West Point are going to return here in Sept. They are gone to Canada. Perry met them in the cars the day they arrived. Mrs Milne is an old friend of his. She passed a day with me while her husband went down to New York for their luggage. Mr & Mrs Bacon were at West Point the day I was at New York so I missed of seeing them.

We had letters from Frank and Sarah last week. Frank is quite well. They write in good spirits. Sarah says she likes the quiet of Nassau and is happy. The children are well. Grenville is coming on soon. Harriet & Edwin are in Maine. I was at the Chappel yesterday morning. We had a fine sermon from Rev. Mr Burr - of Boston. I only go out once a day. Lieut Roberts took dinner with us & Mr Wright spent the evening. Every one here seems so kind and affectionate to you that I do wish you were going to be here for life. But I suppose there are other places in the army where you are pleasantly scituated - but every thing here is charming and I do feel that God has blessed your labours here & enabled you to honour his name and cause. Those who do not profess religion themselves, do <seem> to honour an earnest Christian. We have letters from Silas often. He writes good and kind letters. All send love to you. Give my love to Roland & Charles. Tell them I wish they would write to me. It would be so pleasant to get letters from them. Where is Rodelphus. Are you all at home together and are Roland & Ella with you at Leeds. Some of you must write to me just a line or two.

I have written this since the sunrise gun was fired and the breakfast is just ready. Ellen is an invaluable girl. She takes all the care upon herself so that I quite feel as if I was her guest. Mary Ann has not got a place. She is [here] quite often. Give a great deal of love to your Mother and Col. Gilmore to Ensign and family John Harrison - and all enquiring friends. Kiss the dear children for me. And with much love to yourselves from Perry and myself. I am as ever your affectionate

Aunt Ann Otis Lee

P.S. Perry has some prospect of getting a vessel from Mr. Tupper. I do hope he will as Mr Tupper is a good man & a christian.

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1342 8/17/1861     *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Bro. Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1281

Farmington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[0257]

Farmington Aug 17, 1861

Dear Bro. Otis

I have had a call this morn. From Rev. Mssrs Fiske, Webb, & Whittlesey who are on a horseback excursion. I read them your last letter & we talked much about you & Charles. Mr W. says give them my love & tell them, my heart is with them & my prayer is that God may shield them in the hour of battle. Mr W said will you not tell him as coming from one who loves him, that men say that he is more observant of moral then military delinquencies. i.e. you take more notice of drinking & swearing than you do of violations of military law. If you would maintain your influence as an officer & thus do your military duty, would it not be well to carefully consider your course in this respect? Your power to do the men & officers good morally will depend much on their respect for you as a disciplinarian. Do you not need to screw yourself up to more sternness & severity, if needs be, in discipline. Do try not to worry yourself in regard to immoralities wh. You can not help. I cannot think it much use on the whole for you to "preach" to the men. Let the Chaplain do that - a few words from you in favor of Religion at the proper time - backed up by a devout life will do more than arguments or appeals from you. Your position will secure you respectful attention at the time - but results will show that you will lose influence - & that your officers & men will not respect & obey you so well - as they would if you kept them more at arms length.

Let Charles read this letter & talk with him privately about my views. I have the good of my brothers - the good of my Country & the good of Christ's cause at heart - & if I err - it will be for want of sound judgment. O that God would give you wisdom & discretion as well as faith & zeal. Not that you do not possess these but how much you need the divine supply in your place.

Ella & baby are nicely today. Mrs Patten has been here since Tues night. Rev Lyman Abbott preaches for me half a day tomorrow. We have cool, beautiful weather & I wish you could be here to enjoy it.

Sab. Morn. [8/18] Ella & the little one still continue to thrive. We have a beautiful Sabbath. I wish you & Charles could be here to enjoy it with us. We try to remember you before God, where you are. Mr Goff said that father & mother came up to Livermore Falls with him last night to spend the Sab. With Geo. Lothrop I presume. No meeting at Leeds, Mr Chapin being away on his vacation. I enclose a letter from Warren L. written, I presume before the late battle, when Gen Lyon was killed.

3 P.M. We had two excellent Sermons from Mr Abbott today. He is settled at Terre Haute Ind. And is a very earnest & good preacher. This morn. The subject was the uses of affliction. This P.M. Work out your own Salvation &c. His style is very much like Beechers. After the Services or rather at their close, I married a couple. It was my first wedding, but I got thro! Without blundering, & felt as if the ceremony had taken nothing from the solemnity of the Sermon.

Three Sons of Jacob Abbott are here & I do not feel so alone in view of our prayer meeting this Eve. As I sometimes do. Lyman (Rev.) Austin- (Lawyer & Dea. In N.Y.) & Edward, in Theol. Semry. At Andover. It is a truly godly family.

Mr Whittlesey is candidate for the Prof. of Rhetoric at Bowdoin. Sarah & family are well except that the children - especially Timmy - have had colds. If it were not for these terrible colds & sore throats, I would urge Lizzie's coming much more strongly. But if she gets a good warm house & plenty of wood convenient, she will be comfortable. Will Guy bring his pony? Dr Garcelon has written us about the Hospital supplies & we will get a box off this week, I hope. Some are joining the 7th Reg. from this place. I wish I knew whether that will be in your Brigade. Do you think you will be com. As Brig Gen soon.

Your loving Brother,  
Rowland

Give much love to Chas & Perry.

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1343 8/18/1861 *From:* Mrs Haskell

*To:* Col. [O.O.] Howard

OOH-1280

Readfield

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[0298]

Readfield, Aug 18 61

Col. Howard,

Feeling as I now do, I cannot resist the inclination of writing you and freeing my mind in regard to some certain things, which concern yourself as well as me. When we intrusted those many loved ones and noble brothers under the care and protection of Col. Howard, how thankfull many a throbbing heart felt, to think the dear ones had so kind hearted and so good a comander - and how thankful we were to our Heavenly Father in giving you to them as thair leader. But how that confidence has been misplaced and abused - you must know as well as do we all. It was and is yet hard to believe that you are not what you seemed to be - for we not only know by public letters but by private ones - how sadly neglected our brave soldiers are. And we well know that it is through your mismanagement negligence and unfeelingness that has caused this shameful neglect. There are provisions anough in store all ready - and good wholesome food provided by the government for our soldiers. I don't mean mouldy wormy hard bread and tainted meats such as they are now having - that is not the kind of food that government has provided for her army. But that, that is wholesome and good and it is your duty to see that they have such food. Col. Howard I was uterly astonished when I was obliged to believe that such was your conduct and neglect. You who profess to be a christan man - one who pertends to do your duty to God and your fillowmen to so abuse that profession. But God is your judge - not me - and remember He will judge you by your acts - not by your words and pretensions. Remember how many souls are trusted in your care, you to guide and give them examples of nobleness - and with how much more willingness they would follow those examples if they were pure and true than they will now do - knowing that the one who gives them now is doing it under false colors. I have referance to your christan influence. Every man has a little ambition about him and love the praise of the worlds many tongues and I doubt not but that you are possessed with a little of those feelings - and in order to gain the good opinion of the world, you must do your duty - and diferantly from what you have done - for public opinion is getting against you fast. I tell you this to warn you of a danger ahead - larger perhaps than you now think.

You are now placed in a position whare you can do a great deal of good , or much evil - and if you try to do right and your duty - you will accomplish a noble work with God your helper. But if you neglect that duty, I don't envy you your future. If you think this rather plain and palpable - my reasons are because I have loved ones under your protiction - and am interested in thair welfare.

From one who knows

Aug. 18, 1861 Mrs. Haskell

Answered

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1344 8/19/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* My dearest Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1282

West Point N.Y.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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West Point N.Y. Aug 19, 1861

Monday Evening 8 o'clock

My dearest Otis

I did not hear at all from you last week. I wanted a letter very much Saturday evening. One came but John did not bring it over till Sunday morning careless boy that he is. I wish you would write ten words, and send often. I trust you will do so after I leave here. I shall want to hear oftener there as I shall have no other way of hearing of you. I shall not have the Army news that I do here.

I am not disappointed that you are not coming to see us. I didn't much expect you could. I have written to ask Rowland if he will come for us. I shall pay his fare but I much rather you would not give him any money. I shall have considerable money coming from this furniture &c. Before I begin working for your sick I shall write to Mrs Sampson, I trust she is with you yet, and have her suggest to me what I had better do for them. I will not work too hard or neglect these dear little ones.

Grace is beginning to be thoughtful like Guy. I am very glad. All asleep now. Guy was the last awake and gave me a kiss to send papa, and said he would write another letter after Papa wrote him again. He took so much pains with that letter of his to you, if one letter did not look to suit him, I had to rub it out and he would try till it was right. I sat by him all the time ready to do so, and to direct him.

Who is Col Sedgwick? And what business has Major Price to have the rank of Brig Gen? I see the 'Herald' gives you a slight puff. Can't your regiment draw clothing and shoes. Write me about the robbery of Clermont house will you. There are a great many questions I think I might ask then I can conclude not to trouble you with them for nothing will be lost if I go without knowing.

I passed John Weir, told him I had a message that "you said if he wanted a Lieutenancy to go on". I am sorry if it is time that General Officers of Volunteers will not be permitted to select their aides-de-camp from the officers of the regular Army. I think the papers to-day make one feel a little down hearted if the rebels are to try to invade Maryland. Many are thinking Secretary Emerson more loyal to his pocket than to the Government. There is indeed great lack of loyalty everywhere. Men are not up and doing, as they ought to be.

Mr Roe came to say good bye this afternoon. He will not remain longer at the Falls. Wished me to give kindest remembrances to you. I wrote to Rowland that I should be ready to leave here any time after the first of next week, but could remain comfortably one week or more. Mr Ward will not disturb Mr Piper's room until I have gone. Blanch was in this afternoon says the Sunday School moves on steadily. She instructs her girls every Friday evening. Mr Smith has the charge. Mr Murray and Hamilton I think are in the school also. They were going and I have not asked since. Mr Burrows and family are here. He has preached two Sundays, better sermons than last year. He saw and recognized you from the sidewalk when you went through Boston with the Regiment.

I regret to hear of Charlie's being sick. I do hope he is better by this time. I shall miss his letters if he is long sick.

Morning. I do not expect letters this morning so I will not wait for the mail. We are all well and I do hope you both are. I am going to the sewing room.

Your own Lizzie

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1345 8/19/1861     *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* My dear Sister Ella  
[Howard]

OOH-1283a

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[300]

19th Aug. [1861]

My dear Sister Ella

I ought to have written immediately after the receipt of Rowland's letter to congratulate you on the birth of that dear little babe, but last week was a very busy one for me, and I had'nt much time to myself. I have sold most of my furniture, and this week I shall pack everything and shall be ready to leave here any time after the 26th of this month, but could remain in the house one week or more comfortably as there is one bedroom furnished and it is not to be removed 'till after I leave. Charlie wrote that Rowland could have a furlough (was entitled to one) but thought he could not visit them for want of funds. Could you let him come on to visit them and take us home? I would pay his travelling expenses both ways, providing he would like to come, and you would want him to leave you. If he comes I shall take no girl on with me. It would cost no more for him than for a girl and I can get none to remain that I would like.

The idea occurred to me after what Charlie wrote. He can do as he thinks best. I do not insist upon it, but if he prefers to come I would like him to. I would not have him put himself or you to any inconvenience. I wrote to Otis to ask him and he answered that, he would like Rowland to if he could do so, and that is all was said about it. Otis' letters are very short, and never many sentences on the same subject.

Charlie was quite ill when he wrote last Thursday, but hoped he would not be long. He had considerable fever. Otis says he is a great comfort and help to him. Senator Morrill told him that his name was sent in for Brigadier Gen's commission first on the list, the other names were Col Jameson (and the papers yesterday said he had resigned and gone home, because he expected and did not get promotion) and Major Prince paymaster of the Army. He says "if any influential man should solicit my appointment I might get it but I have nothing to say". He is the ranking Colonel, and still in command. His Regiment is in a bad condition, sadly demoralized - they need clothing and shoes, half of them sick, and nearly all crying to go home. Poor things I do pity them. I asked Otis to come to West Point before we left, but he said "I could'nt think of going home as delightful as it would be even if I could get a leave after having refused so many poor soldiers." I did'nt much think he could. He did not keep Guy's pony. It did not prove as good a one as we wished. He is to have one though, but not just now.

But how are you Ella dear. I do so much want to see that little fellow. I told Guy and Grace and she exclaimed breathless, "and what is his name?" I do hope you are doing well and gaining every day. I fear, as usual, in the country, everybody will want to see you too soon. You ought not to see anybody till baby is three weeks old, if you gain as fast as possible. I do know it is better to keep quiet. You will be surprised at Jamie, he is so immense. Baby [David Patten Howard was born 10 Aug 1861.] is nine days old but I hope you have not been up yet, and will not till this letter reaches you. One has to exercise a great patience but so much depends on a good getting up.

Charlie writes that I must stop at Leeds. I presume I shall do so, and get to house-keeping afterward. Rowland might not want to come during the warm weather, but I must leave now. I prefer to that is. He could see Otis and Charlie more when they are not moving, and they are near Washington. I want to hear from Rowland immediately, this week, telling me yes or no.

Much love to you all and kisses to the little one.

I remain yours affectionately  
Lizzie

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1346 8/19/1861 *From:* E. G. Savage

*To:* Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1284

Solon, [Maine]

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Solon Aug 19th 1861

Col. O.O. Howard

Sir

I Recd a note from you dated Aug 8 1861 asking me to Resign that there might be officers in my company.

I must say that I was surprised at Receiving such an invitation, and entirely unable to account for it. I think you must recollect the Request of Gov Washburn & Adjetant Gen Hodsden to you & your Request asking a furlough for me for four months, to close up my Business in Court - a part of said furlough has been granted, with the Right of asking an extension, which I have asked; will you write and explain as I wish to do right. I have fulfilled my part of the contract to the letter, as it was understood that I was to have the time above stated to close up my court business, and I desire the arrangement should be carried out on the other side; if it is, you will find me at my post prompt at the time and ready for duty, if God gives me health and strength. I await an answer.

Respectfully yours

E. G. Savage

PS I hope my health will be suffeshently recovered that I may be able to Return to Washington in fifteen or twenty days.

E.G.Savage

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1347 8/19/1861    *From:* J.S. Houghton, M.D.    *To:* Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1285

Solon Maine

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Solon Maine

Aug. 19th, 1861.

Col. O.O. Howard

Sir,

Cap E.G. Savage of your Rig. Has been quite sick with fever since he came from the army, and he has not as yet fully recovered from that sickness. It certainly would not be prudent for him to return now, his health is not sufficient for the journey. I have been his physician during his sickness, and simply give you a plain statement of his case.

Very rspt yours,  
J.S. Houghton, M.D.

[Written on the back, probably by OO Howard]

Capt Savage

Aug 19th 1861

It does'nt need an answer.



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1348 8/21/1861     *From:* R.H. Gilmore

*To:* My dear Brother [CH  
Howard]

OOH-1286

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds, Aug 21, 1861 -

My dear Brother: [Charles Howard]

We received your letter tonight. Mother will probably send you or Otis a package by the 7th Reg. which goes on Friday of this week. There are a number from Leeds in that Reg. The Second Lieut. Of the Monmouth Co. is from Leeds and many of the men from N. Leeds. Warren Woodman is Captain of the Wilton Com. To be in the 7th or 8th Regs - the 8th goes next week as early as they can be got ready. The 9th will be formed immediately after as a reserve corps. The 1st are making arrangements to go and it is said will soon be reorganized and start for the war.

On Saturday p.m. Father, Mother and I went up to Livermore Falls, where we remained till Monday. We found Geo & Huldah [Lothrop. Huldah was Col. Gilmore's daughter and Dellie's half-sister.] and the girls nicely. I had a pleasant time. Father & Mother returned on Monday morning, but I went to Farmington. Rowland met me at the depot. He was very well in appearance. Ella is getting well fast. She was sitting up when I reached there and sat up about half the time while I was there. The little one, alias, David Patten Howard doesn't seem much like a human being. He is a little bunch, which sleeps nearly all the time and very rarely makes much noise in the way of crying. I expect he will look much different when I see him again, if he and I live until next Spring.

Sarah [Sargent] is looking nicely and her children appear very healthy. She is very patriotic and an enthusiastic Republican. She gets very much excited over every newspaper, which contains news from the seat of war. She had a letter from Perry [Lee - Sarah's brother] last night written at Flagg Hill. Is that the place of your present residence?

Mrs. Patten, Anna Hattie, Horace Mrs. Hinckley of Leeds, and Mary Avery constitute the appendages to Rowland's regular family at this time.

Rowland has a splendid situation on a hill north east of the village which is overlooked by it. Trees are growing all about the yard and the view through them is beautiful. The house is almost elegantly furnished. The parlor is very nice and the study is all that he could desire. The people are very kind to him and Ella, furnishing them with the nice things from their gardens.

I am going back to Brunswick in a week from today to commence my Junior Year. Notwithstanding my suspension I am half through College.

The Androscoggin R.R. is nearly completed. It is finished to Lewiston from Brunswick and graded to Leeds Junction and the track is laid to within about seven miles of the Junction. I fill my letter mostly with matters of news, supposing that such will be most interesting. Oscar said that Mr. Walton, M.C. from Auburn told him Otis was appointed Brig. Gen., but the papers tonight say that Prince is appointed. The New York Herald has a eulogy on Otis and says that Gov. Washburn was the cause of his not being appointed. It seems that in the Cong. Delegation Otis had most votes and Prince only one. How is it? We are anxious to know the facts.

Please write me at Brunswick, for I shall be there ere your next letter reaches me. Mother sends four prs. Socks for Otis and 3 prs. For you - also two undershirts for Charles. If there is anything mother can do for you please write immediately before the 8th Reg. goes. There is for John Keene a bundle sent by Josie & Mrs Gilbert with much love.

Your aff. Bro.  
R. H. Gilmore

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1349 8/21/1861     *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

OOH-1287

Alexandria Va.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Alexandria Va. August 21, 1861

My dear Mother,

I am here in Alexandria sitting on a Court Martial. This is the fourth day. Poor Charlie has been sick, but is now so much better that he is going out today. My heart aches that I have been able to give him so little care & time. He had a slow fever, and was quite bilious. He has had a house to be in & Mrs Sampson has done many things for him. I shall return to my regiment today and I hope to be more at leisure; at any rate I shall have less responsibility and that is a great deal in an enemies' country. Charlie has been of great service to me - he has been with me all the time and it is hard to get on without him. I think he is going through a process of acclimation and will be the better for his temporary illness. We have had several days of rainy weather.

Friday - I resume my letter this morning at the Court room.

Col. Sedgwick has taken command of our new Brigade and seems to be an excellent officer. I understand today that he is to be a Brigadier General. I do not think I desire the promotion, certainly not for itself, but I do not like any implied dereliction of duty, nor incapacity. I would rather it would be openly stated what my faults are. But, I do not think any officer over me would willingly imply any military delinquency. So when a new division is made and a Brigade does not fall to me, I go to my Regiment and try to do my duty. It is spiritually healthy to be disappointed once in a while when you find your heart beginning to desire worldly distinction for its own sake. I am afraid I have not done much good during this campaign, but I have tried to do right and have no business with the results, only to learn wisdom from them for future use.

I hear you have been up to see "George & Huldah" at Livermore Falls. Oh, I have not spoken of the accession to the ranks of your grandchildren & my nephews - another little "olive branch". I must answer Rowland's last letter as soon as possible. I have already congratulated him. I hope it is the will of God to raise up one born in these troublous times for his own honor & Glory.

How is father. Give him my love - tell him there are now about 30,000 troops on this side of the Potomac - that our Brigade consists of the 3d & 4th Maine, the 38th New York & the Mozart Regiment, that we are the advance troops on the Leesburg turnpike, though Gen'l Kearny is in advance of our left with his Brigade. We are just getting our clothing. Clean shirts & new shoes go a long way towards making poor fellows contented away from home.

I don't know exactly when nor with whom Lizzie will go on. I was in hopes Rowland would have had a recess & take the journey to West Point and if possible have extended it to Virginia.

I hope Dellie is well. Charles is quite smart today.

Very Affectionately  
Your Son  
Otis

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1351 8/22/1861 *From:* [Americus Fuller]

*To:* My Dear Charles [CH  
Howard]

OOH-1288

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Aug 22 1861

My Dear Charles:

I am sorry I have neglected so long to answer your last letter, but I have been so much upon move of late yt I have found no time to do anything properly. As you see I am back at Bangor again & propose to spend vacation here either studying & writing or engaged on a catalogue of library probably former.

My visit home was a very pleasant one - found all my friends well as I expected & had a rare chance for fishing hunting blueberrig &c &c. Preached twice while I was gone - once at Wilton & once at Lewiston (F Baptist ch) - enjoyed both days very much. I felt badly about preaching at Wilton for it seemed to me yt ' people would all come to see wh ' boy could do rather yt to hear ' gospel. But ' Lord strengthened me so yt yse feelings did n. trouble me after I got into ' pulpit. Was out to Farmington one day & saw Roland & his wife yy were quite well & were expecting Prof. Harris yre. Yt. Night. He preached at F. one day. I think yy. Have a very nice place yre ' now - have you been yre' since yy' moved?

Have n' yet seen many of ' town people since my return - none of our friends I believe. I suppose you have seen in ' papers ' account of ' cleaning out of ' "Democrat office in ys city". It was done during my absence, but as I now learn in a very quiet & orderly manner. Eming himself was taken under ' wing of ' mayor & safely escorted to his lodgings & ' office left to its fate. ' only "trouble" yt occurred was w ' little barber Jones. He heard one Wyman a cashier in one of ' banks who happened to be standing near him looking on while ' mob were burning some of ' old papers in ' street, make ' remark yt "Eming ought to be thrown top of ' pile". He very quietly touched his shoulder & asked him to step up to his office wh. He at once did suspecting nothing of what was in store for him. When Jones got him up yre he locked his door put ' key in his pocket, took off his coat & at once dealt him a furious blow on ' head, but as chance would have it Jones had waked up ' wrong passenger for Wyman was by far ' larger, stouter & better man & on recovering his surprise a little proceeded to give ' <[CHECK ORIGINAL - rt side tape, sheet 1, page 4]> a severe punishing. Meanwhile ' crowd heard ' row & broke in ' door & learning ' state of ' <[CHECK ORIGINAL - rt side tape, sheet 1, page 4]> pitched ' barber out of ' window & most of his furniture after him. Some of ' citizens picked Jones up before ' crowd got hold of him again & put him into a wagon & drove off w. h him & I hear yt he left town immediately.

A riot was feared by some on ' day yt ' "secession convention" was to meet but yy very thoughtfully held only a private meeting at ' Bangor House as ' papers say & ratified ' proceedings of ' convention at Augusta so ' day passed off quietly.

As to yt convention at Augusta we were all surprised at ' result & many now profess to believe yt it was [Missing Closing.]

Have you ever Recd yt clothing yet. Mr Stephens says it was safely put in ' box & ought to have gone all right.

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1352 8/22/1861

*From:* Thomas Edwards

*To:* Col'l O. Howard

OOH-1289

Northeast Center  
Dutchess Co.  
New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[0307]

Northeast Center  
Aug. 22. '61.

Col'l O. Howard  
Dear Sir, -

Having been informed a short time ago by my friend Morrison at West Point that you were at the seat of War, I felt a desire to drop you a line supposing that among the multitudinous cares of your present position a fragment of time might be left you for reading it.

I was glad to find that as an Officer you had no misgivings as to your professional duty in the War that has been forc'd upon our Country, & Knowing your earnest desire to do good to all & especially to Soldiers I rejoic'd that in the Providence of God you were plac'd in a position both to serve your Country in the time of its greatest peril as well as to be made a blessing to those under your Command.

My dear Sir be assur'd that you are not forgotten in our prayers. Many I have reason to believe very many earnest prayers go up to God daily, for the Government, Army, & Navy; - full of hope that God will grant to pervade the two last with healthful moral & religious principles.  
It is now I think generally believed that the better the man the better the soldier.

We cannot have too many men in the Service imbued with the principles cherish'd by Capt Vicars, Gen Havelock & others whose names & deeds are as ointment pour'd forth.

How often & with what solicitude I have thought of you, & others whom I have seen or known at different times at West Point. Capt. Thomas now General I believe; - Capt Keyes now General, & whom I shall not forget because he was kind to me, assisting me very much in my work; - Capt McDowal now General; - Lieut Alexander, now Capt. - and other names not necessary to mention.

My dear Sir it is my prayer that God will be with you, & our entire Army, crown the Arms of the Government with success & restore peace to our Country.

Truly your friend  
Thomas Edwards

P.S. If you can consistently without embarrassment drop me a letter I shall receive it with much pleasure.

Address  
Northeast Center  
Dutchess Co  
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1353 8/22/1861     *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-1290

Head Quarters 3d  
Regt. Maine Vols

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Head Quarters 3d  
Regt. Maine Vols  
Aug 22nd 1861

My dear Mother,

I will just write you a few lines and say that Charlie is getting on well. He had a kind of slow fever, & machier of the liver, but has gotten over the fever & is able to walk about. I have gone back to my Regiment.

I wrote you a letter two days ago which I left at the Court Martial room in Alexandria. I have been on a Court for several days. This with my other duties has taken me much from Charlie. Mrs Sampson has been very kind. Charles has a room near the encampment & in the quarters of our new Brigade Commander Col Sedgwick. I think he will be entirely well in two or three days.

My own health is good. I am a little disappointed to go back to my regiment now as I had reason to expect a Brigade, but I think it will do me good.

Love to Father, & may the blessing of God rest upon you.

Chas sends much love.

Affectionately,  
your son,  
Otis

7 A.M. Aug 23d. Chas continues to improve, had a good sleep last night. Otis

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1354 8/22/1861     *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dearest Lizzie  
[Howard]

OOH-1291

Hd Quarters 3d regt.  
Bellevue, near  
Alexandria

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[308]

Hd Quarters 3d regt.  
Bellevue, near Alexandria  
Aug 22 1861

My dearest Lizzie,

I have answered an abundance of letters tonight before yours. I should like to have spent the evening in writing to you, but I had had a bundle of unanswered letters in my pocket for some time, and thought though tired I would make a strong effort & get them off my hands. Not very flattering terms you think for correspondents. Well. They all want to get their sons & husbands out of service by hook or by crook. If the ladies get unpatriotic we shall go down.

Charlie is getting better fast. He has a room close by the regiment in Col. Sedgwick's house. You perceive I have returned to the Regiment. I have felt a little disappointed & then I am less popular with the regiment than I was before so many of its members got lawless, but I think I will straighten everything pretty soon.

I wish I could just peep in upon you tonight. How will you move? Guy is a great boy & doubtless spends much of his time in helping Mamma and how much she can do with a smiling face & her little happy heart to make the days light. If you lack anything do let me know.

I have been on a Court Martial for several days at Alexandria on Col McCunn's case. I see the Herald has already prejudged his case. Some malicious scamp has put the article in the paper. We havent completed his trial. Today the Court was adjourned for Gen'l McLellan to review our Brigade.

Col. Sedgwick is an old Army officer & just the man to command us. I will put my regiment in as good order as I can & try to make it do good service.

How is every body at West Point. Mendell is judge advocate of the Court. I have seen a good deal of him. He is the same thorough man here as at West Point. Jenkins I meet daily.

Happy <dreams> darling - good night - many kisses to the children when they wake. A large dog is barking - it sounds dismal anywhere particularly so in an enemy's country. Mr Mordecai continues with Col Sedgwick. Lieut Owen, my old college mate & Mrs Smith's brother ditto.

Rowland in letter of today whips me a little for not being strict enough in military matters. What don't the Soldiers write home? Remember most tenderly to Mrs Greble & her precious charge. I try to remember them in my daily prayer.

Most lovingly your own  
Otis

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1356 8/23/1861      *From:* H. G. Berry Col      *To:* Col. O. O. Howard

OOH-1292      Head Quarters 4th  
Reg. Maine Vol

3d Reg.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[310]  
Head Quarters 4th Reg. Maine Vol  
Aug 23 1861

Sir

The bearer of this Emery J Hilton is Corporal in my Regiment. The same that carried my Flag on Battle Field of Bulls run & was wounded is desirous of visiting his home. He is not nor will he be able to attend to duty for some time. If you will give him the necessary information concerning hay rations &c you will confer favor on a deserving man.

H. G. Berry Col [Hiram G. Berry]

Col. O. O. Howard  
3d Reg.

[Written on the back in OO Howard's hand:]  
Col. Berry  
4th Me  
Aug 23 1861

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1357 8/23/1861

*From:* I. Washburn, Jr

*To:* Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1293

State of Maine  
Executive Department  
Augusta

3d Reg. Me Vol.

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[311]  
[Letterhead]  
State of Maine  
Executive Department  
Augusta

Aug 23, 1861

Dear Col,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th.

I hardly know how to get along with Capt Savage's case. He has been mustered into the service of the U.S. & is, I suppose beyond my reach. I will forward the Sec'y of War a statement of your request & endorse it.

I supposed from what I learnt when I was at the camps in Va. That with the exception of a few articles which one or two Cols spoke about, that the U.S. would furnish immediately, & sooner than the State could, all articles needed by the Regiments, & I have been greatly pained to learn that it has not been done, & that the soldier's have been in absolute want of necessary clothing &c.

I have sent on by 7th Reg, which left Augusta to-day, a quantity of clothing, shoes &c to be distributed among the Reg'ts according to their wants. These with what Govt provides will, I hope ,make the men comfortable - if not, I will send more.

I regret that you should have supposed for a single moment that any thing was believed in Maine implying want of courage, skill, prudence or good soldiership on your part. Dismiss at once & to the smallest fibre all fear & doubt on this subject.

It is believed here, so far as I know, without exception or qualification, that your Brigade was admirably commanded at the battle of Bull Run - none better - indeed, it is understood that it was brought off the field in better order than any other. I say not these things to flatter you, but simply because they are true, you seem to think that very wrong impressions have obtained here.

In regard to your Reg. it has been said that it would undoubtedly be better off with its quota of field officers at this time - but that you have neglected it or overlooked its wants, or have ceased to give it all the care that other duties permitted, no one I am sure believes.

Long ago, before the battle, I recommended Maj. Prince for Brig. General, believing that while his appointment would take no good Col. From his Reg. it would secure a good officer to the service. But after yourself & Col. Jameson [2nd Maine Vols.] were <tendered> as candidates, I wrote a letter to the Sec'y of War doing justice to all, making no preference, but simply referring to my former letter. No one of all your friends would be more gratified than myself at your appointment.

Pray make my regards to your Brother & Mr Leonard, & other friends.

Very truly Yours,  
I. Washburn, Jr

Col. O.O. Howard  
3d Reg. Me Vol.

[Written by Otis]  
Gov Washburn  
Aug. 23. 1861



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1358 8/23/1861

*From:* I. Washburn

*To:* Hon. S. Cameron

OOH-1294

State of Maine  
Exec. Dept  
Augusta

Sec. Of War

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*Source:* Bowdoin

[301]

State of Maine  
Exec. Dept  
Augusta August 23d 1861

Sir

Col Howard has requested me to ask for the discharge of Capt. Savage of "F" Company, 3d Regt. Maine Volunteers. He says "I recommended his immediate discharge to Head Quarters but have not yet received a reply with regard to him. Cannot the Governor withdraw his Commission for the following reasons.

1st. That his Company needs a Captain with it. Lieut. Stearns is an excellent officer but he has been afflicted with lameness, and he does not think it right to do the duty of Captain, through the Campaign & receive only the pay & emoluments of a Lieutenant.

2nd. If Capt. Savage is still sick, what guaranty has his Company, or the Government, that he will ever resume his duties? If he was in the Army for life, a furlough of several months would not be minded in time of peace; but in time of war every man is needed & in his place.

3d. His conduct with regard to bounties does not seem to be strictly honorable. At any rate he has witholden from three poor boys a bounty they were entitled to, and only at last paid John Tantish his, on solicitation.

4th. When with the Company, he was as I learn, utterly inefficient. I would respectfully recommend, at least, that the Governor ask his discharge of the War Department, that his place may be filled."

For the reasons assigned by Col Howard, I would recommend the discharge of Capt savage

Very resp'y  
Your Obdt Servt  
I. Washburn (signed)

Hon. S. Cameron [Simon Cameron]  
Sec. Of War

[Written on the back of the letter.]  
Gov. Washburn's letter to the Sec of War dated Aug. 23d 1861

[Note: This letter appears to have been a copy, written in the hand of Otis.]

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1359 8/24/1861

*From:* O O Howard

*To:* Mrs Haskell

Col

OOH-1295

Hd. Qrs. 3d Regt. Me.  
Vols

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[312]

Hd. Qrs. 3d Regt. Me. Vols  
August 24 1861

Dear Madam

I thank you for writing me just as you believe and felt. You have made accusations against me which would not only destroy my reputation at home if true, but, when complained of any officer, could be Court Marshaled & dishonorably discharged the service. Permit me to say you are entirely misinformed with regard to me by some one. Let me state to you a few simple facts for the truth of which I appeal to your husband (for you regard me as a hypocrite of the meanest sort & could not believe me. First: The next day after reaching Virginia, I was ordered by Gen'l McDowell away from my Regiment and have only been permitted to return to it within the last week. I had no promotion which I could decline, but did the duty of Brig Gen'l for these 4 Regts the 3d, 4th & 5th Maine & the 2nd Vermont. Major Staples has had the immediate command. Before the battle of Bulls run, there was no destitution & very little sickness.

After that battle, the men had thrown away everything they had, the Qr Masters had lost their wagons, the Guards were away & left the depots of clothing, so that we lost all the (or the greater part of the) knapsacks that were on deposit. I clung to my Brigade while many officers left and spent their time in Washington. I led them from Centerville to Clermont. From Clermont I accompanied them to Alexandria. A heavy rain was falling. The Comdg Off could give me no quarters. I went & opened empty houses & put the men in & before night I believe every man had bread to eat and not mouldy hard bread. Back again we went to Clermont. The Quarter masters were struggling to get clothing. The Commissary provided food.

From the 4th Reg. I heard complaints & had my Brigade Quartermaster examined by a Court of Inquiry and did all that was in my power for the Soldiers. In the 5th Regiment there was a mutiny and the men shewed me mouldy & wormy hard bread, that had been issued to them. At once I called their officers to account & told them distinctly none were to receive such stuff. No complaint came from the 3d Regt of this description.

One night I heard a man say that miserable hard bread was issued to them. I went and inspected the entire camp and I found good bread (soft) in plenty and a very little poor hard bread laid aside & not to be used in our company.

Madam, in one single company a captain sold for the benefit of his men yesterday 3 Barrels of nice beef, which they had been able to save from their rations, this gives them I understand 191.12 dollars to purchase vegetables with.

I have asked many men since your letter came, if for any length of time they have had bad food, and they say no no. Your husband says for two or three weeks at Clermont the hard bread was bad. Madam, if this was really so, no word of complaint came to me. It was the simple duty of the Captain of a company not to allow it to be issued to his men. I shall, dear Madam take the greatest pains to do my duty and as you say, "God is my judge", I ask no better. I have worked for my command early & late. I have been without proper food & sleep at times, & sometimes I am weary; and then I am misrepresented & misunderstood. Still I believe the Soldiers love me & respect me and know that I have left no stone unturned to get them their dues. I am truly sorry for the unpopularity that awaits me in your section, but I have been unpopular before. The thing that I want is to see the men provided for contented & happy and ready for duty.

Lay aside anger & prejudice and be pleased to accept my explanation. My religion consists in striving to do my duty.

Very truly yours,  
O O Howard  
Col 3d Me Vols

To:  
Mrs Haskell  
Please write in your own name

[Written sideways on the last page]  
Reply to Mrs Haskell  
Aug 24 1861

[Note: I presume this is a copy that Otis wrote, having mailed the original.]

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1360 8/24/1861

*From:* I. Washburn, Jr.

*To:* Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1296

State of Maine  
Executive Department  
Augusta

Commanding 8th Brigade

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*Source:* Bowdoin

[313]

[Letterhead]

State of Maine  
Executive Department  
Augusta

Aug. 24. 1861

Col. O.O. Howard

Commanding 8th Brigade

Dear Sir,

I herewith return the Bill for the Band, which was received yesterday. Please specify the instruments or items, that the State may know precisely what the Bill covers. This is necessary. Please verify the Bill.

Very truly yours  
I. Washburn, Jr.

Per. W.R.D.

Col. Howard

Dear Sir,

Has anything been heard of my brother Charles of Capt. Batchelder's Co 3d Reg. since the Bull Run fight? We are very anxious to know.

Respectfully,  
Wm. P. Drew

[Written on the back by Otis.]

Gov Washburn  
Aug 24, 1861  
Answered

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1361 8/24/1861     *From:* Isaac N. Goodhue     *To:* Colonel [OO Howard]  
OOH-1297                      Lowell                                      3d reg. Maine V. M.  
*Source:* Bowdoin

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[314]  
Lowell Aug 24, 1861

Colonel of 3d reg. Maine V. M.  
Sir

The certificate inclosed sufficiently shows its purpose, yet the undersigned would add in behalf of the applicant, that she is an old lady and has so long ruminated upon the fact that she is left alone without the presence of one of her four sons to console her, she has become nervous and has become considerably impaired as to her strength and health.

The application is committed to you as the officer most likely to give it his personal attention even though some other authority than yours may be requisite to grant its request; and presuming that you will, if not authorized to grant the request, refer the matter to the authorities who have the power.

I am very respectfully yours

Isaac N. Goodhue

[Written by Otis:]  
Goodhue  
has been forwarded to McClellan

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1362 8/25/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dearest Lizzie  
[Howard]

OOH-1298

Hd Quarters 3d Brigade

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[315]

Hd Quarters 3d Regiment

Aug 25th 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I feel as though I ought to write you oftener, and I will try so to do. I have been on a Court-Martial as I told you in my last letter. The Court still continues. You know how examinations tire the professors; so it is with these Courts-martial. We are now trying Lt. Colonel O'Keef on some six or seven charges. I hear there are two or three more cases to come before us.

I get a little time with the regiment in the morning and a little time in the evening. The regiment has still nearly two hundred reported sick, but it is improving in appearance daily. The rusty arms & the irregular & careless movements of Howard's regiment when he was acting Brigadier general are disappearing. Some of the men have no jackets yet - & some no shoes. There are now enough at Washington and tomorrow we expect to get our supply.

You asked about robbing Clermont. The Hospital department of my regiment without my knowledge or consent took all the bedding, some divans, and I think crockery & cooking utensils, and I learn that plate has been taken & that the house has been completely rifled. The defence is that it belongs to secessionists; this is true but we do not allow people to steal even secession property. I have tried to fight this propensity to steal ever since I have been here.

Nothing will be safe in Maine when we get home. Charlie is quite comfortable today. He went out to Services this morning & also to Camp this afternoon.

Mr Leonard the Universalist Chaplain is a really good man. He has so much cheerfulness & is so hearty in every thing he says & does that it has done us much good. His words are full of encouragement. We had two orthodox Chaplains present with us today, who both spoke after Mr Leonard closed. They too spoke well, with regard to having oil in our lamps. This evening I had a prayer-meeting in my tent where the Chaplains presided. We had a good meeting. Some of them spoke so feelingly & shewed so intimate a knowledge of a Saviour's love that it strengthened me in my faith. I wish I could live nearer to Christ. Oh, that I might.

Poor little Guy - if papa was'nt so tired he would write him a letter to go along with this and Gracie has got to be thoughtful. Bless her heart she cant help thinking. Does she love to learn verses from the Bible as Guy & I used to. For instance, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, &c" Guy can give the rest. And Jamie what part does he have. He does all his thinking close to the floor? I feel a little weary about the head sometimes as though it would'nt hurt me to have three or four days to myself - but I think, when Charlie gets smart & the Court gets thro and I get my Regiment well clothed &c I shall feel decidedly better.

Major Prince is the officer that Gov. Washburn recommended for the Brigadier's post. The Governor may be dissatisfied with my management. After I left the regiment, any quantity of stories were told and letters written home to my hurt. Now that I have come back the hearts of the men are coming back to me. The poor men suffered privations & thought it all my fault. They can understand no explanation short of a permission to go home. I promised them faithfully they should not go home & showed them they were holden beyond three months, for which many idle, cowardly fellows cordially hate me. I am afraid you will hear too much of this when you get to Maine for many half-sick, discontented men have got discharged through the medical department. If we can get good recruits, we will soon come up & in about a year it will be as fine a regiment as you should wish to see.

Many kisses to the loved ones. God bless & keep them & you darling.  
Otis

You may be just starting when you get this.



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1363 8/25/1861 *From:* E.J. Gilbert

*To:* Mr. O Howard

OOH-1299

Vassalboro Me

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[316]

Vassalboro Me August 25, 1861

Mr. Howard

I am vary sorry to lern from our souldres in the 3 Regiment Me that grate Disefecttion is in the camps on the acont of thir food tha write that the bread is wormey & meat rotten or vary bad this state of thing is of a var grave nature it should be seen to immediatly for meny reasons firt that mutiney is feard & dreded. Second. This being the cas we cannot git men to enlist if the blame is on the Capt of companes let them be reminded of their duty to soldres at once I lern that this is felt in Captin Haseltyne Compney Waterville I have a son in the 7 me Regimt he was advis not to inlist for the vary reison as above stated see that youre men are treated well wharevr your lot may fall that they may learn to love & obay.

Far Well god bless you & preserve you thru the Nation grate struggle

Youres With Respte

E.J. Gilbert

[Written in Otis' hand]

Aug 25 1861

Answered

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1364 8/26/1861      *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* My dearest Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1300

West Point

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[317]

West Point, Aug. 26, 1861

My dearest Otis

I am very happy to inform you that I had Jamie baptized yesterday. I think you will be glad that Johny Weir is his God-father. Mr Casey, now Capt Casey, is recruiting in Portland. Mrs Casey is going there to be with him. He will come for her or John will take her on. They expect to go this week and as I am not ready I cannot go with them and besides I have not heard from Rowland. I thought he would write me last week. I shall look for a letter every day.

Don't be at all troubled about my getting home. If Rowland cant come I shall think it is for the best. I don't get disappointed now a days. Mrs Casey may not go yet. I shall go see her to-morrow. I am sure something to my advantage will turn up. No officers sent here as Instructors yet. A rumor that Mr Mendall, Wheeler are coming back, and some of the Officers on Parole to be sent here, and some Cadets detailed. It has been intimated that as there are more regiments going from the state that you will be made Brigadier Genl eventually. If you are to be with the regiment I shall feel more interested in it, and more anxious to do what I can for its welfare.

I fancy you would like to know just how we look here. I have sold everything even the cooking-stove not to be taken till I go. We sleep in the up stairs back room. (Mr Ward takes this furniture after we leave). All other rooms empty. Down stairs carpet on dining room and hall. Parlor filled with boxes all packed four of them and two more to fill up. Piano-box on the stoop. I am to send them by the sloop next Monday. Mrs Carroll took me over to the dock in her carriage to see about it, this morning. Mr Carroll will have the boxes marked and directed and taken to the sloop. You see how nicely I get along.

I felt that I must have Mr French baptize little Jamie and O. dearest I did not have him named James Otis. Mrs Williams said don't name him for his papa unless you give him the whole name, and every body would think I named him for the great-man, which I would very much dislike. And I do not think you preferred to have him named for you. He is dear little Jamie any how.

I went to Newburgh last Friday to get Guy some pants and Jamie a hat. I called to see Mrs Williams and the Misses Phillips. They all wish to be remembered very kindly to you, and they will always be interested to hear from us all. John Weir came in this morning to say that a letter came to his brother Henry from you. As his brother is at <Harford> Ferry he took the liberty to open it. It seemed to be in answer to one Henry had written you before about a Lieutenancy.

There was a young man up here from New York last Thursday in company with <> Weir, who wished to join a regiment as second Lieut. And would give from five to ten thousand dollars towards equipping the regiment, or would equip his comp but the Col must be a West Point graduate. Prof Weir took him around <to> see Prof Church. They mentioned you, but I guess thought you were not permanent. Prof Weir told me this at the Dock while waiting for the 10 o'clock boat. The young man <[CHECK ORIGINAL right edge page 4 glued]> <[CHECK ORIGINAL left edge page 5 glued]> in the early boat, Thomas Powell, would let the men eat as much corn, <potatoes> and vegetables as they could send <> tent floors besides if they wanted <> are put to better use as tent flooring <> to stand and be worn out by the <> such times as these. Do you remember the piece of chalk you and Charlie had the argument about? It is I think about the same with the <> men, they wont fare too well any how.

I am very glad Mr Mordecai is near <> you must'nt let him flatter you about your family though. Give my kind regards to him and through him to his sisters. I regret my invitation for him to make me a visit before being <> was given too late, but before I <> expecting I might leave any day. I <> had no idea of remaining here this length of time. I have had a very pleasant stay here, but don't desire to remain. I only dread and regret having to say good bye to Blanche, Mrs Church Mrs Blunt and a few others.

Eve Wed.

I find this unfinished letter, Dearest, and will add a few words and mail it to-morrow but you will have seen Rowland and Guy long before this reaches you.

Thursday.

I didn't write much last evening to you, my dearest Otis because Mr Smith came in and as it was "Hop" night he remained 'till ten o'clock. I wish to send this and must finish in haste somewhat for the men are coming to pack my Piano and then all boxes ready to be nailed up and directed.

I shall have quite a resting time 'till Guy and Rowland return. I shall not and do not at all expect to see you, my own Otis, with them. I have been reading the 'paper' and things look a little as if you would be soon called into active service again. God watches over you there as elsewhere, and He knows best when to take any of us home to Himself. I pray we may all glorify him while we do live. I rather Guy would visit you than myself if but one could go. I miss him very much and shall be very glad to see him coming in when he gets back to West Point. Tell him not to be a volunteer I could'nt do without him, at present, while papa is away.

May God watch over you bless you and keep you and in his own, good time bring you back to us again.

Your own Lizzie

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1365 8/28/1861 *From:* W.H. Duncan, 2nd

*To:* My Dear Col [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1301

Bath, Maine

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[320]

Bath, August 28 / 61

My Dear Col,

I will hope your kind attention on this occasion for a few brief questions to this prospect. I have just returned from Augusta to see the Gov. of our State for the purpose of getting some thing to do in third Maine Reg't in Hospital or anything that I may be of service. I was a member of Co A until the 15 of July and was discharged for disability, and now I have returned to Bath. I am actually lonesome and Homesick to get back again. I enjoyed myself in your Reg't and under your Command and wish my disability would allow me to take my place again in the Ranks. I feel sure I could be of service with my sick fellow soldiers and would be happy to come out and be serviceable. The Gov. told me that I would have to apply to you or which ever Col that I chose. I beg pardon if this appears a nuisance to you.

I am sir your most Obnt servant

W.H. Duncan, 2nd  
Bath, Maine

P.S. I hear the Colombian College are full of sick and wounded and then perhaps you would'nt permit me to take hold there and help all in my power.

Res'y  
W.H. Duncan

Duncan of Bath  
Answered

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1366 8/28/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dearest Lizzie  
[Howard]

OOH-1302

Hd Qrs 3d Regt Camp  
Fessenden

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[319]

Hd Qrs 3d Regt Camp  
Fessenden Aug. 28. 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I had a letter from Rowland yesterday stating that he should be at West Point today and that he proposed to extend his journey on here. If I could ably tell what time he would appear in Washington I would meet him there. I am half a mind to telegraph him to bring Guy. I would if I felt sure that nothing would happen to the little fellow. I expect you would like to take the journey too, darling, but I had much rather go the other way to meet you. When peace comes, I should like to take you through this part of Virginia.

I have gotten through with the Court-martial for the present & will have the pleasure of staying with my regiment today. Chas. Seems quite well. He got a heartier breakfast than I this morning. I have slept in quarters in his room ever since I returned to the Regiment. Today we are to fix a mess. I think Mrs Sampson will take charge of it.

Mendell starts for West Point today, and Jenkins thinks he can get a short respite & visit his wife & probably call at West Point. They both came for messages to you. Mendell is a most excellent man - I love him.

Chas says he shall enjoy visiting Farmington doubly now - if you go there. Charles thinks your letters the greatest treat we have here. Poor little Gracie, papa would like to see her, but thinks she could'nt come to this war-like country with or without Mama now.

The Post boy is coming. Kiss the chubby boy Jamie for papa. I wish Guy had his pony at Farmington. When papa comes home he shall have another.

Remember me affectionately to Mr & Mrs French, Mr & Mrs Church, Mrs Mendell, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Greble, the Weirs, the Penards, particularly Miss Blanch. God will bless her in all her good works.

Be the Lord's & He will continue to comfort you & be your partner forever.

Affectionately in haste  
Otis

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1367 8/28/1861     *From:* Henry T. Waite

*To:* Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1303

Dedham

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[321]

Dedham Aug 28, 1861

Col. O.O. Howard

Dr Sir

Excuse the liberty I take in writing you these lines, but I do not desire to enlist in a "Mass-Regiment" as a private, therefore I wish to ask of you if there is any situation or position I could hold in your Regt. If there is, would you bestow it upon me, if I made a report to you in person at "Washington" or your encampment where ere it may be.

My Wife is sick with Consumption. I am out of work and will have to remain so all winter. I am not able to swing it. Necessity compells me to do that which first comes to hand. You may not remember me from the signature, but Lizzie your wife will know me well, as well dose she knows my family. I care not what position I hold (have you it to give me). I will endeavour to fill it with satisfaction.

Hoping this elect a satisfactory reply, I remain

Yours Truly

Henry S. Waite

P.S. You will probably remember me from the fact of my being appointed to "West Point" by McDonald and afterwards I was withdraun to make room for a nephew of his, who went & remained a year, and then disgraced himself as well as the state by leaving.

H.S.W.

[Written on the back of the letter by Otis:]

Henry S. Waite wants a place in this Regiment.

Answered

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1368 8/29/1861      *From:* [Gov] I. Washburn Jr      *To:* Col. O. O. Howard

OOH-1305

State of Maine  
Executive Department  
Augusta

3d Reg. Me Vol.

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[328?]  
[Letterhead]  
State of Maine  
Executive Department  
Augusta

Aug. 29. 1861

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 26 is before me.

I will speak to the Adj't General to have the musicians issued as you desire.

I am gratified & rejoiced to learn the daily improvement of your troops. We send by the 8th Reg. which goes in a few days rubber blankets for all our Regts.

Shoes, socks, shirts &c & rifles in two companies have already been forwarded.

There is no objection to the correction in Mr Owens Commission.

In haste very truly yours  
I. Washburn Jr

Col. O. O. Howard  
3d Reg. Me Vol.

[Written on the back by Otis:]  
Gov. Washburn  
Aug 29 '61  
Answered

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1369 8/29/1861

*From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-1306

No 222 Willards  
[Washington DC]

*Source:* Bowdoin

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No 222 Willards

(last story)

Aug 29, 2 1/4 P.M.

Dear Bro Otis

I arrived here at 11 ½ A.M. - have seen my friend Farwell - but was too late to get a pass today & the Cl'k (Provost Marshalls office) expressed doubt about my getting one tomorrow - but I will if I can. Perhaps call at Judge Carrolls this PM.

Left Lizzie at 12 ½ yesterday well - Children ditto - and anxious to hear again from Charles. Guy is with me.

Write a line if I do not appear by noon tomorrow. Do not come over if there is any prospect of an action as people here fear.

O may the good & blessed Lord bless you & dear Charley. If he were well - I should feel at ease and I might as well as it is!

I stopped here because I could find places better expecting to go over the River this P.M.

All well at Farmington Mon. Morn.

With a Brother's Love  
Rowland

[Written by Otis:]

R.B. Howard

Aug. 27



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1370 8/30/1861

*From:* John L. Hodsdon  
Adj. Genl

*To:* Col O.O. Howard

OOH-1307

*Source:* Bowdoin

State of Maine  
HEAD QUARTERS  
Adjutant General's  
Office.  
Augusta

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State of Maine  
HEAD QUARTERS  
Adjutant General's Office.  
Augusta

August 30 1861

Col O.O. Howard  
Dr Sir,

Geo E Ford enlisted in Co "G" 3d Regt. Deserted from Meridian Hill - joined Co "I" 7th Regt. Which recently left here and recd pay & bounty from the State the 2d time - and is now doing duty with his Co. at Baltimore if he has not redeserted. You can take such measures as you think proper in relatein thereto. Have written Maj. Hyde Com'g 7th Regt concerning the facts.

Yours very truly &c  
John L. Hodsdon  
Adj. Genl  
by C. L. P.

[Written by Otis:]  
John L. Hodsdon  
Aug 30 '61

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1371 8/31/1861 *From:* J.R. Bacon

*To:* Madam [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1308

New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York  
Aug 31 / 61

Dear Madam,

I neglected to write you yesterday, but now enclose a check for \$75.

I shall meet you D.V. [Deo Volente - God willing] on yr way through this city & shall be very glad to do so & hope you may hear good news from your dear husband. Joined by Mrs Bacon in kind regards. I am

Yrs very Truly  
J. R. Bacon