

Andru P. Merrill
Sept. 1861

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Readfield Me Sept 1861
General A. A. Howard

Dear Sir.

Permit me
to introduce to your honorable notice
the bearer Mr H. W. Weston of Augusta
who desires a place in one of our
Main regiments as Quartermaster
or commissary. He will present
ample testimonials of his suitable
qualifications, & believing as I do that
he would discharge the duties of
the place he seeks with ability
I should be glad to have him serve.

If it is your honor to vice him
I hope you will do so. I am not
ignorant of the many calls you
must have for similar persons.

Very truly yours
Andru P. Merrill
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Respectfully
Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of the land of the late John Smith, deceased, and in answer to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

John P. Smith
Sept. 11th

Remember you have the anxious heartfelt prayers
of as true a daughter to the "Star & Stripe" as there
is in our beautiful New England - although hard
to jump at conclusions on account of over anxious
feelings for our loved flag & the dear ones
who are trying to save it.

Yours truly
Mrs. C. B. Haskell

Mrs Haskell
Sep. 1. 1861

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Wento Hill, Sep. 1. 1861.

Col. Howard,

Dear Sir,



Last Friday I received
a letter from my husband, together with
one from you in answer to the one I wrote
you a few days since. And I may well say it was read
with mingled feelings of sympathy, pleasure & self-reproach.
The pleasure was derived from the fact that you took my
rather plain & open sentiments - kindly & as I meant them.
My motives were good & true - I did not intend to injure
you or anyone by any act of mine whatever. The one I
thought blameable I wrote too. Thinking if it did no
good it would do no hurt - & if I had got a wrong
impression of you in regard to your character & your duties
it would be the best way of getting the truth - for if the reports
which I had read were false, I thought of course you would
hastily correct them. The lack of interest in the welfare
of our soldiers was laid to the mismanagement & unfeeling-
ness of the head officers - & of course I naturally thought you
one of them & could not resist the inclination of
writing as I did - for the thoughts of their suffering from

neglect was unbearable - soon we get exaggerated accounts
of constitutional affairs & I ought to learn not to rely too much
in the reports I read - but I am so interested for my Country's
welfare & her noble sons who are so heavily sacrificing most
every comfort, in order to free her from the hands of tyranny
that I am not considerate enough in my conclusions which
I draw from the many reports which I hear & read - am
too hasty & too apt to believe before I stop to consider - and
therefore approach myself in accusing you wrongfully - but
as I then supposed justly - and humbly ask your forgiveness
in what ever I said that was wrong & in judging you so
hastily - Remember you were & are still a stranger to me
- but I have seen you on my first impressions (which I believe
are the true ones) of you were pleasant - I thought you good
and true & felt thankful as I said before, to our Father
in heaven in giving you to our noble brothers as their leader
and you being a christian man - one who seemed true
to God as well as to our Country - still added to those
first impressions - for I heard with a heart nearly full
to bursting, with mingled emotions, of the sorrows of parting
& anxiety for my Country - your remarks on that me-
morable Sabbath, on ^{the} State Grounds at Augusta - and
I thought with how much more willingness I could let

my darling go - to be under the protection of a man
who loved God & would therefore do his duty towards
those who so gallantly followed him wherever he would
lead - And I can now say that I am only too thankful
that, that confidence which I nearly lost in you, has
now returned as I now believe you true - And I now
more ask you to forgive me in believing as I did
You know as well as do we all - how heavy the cloud
which now hangs over our beloved Nation - hiding
everything good & true in its almost pitchy blackness
- we know not who to rely in - or who to trust - from the
reasons that there has been so many foul traitors in
our very midst - But we trust in God & hope this
darkness will soon pass over - His Power is allmighty
& the cloud that hangs so heavily upon us - has its own
beautiful "lining of silver" although invisible now
as it slowly rolls over - yet with that Mighty Arm it
will soon become discernable to us made more brilliantly
beautiful by the glorious light of Liberty - I firmly believe
that victory is ours - although we gain it by sacrificing
many a noble one - but we know they could not die a nobler
death - May the God of Battles bless you one & all - Our
brave ~~leaders~~ ^{leaders} as well as our noble soldiers -

to me dearest hereafter I shall
be so much alone. If you cant
write more than half a page do
send it. I feared last evening I
would not enjoy the day having
been packing, and other things on
my mind, but I am happy to
say I have almost entirely been
enabled to keep my mind con-
fined to the day and its enjoyments.
I think of Guy so much I do hope
he is not sick. I shall look
for them little to morrow evening
I trust they had no trouble finding
you, perhaps you met them. But I
will know when they come.
I must visit some to morrow.

My goods are all ready for transpor-
tation, and they start in very good shape,
well packed, and well stowed up. I have
eight boxes, set of chamber furniture, dining-
table, bathing tub, rocking horse, and mattresses with

and lunch basket.
no bundles
shells shells
umbrellas
birds, pillow
or plants, but
instead three
children Q.V.
I am for a-
cured seventy-
five dollars
of Mr Bacon.
I shall see
him in N.Y.
and shall
ask him to fit
up your art with
himself at his
house, and let
me know how
it stands. I
may not get in
to write my 12th in the
morning. I got your letter of the 28th last Friday. It says please say that the Federal troops

It is now evening
and about eight o'clock. Grace
and myself up stairs in the
back room. They are asleep, and
have just come up stairs, having
been down to see the Hunter
who came to say "good bye" to
me. I told him to be a good boy, and
do well, because he came from America.
I went over to visit the Sunday School
to-day. There were not as many
children as usual but the number
is less in summer always. I said
"good bye" to those little girls I knew
and some of Charles Pags, Otto
for one, and Luis Anthony. I dont know
the other names. A new teacher, Mr
Beach of Troy, a fourth class man.

he is also Mr Smith's room mate, and
a very pleasant fellow. I must not
forget to ask Mr Smith about the prayer
meeting, he was going to organise it again.
I told him about the table that I said
could not sell it, and did not
want it, and would leave it for
them. I do wish that dear big Guy
very much indeed. I dressed him
for Camp life, and hope he has
been with you, and not at the Carrolls
in such coarse clothes. I was happy
to hear Charlie was so well. I don't
think you can work as hard now you
have only the Regiment to look out for.
I'm glad to hear you mention Mrs
Sampson. I feared she might not still
be with you. I hope she will be able
to remain I know that she can make
herself useful. I have seen Mr Mendell
but not long though. I was out with
Grace the day the tents came down.

I must tell you the furlough class came back in very good shape, none drunk & very, very few seen drinking. Is it not a good thing? Castro & idea. The Cadets say they are a disgrace to the Institution for returning so well. What don't they say. I presume I shall not hear any of the reports about your say when I get home, they will trouble me very little. I know you will do right & that is enough. How is Charlie going to visit Farmington when I am there? Won't he stay with you all the time? My last Sunday at West Point I presume this is, and I have received very many blessings this day. It was also communion day here, and took Grace to church and a better girl I never saw, and that so long. Your next letter after receiving this will be directed to Leeds of course. Do write often.

Head Quarters 7th Maine.
Baltimore Sept. 3rd /61.

Col. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I have rec'd a communication from Gen. Woodgdon respecting Geo. E. Ford - a deserter from company G. 3rd Reg. He is at present, sergeant in company E. As far as I can find out, it is in your option to take him & retain his pay till his second bounty & what pay he has rec'd, amounting to \$26.76. is made up, or to let us retain him & do the same thing. I would wish you to act your pleasure about

it. I have a number of
commissions for officers of the
kind, which I will either
send by mail or wait
till we come to Washington
and deliver them in person,
as you may direct.

Your obedient servant.

Thomas W. Hyde
Major, 7th Regiment.

Washington, September 3^d 1861.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you Brigadier General of Volunteers.

in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one. Should the Senate, at their next session, advise and consent thereto, you will be commissioned accordingly.

Immediately on receipt hereof, please to communicate to this Department, through the Adjutant General's Office, your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment; and, with your letter of acceptance, return to the Adjutant General of the Army the OATH herewith enclosed, properly filled up, SUBSCRIBED and ATTESTED, reporting at the same time your AGE, RESIDENCE when appointed, and the STATE in which you were BORN.

Should you accept, you will at once report, by letter, for orders, to the General-in-Chief.

Simon Cameron

Secretary of War.

Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard,
(U. S. Volunteers)

Accepted
Appointments
of Brig. Genl.
Sept 3^d 1861

4 months Commut-
ed at the same time. } National Hotel
I got Mr. H. 2 thro' Maj. } Washington D.C.
Robie from Farwell - } Sept. 4th 1861.

This will pay my expenses $\$1\frac{1}{2}$ A.M.

Dear Brother Write me to Leeds when
you come - yr affectionate Bro.
Charles.
Maj. Staples has just re-

Maj. Staples has just re-
turned from Gen. McClellan's & has
Free Passes to Maine for himself
Mr. Wiggins & two privates - But I
pay my own fare I cannot accom-
pany Rowland & Lizzie - I could
not get away yet this morning
because we did not arrive in New-
York yesterday P. M. to see McClellan
or Williams - Maj. has instructions
no writing - all expenses paid ex-
cept for food - We are to get
money of Hight down in Maine.

I stayed at Sledge Carroll's last night - went to bed early, spent the evening up here - Expected John for the morn till dark. Kept him in the stable near Judge C's. I hear John has come. I left word for him to meet me here.

I suppose I better not pay my
own fare for the sake of going with
Lizzie as Rowland will take good

Wego at 2 1/2 P.M. today.

Car.

Your appointment was in last night's paper (Star) -

I've been thinking that unless something peremptory assigns you that it would be better not to have the 3^d Regt. in your Brigade - Much less fruitfinding - more deference from strangers - The officers themselves I think would be better suited - at least those I have talked with feel so - Some of your warmest friends I think would feel differently - There would be no chance to become seen of favoritism or of rights to avoid the reproach of favoritism -

Main troops I think have a high respect for you and get all agree that it is better not to have all from the same State. Col. Marshall has been offered the colonelcy of the 1st - Mr. Carson having refused to come. I fear he would be too tame & I don't like men educated in Col. Berry's school.

What I said of the 3^d I desire should set you ~~to~~ thinking

a little more in that direction with
 really to influence your decision for
 I am not fully decided what
 best myself.

You will hear about Capt
Griffin's being ordered across the
river last night - He was with one
of the Corroll's & wrote them a
letter this morning saying they were
undisturbed but did not sleep - They
were ordered to take 1 day's rations & have
3 more afterwards but took none
in their hurry -

McClellan was then - near the Chain Bridge & told Capt. G. he could return to the city today but I understood that his battery would remain - I was glad to know that McClellan was right on the ground & Griffin arrived the first of those sent to help the Gen Smith. - Wagon rattling to men all night & at the Corral they expected Capt. G. would be fighting before morning & some of the young ladies could not go to bed.

I am sorry that we 4 must
stick so close together going home.

What will the 3^d do ^{if you go away} without
Maj. Staples seen now? Hope someone
did not need your home - as with
it proved it was no saving of money
but it saved me several ^Q
today many hard weeks. My
health is good - I will see R. Max
and Lizzie in N. Y. & if the
really need one will go on the
first borrowed night - a much
more agreeable way to me.
Now things to come by the
you will have a car to
I think they will get into I
Fuller's depart by some means
or other.

I had them adieu at the Carrozzetti
this morning. Mrs. C. was as usual
sick - did not see her. She had
a bad head ache last night & I
went to bed. I wish I could
have had some instructions or
some book. Maj. Staples is
a good hand to find out
every thing one wants to know
My rations must be consumed
of course & perhaps I can get it

My trip costs 3 days with Mr. Davidson

July 31-
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with
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Max
Rotten
cost
with
impe
ciple
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lim
We
need

July 31. We all have our discouragements.
Our mine are sometimes very great - Yours
with those riches & undisciplined
spare must be so also - but if you
Otis can have patience - you will
be an improvement - Is not Gen.
McClellan a christian? Give Otis a
bottles love & assure of him of our
constant prayers - Tell him him I
wish he would act less from generous
impulses & more from a settled prin-
ciple - How he can reconcile paying those
damages with a sense of justice to
himself & family - I do not see -
We hope to go down to Leeds next
week & spend a night with Mother -
Yesterday was Anniversary at Bangor
as next week is Corn: at Bowdoin - but
I don't see my way clear to go - I
Ed. Thompson dissatisfied with Otis?
I & Ella & I are going out to make calls
this morn: & to stop the picnic wh.
is postponed till next week on acct.
of the dampness of the ground - One
of our neighbors just brought us in some
Knox peas. My garden yields nice white
Rashenies - Cucumbers - beans &c. but
it gets neglected somewhat.

We will not expect sickness before the
1st of Sept. then I suppose my cares
will be increased & Letter-writing con-
still hinder - I can take a vacation
of the Labi when I choose - If it be
not for money perhaps you would
see me at the Head Quarters of the
3^d Brig. If we "make both Ends
meet" this year we will do well -
The completion of the R.R. will not
mend "further" circumstances so long
as the war continues & business at
Rath & Lewiston is suspended. Many
Christians think that our removal at
Bulls Run was because we attacked
them Sabbath Day - But we all say
go through now - tho' the loss of
the property & many lives be
sacrificed - May God defend the
right -

Yours,
R. B. H. H. H.

R. B. H. H. H.

Wd Mrs 3^d Regt.

Sept. 4th 1861

Dearest.

Rowland & Chas. & Guy have gone
and I feel somewhat lonely. I am very anxious
about Guy. He was sick after I left him that
night at Mrs Carroll's. I had to leave the little
fellow & go back to camp. The darling little
boy. Papa hopes he is well & got home in
safety. I have been appointed Brigadier Genl
& hesitate now whether it is better for the country
the cause of Christ & for my poor self to
take or decline the position. I shall send
these few lines to Ludo. Much love to
Mother. Rowland, Chas. and not least my little
darling children - May God direct us all
in the way he would have us walk

I Don't forget Father
Much love

Very truly & lovingly
Your own husband
This

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Sir,

In answer to your inquiry as to
the full name of Capt. Sewage; it is
Elbridge G. Sewage Camp "4" 3^d Me. Vol.
I think I was mistaken with regard to
Capt Sewage at the time I applied for
his discharge. He had not then
over-staid his leave, but he has now
and whether it has been extended by
proper authority or not I do not know.
His Company needs a Captain.

Very respectfully
Wm. H. B. Smith.
Adjutant
Co. 3^d Me. Vol.

W/

Richard B. Grover

Capt & A. A. C.

Washington

J. C.

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Capt. Searcy
10th Me. Vols.

The enclosed is from my friend
Mr. J. M. Searcy of the 10th Me. Vols.
I am writing you about
the 10th Me. Vols. as the 10th Me. Vols.
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Wm. Searcy
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W. M. 3^d Me. Vols.
Sept 6th 1861

My dearest wife,

I am very anxious to hear from you & from you all now that you have started. I do hope starting that you are all well. I have accepted the position of Brig. Gen^l of Vols. and shall await orders here.

We are to keep two days cooking & provisions ahead. I do not much anticipate in action. I do not surmise where I shall be sent. Much love to Mother, Father & my little treasures or our little treasures.

God bless & keep you

Affectionately your
own John

16 Dec 29
John C. 1881

My dear wife

I am very anxious to
 hear from you. I have been all day
 that you have started. I do hope something
 that you are all well. I have
 everything in position of trip. I of
 Mrs. and others cannot enter here.
 We are to keep two days cooking
 before starting. I do not know what
 in order. I do not know what
 I shall be sent. What time to
 Mother. Father & my little Thomas
 are all with me.
 I hope you are well.
 Affectionately yours
 John C.

Leeds, Mass. Sept. 7th 1861

Saturday eve 1/2 past 7 o'clock

My dearest Mrs

I have borrowed paper of Col Gilmore to write part of a letter this evening. Fannie went to sleep, then I undressed Guy and Grace. Now I will tell you about our journey. We left West Point Thursday morning, after the great trial of parting and leaving my pleasant home and friends. Rowland and Guy arrived the evening before in the "Thomas Powell" both were very well and I was happy to see dear little Guy back again in health. He missed Charlie in New York by half an hour, he left in the Cars at twelve o'clock, also, we arrived in Boston at half past six from Fall River, and Charlie left in the seven o'clock train for Portland having stayed the night before at Mrs Hazards: he got here from Augusta a few minutes before Col Gilmore started for the Depot to meet us. Charlie "hasn't got his beard off" as your old friend said to you, and it makes him look too much like you. I am glad to meet him here and yet I don't like him to leave you a day. I am very glad May Staples is coming to see Charlie here next Tuesday. I shall have the pleasure of seeing him. I am going to have such a capital girl, Isabelle. We spent the day Friday with Mrs Hazard, did not see Mr H. or Eli. Rebecca is to go with Mr or Mrs Capt Wm H. Gordon. Lee Stickland has been chosen Col. of the Regiment. We got into Portland quite early ^{this morning} but the children did not wake for a long

time and it was past eight o'clock when we walked to the Depot to get breakfast, at a little later we took a carriage and rode to Amelia Edwards, little Jamie went to sleep, I left him there while I rode with Guy and Grace to do a little shopping then returned there and took dinner and came out here in the afternoon train. Mother looks quite well, and also Col Gilmore. Thomas and his wife Abby are the help. Col Gilmore has sent for my trunk, they came through in safety. The children have been very good on the journey, very little trouble, and I am not tired or worn out at all. I feel very well to night. A short but welcome letter came to me in the same train from you, dearest, written after Rowland, Guy, and Charlie had gone.

Charlie is talking very fast with quite a number of friends who have come in to hear from friends in the regiment. I am in the farmers North Room. You can almost see me can you not? I do not write very fast because I want to listen to Charlie. I will delay writing more to night for little Jamie will soon awake and I have been writing an hour. May God direct and bless you, and in his own good time bring you back to us in my prayer. Sunday Evening, six o'clock. I was obliged to stay at home to-day, dearest, with little Jamie who feels that he has lost all his friends, but mamma. Guy went to church with Aunt Charlie, and he and Grace are very happy to meet Isabella who returned after church to-day. Mother and I are thinking of going to Farmington on day next week to see Ella and the baby, and also look at houses. I can leave Guy and Grace with Isabella. So you see I am all ready provided with help. I

presume I shall get along about as well with every thing else, and meet with as good success. My friends at West Point congratulated me on your promotion. It was in the "Herald" Wednesday the day I made my good bye visits. I am glad it was given you on merit, not politically as Casey, I hear, said "he deserves it." The "Lappers" from West Point, were ordered to Portland under the name of Capt Casey. I imagine the first the new job of they are really there, this I heard the day before I left and I had too much else on my mind to remember well. The Burger your cousin's husband is very sick with consumption. Mother saw Laura & Aunt Lydia at church to-day. Cousin William H. Fitch and wife came to Maine few months ago. He has now joined the eighth Regiment as 2^d Lieut. I shall write his wife to make me a visit this winter and if Grace's mother is able I shall next week come and see me. I shall get to house keeping as soon as I can. I wish you would tell me if you and Rowland had conversations on any particular subjects connected with business or ourselves myself and children. I am exceedingly sorry to hear Rowland talk about money matters. I don't want my friends in high position for the pay. If he had not taken Guy to see you, I should say. I wish he had not gone to Washington. I hope you won't have Charlie Carroll on your staff, but I suppose you cannot get officers ^{of the regular army}. I hope you may be able to though. Charlie Fitch left West Point the day I did, he had been promised a Lieutenancy in the regular army. Monday Morning we are all well this morning. Most mail time. Charlie will write by the same mail. You can tell Guy and Grace were decided how many kisses they would send Papa but concluded to send 12 and 4 each. Love

Rev. E. Whitney
Sept. 7th 1861

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Bath Me. Sep. 7. 1861

Col. V. O. Howard

Dear Sir

At the request of Mr. Fogg, whose son ~~Wm~~ H. Fogg is a member of Co. A. 3rd Reg't, I venture to ask you to do what lies in your power to secure for the young man a discharge or a furlough. He is now in the Hospital (at Columbia College Washington) & much shattered in health. I feel a deep interest in him as a member of my Church, & will do all I can to encourage his early return to duty when through the care

of friends at home, his
strength shall be regained,

I rejoice to hear of
your well-earned promo-
tion, + pray daily that the
Lord of hosts may bless
you.

With much respect

Yours truly

C. Whittier

Albion Fogg
Sept. 7th 1861

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Both Maine Sept 7th 1861

Col Oliver O. Howard 3rd Maine Regt

Dear Sir

I learn
that my son Amos H. Fogg of Co A,
3rd Maine Regt is sick at the General
Hospital in Washington, he left
Augusta in your special service
and as I am unable to learn his
military status at the present
time being removed from the
Regt to Washington I wish you
would have the kindness to inform
me as to the probability of his recovery,
if he is not a going to be able to re-
turn to duty to render him what as-
sistance to obtain his discharge that
you can, or if he cannot be discharged
to grant him a furlough so that
he may return that I may see to
him to regain his health if possible

by your early attendance to this
matter you will oblige me much
as I feel very anxious as to the con-
ditions of my sons health, an answer
to this as soon as your duties will
permit will be a great relief to me

Yours Truly

Robinson Hogg

To Col C B Howard
3 Maine Reg't

Robinson Hogg

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M. W. Bury
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Hudson Summit Co O
Sept 9. 1861

Dear Sir

I perceive by the announcements of promotions, that you are included among the Brigadiers. I am glad to see it not only on your account, but for the Country's sake. I should not have ventured to congratulate you however, but for a request I have to make.

I did not succeed in getting my son appointed to a Cadetship notwithstanding a vacancy has occurred in our district, by the resignation of Cadet Wetmore.

We had hoped the age which by law he could have been admitted, I now want to ask the favor for him of a place in your staff, if your appointments are not made

already. He is a young man
possessing all the qualities needed
to commend him to such a man
as I know you to be. He is naturally
bright, quick & correct in judgment
thoughtful, grave, & courteous. Sufficiently
educated in general science & literature
for usefulness, as brave as man, &
yet as gentle as a woman.

He has been under the military
training of a competent officer
since the fall of 1864 & possesses
a high degree of military taste
& genius. He is ambitious to be
in the service but his friends
are unwilling to let him enter
without position. Especially his mother.
He would long since have done
so but for such restraints.

I could present you the testi-
monials of our college faculty
& all others acquainted with him
as to his fitness if needed.

If consistent with your various
& responsible duties please let
me hear from you.

I rec'd a letter a few days
since from Mrs Gray, she & Annie
were well.

Respectfully &c
Brig² O O Howard } W. M. Beebe

My sons name is W. M. B. Jr.

I ought to have said that
Wm is about 5 feet 9 in, in height,
well formed for muscular activity
& endurance, & as active, physically
as a deer. He is a communis-
cant in the Episcopal church
& strictly correct in all his habits,
between twenty ~~or~~ two years of age.
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Gen. W. Boyam
Sept. 9-61

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Wayne Maine
Sept the 9-1861

Sir I take this opportunity
to inform you of my
helth it is very poor now
but is better then it was a
while ago but is not good eno
ough to do a soldier duty
yet. I have a writing from
Dr Barker of Wayne and from
Dr Ellis of Augusta and I
could send them to you but
I would like to keep them
my self I will send you one
from Dr Marston that was
given in Aug he thinks now
that I never will be able to
back again. I have ben
bleeding to the lungs

I want you to send
me some money you
reciet for it and when I
recieve it I will reciet for
the same and send it to you
my ~~to~~ pay is due from the
4th of June I ask for a
new furlough

pleas write as soon as you
reciee this

Your Gruley

Geo. W. Raymond. soldier
fo. Co. H. Maine. Id. regiment

direct your letter to
Wayne Me

John H. Thompson
Sept - 9th '61 -

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Syracuse Sept 9. 1861
J. O. Howard

Brig. Genl U. S. A.

My dear Howard

Your telegraphic
despatch, informing me that
Genl Thomas had promised
my appointment, reached me
this day. but unfortunately
for my feelings and wishes.
I received a communication
on Saturday last from Genl
Martindale requesting me
to come on without delay
and assume the same position
on his staff, which of course
settles the question of duty, as
I intimated in my letter to
you, written on the supposition
that he had made another

appointment.

I need not assure you how much pleasure it would have afforded me to renew, even in the midst of warlike scenes, the friendly intercourse begun in old Waterloot, and had I been earlier advised of your appointment, my application to you should have anticipated all others; as it is, I can only thank you for your favorable regard, and hope that we may ere long meet to rejoice over our beloved country once more restored to peace, and the exercise of its authority unimpaired, over all its parts. Meanwhile believe me

Very truly Yours,
John Hallhouse.

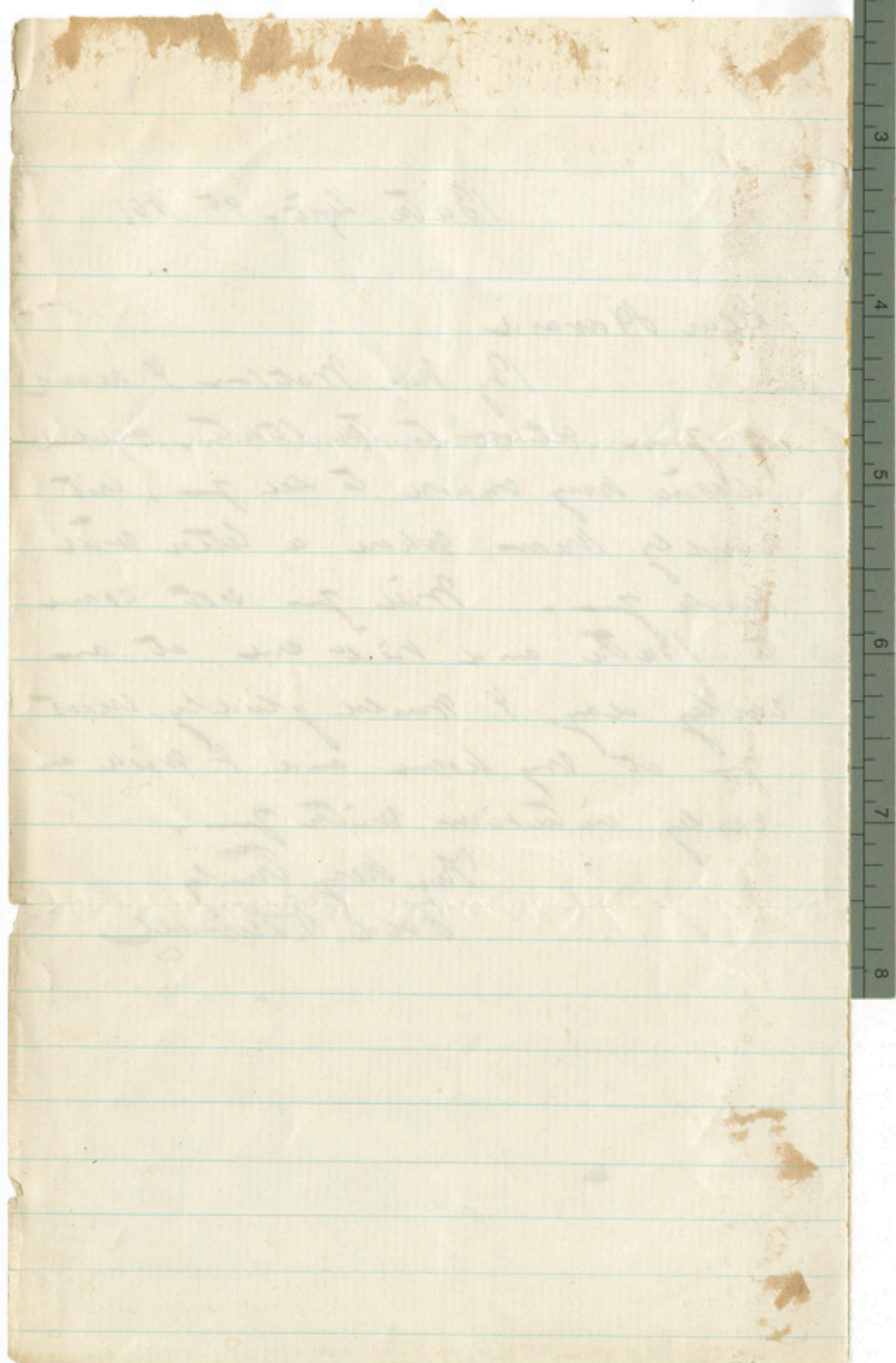
John Hallhouse
10th St - 1st Fl

Bath Sept. 9th 1861

Dear Howard

By Mr. Watson I heard
of your return to the State, and
desire very much to see you, but
hardly know when a letter will
reach you. Will you not come
to Bath and visit me at an
early day, I would gladly meet
you at my home, and I wish an
early interview with you.

Yours very truly
Fred. D. Lowell



Perry is well. Reminds love to all.

7th. Dear Sir. 3rd Regt.

The Vol. Sept 17th 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I just got writing you last night till this morning and now the wind flows so hard that I can hardly write in camp. I am very anxious to get a word from you to say that Guy is well. Also yourself - Grace & Jamie and Lander safely at Father's. Guy must have much to tell you. I did not have much time to take him one way & talk with him when he was here. He found a great deal that was new & attractive to him in camp. I hope he did not take cold or become sick. You have to wait & wait, but you have those blessed "little comforts" about you. My mind is generally filled with my duties, but I am much less occupied now than I was. I have to be up early & keep my eyes open. I never

saw the regiment in better shape than it
now is. At Knoxville ^{nearly} every officer reports to
me on the color line. The grounds there are
thoroughly policed. We have a good many
sick yet & a good many playing sick so as
to shirk their work & get home. I wish
I could work in upon you this morning
and just play with the children a little
while. I think Fannie & I would have a
fine time. I haven't heard from John Bellhouse
yet since his application, nor from
Colonel Stogler. I should be glad to
know if they received my dispatches.
Well father, there is not much hope
of an attack from the enemy. We
now have a complete line of fortifications
and are prepared for anything.
Genl McClellan will know every thing
in readiness before he moves. He has
my old friend Capt. Mearns, now Colonel
Mearns as Chief of Staff. Seth Williams

for Adjutant Genl. Kingsbury Chief of Ord-
nance. Ingalls ^{was} Chief of Quartermaster's Dept.
now War. Secy. Genl. Meigs is always
a good friend to me. He congratulated
me heartily the other day on my
promotion. Some of the officers seemed
a little "grumpy" I thought. Baird &
Col. Callum for example. They complained
of the number of Brigadiers. That is
all right there are too many, but
it wasn't in good taste to tell me
so. I feel as though I ought to do
something for the Carrolls but I
can't. Charles ^{Carroll} is not the kind of
man I want except as an additional
aid for he has no experience & my
habits would not be very acceptable to
him & I fear his word would not be so to
me. Much love & many kisses to
the children - much love to father &
mother. P. By waiting. Good by darling - yrs
Otis

Portland Sept 12 1861
Mr O O Howard }
Dear Niece }

I rec'd your letter
this morning was glad to hear that you
and Children arrived Safe and all well
I called twice at the Office of Lawyer
Williams but he was not in - I will
see him and Enquire about the Execution
and let you know -

I Enclose a fifty dollar Bill
Canal Bank - the amt. you request -
hoping to hear from you often
I remain -

Your Affectionate
Uncle
E Maite
with kind regards
to all your friends

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writing to meet Charlie's account of the
battles. and now it is too late to wait
now this evening. I hope you are to
have a quiet, refreshing sleep this night.
We are all very well. Friday Morning.

This must go to the P.O. by Charlie when
he goes on his tour tomorrow. I intend to
go to Auburn tomorrow. I would like
to be there on Sunday as I cannot go
to church here on account of leaving home
so long. The weather seems much colder
here than in New York and I must
be getting the children ready for
winter. they want the snow to come
now. I must get them each a sleigh.
I feel that I can get along very nicely.
I wish you would write to us often.
Guy and Grace are out at play with Johnny.
I hear them very happy. Sarahella is proving
an excellent girl. My kindest regards
to the Carralls, Mr. Stillhouse, and all other
friends. Yours ever, Lizzie

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Leeds. Me. Sept. 12. 1856.

My own dearest Otis
Charlie got
a long letter from you to day.
I care not to whom you write
if we can only hear from you
often. and know that you are
in good health. I ought to have
written you the night before we left
West Point, and should have done
so had I known that Guy was sick.
The night you left him in Washington
I did not know it till we were
on our journey. He was well when
he reached home. He says now
that he is going back with Uncle
Charlie, and with a great deal of earnest-
ness says, that he will volunteer when he
is a little larger. I am very thankful
that he is as good a boy as he is.

I shall rejoice exceedingly if you can
have Mr. Hillhouse. I think he has lately
been connected with Gov. Morgan, in some
way, of N.Y. State. If Charlie must leave you he
must. You know best. You probably will
have Mr. Fred Sewall on your staff. Mr. Staples
and Miss Clark of Withrop were here yesterday.
Charlie was at Uncle Ensign's when they came
we sent for him immediately, they were
here three hours from twelve till three
o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Mulliken sent love
to me by him. I almost have a wish
to go to Augusta if they are to be there
this winter. I am not going to do
much about getting the house keeping
while Charlie is home. I wish to do
something for you, such as making
shirts &c. see him as much as I can,
and help Mother what I can. Dear
little Jamie has become so well
acquainted with Isabella that he puts
out his little hands to go to her

already. I am going to Auburn to see
Aunt Sarah this week, and not to
Farmington just now. Mother proposed
that I should remain here while Charlie
was home. I do feel a little dependent
and like a straw the wind can blow
in any direction. I am not unhappy,
but try to be both cheerful and happy.
If I was at West Point now I should see
you. I know you would go that far
to see us. But I can't expect you to
come on here. Mr. Staples does not
wish to return till Col. Tucker is sent
removed. I hope the 3^d Regiment may pass
directly from your care to his. I expect
to hear my son of your having a
Brigade assigned you. I am writing
in the evening as usual. I have
had the tooth ache nearly all the time since
the day before I left West Point. but I am
quite sure the tooth will be out before
you receive this letter. I left my

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EDWARD W. CRITTENDEN.

NEW-YORK.

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New-York, September 1861

My dear Sir,

You doubtless remember me as
a poor Frank's nephew, and as the young
man who once spent a day or two with
you at West-point. Ever since the war
commenced, I have been exceedingly anxious
to go, and nothing but the opposition of my
father has prevented my being in Washington
a private soldier to-day. I could very easily
have procured a commission in the regular
army two months ago, but now that my
father's views are somewhat modified,
find it impossible to do so. I see by the
papers that you have recently been
made a Brigadier-General, and not
knowing but that you might be able
to do something for me, have taken this
liberty. If you can spare time from your
military avocations, please address me as
above. Believe me,

Yours very respectfully
Edwin H. Darling

Frid. Morn.

Sept. 13, 1861

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Dear Otis

Maj. Sewall has written me twice to come to Bath. He is very desirous of a place on your staff - Please write if you want him & I will go to the Gov. & see what can be done for him - What is the rank of Purveyor Gen. ? The sooner Sewall is informed the better if you want him because he must arrange his business - Perhaps you have written about this & as soon as I get your reply, I will go to Augusta - then to Bath. I am troubled about the recruiting. Have received no instructions, & have no papers. If I could only have papers to enlist I could get many more - but having to send them to Augusta & there being an uncertainty about their expenses being paid going there & whether any one or any place is ready for them then I am completely crippled. I have been all over this town with no success tho' some might be persuaded to go had I the enlistment paper so that their organs should commence immediately - Sergt. Lothrop Co. K. discharged on acct of a wound - is recruiting a Co. for himself

for the 9th Regt. He has been all over
my ground - I wait for further in-
structions, I cannot hire a horse
because I don't know as my ex-
penses will be paid. Capt Hight could
not inform us because he had rec'd
no money or instructions - I am going
to Green & Monmouth today -

Will try & get horses at my
rate because I can't lie still - in
father's house - Your letter last
night did us all much good

~~you~~ had not got mine
to answer. Your Affectionate Son
— Charles —

Sept. 13 1861
E. H. Steward
assumed

was entirely uncertain whether what position
I could give him. I felt glad Guy has
been to see me. How much does he
remember of camp life & of his
journey. He is a darling little boy & papa
would like to have him here. But
there are reasons why a camp is
a bad place for a little boy. I should
just like to take a look at Grace
She must be changing. She won't get too
big to kiss papa will she! And Gavin
he is too large. For I hear his mother
is thin. She won't eat & sleep as well
as she used to does she? There is
nothing like these two requisites
eating & sleep overmuch. Mrs. Simpson
is very kind & John is quite attentive
but I can take care of myself pretty
well. It is not so much work to ~~him~~
the Regt now as it was. We are much
like old soldiers. The officers come up
to duty "like a book". We have had a better
prayer meeting than last night. Aiding with
our three curies to help proceeded the prayer
meeting as my text. Much love to all. Yours

For the children. I think if you have a successful campaign
this time I want to be concerned to show my self in them
I will give you news of them as you see by the heading. (Monday Morning)

After I wrote the above line I was employed
all day without intermission. The men
are bringing me their money to send
by express to their friends and it has
made me a good deal of extra work.
I am going to Washington this morning to
send the money & make other arrange-
ments. I am disappointed in my
plans not returning before this. It
will make me behind every body in the choice
of my brigade. I should not have gone to
West Point - if you had been there now
looking. For I shall not show my self as
the worth under suppose if I can help it.
It is no time to have our command now.
Political generals may do it but Army Gen's
had better keep the field & keep their
eyes open. not for credit but for the salvation
of the country. We have had glory enough, now

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in this time for work. I am glad you got out of
the Spring, as I got out of the battle. Over in
under the birch tree next to the pasture? -
I send you enclosed one hundred dollars -
I have sent to Mr Fuller \$100. & \$44.50 to
Mr. Augustine Tuelon. I wish you would
give me a detailed account of your
possessions & your wants. How much
you have on hand &c. I could understand
what you said about Rowland & his journey.
We had no conversation that amounted to
anything touching money matters. Those things
you & I can take care of. His visit was
pleasant to me & to the Command. He
was perhaps a little too ambitious for
me & I fear I have been more under than
spirited than I ought to be. Did Rowland draw
heavily on your darling, for expense? Tell
me the whole just as it is. I am glad, Annie
takes to Graham - how did you feel on leaving?
I should think you & Grace would miss her.
I am afraid I have not sent you money enough.
I believe I have regained the love & confidence
of my old Regiment. When I had the

brigade. Every sort of representation was made
but now it is all right. I have been
asked to leave to my regret. I think
I shall take Mr. Ford S. Sewall of
Bulth for Asst Adjt Genl. He wants
the rank of Major, but he can
have that rank from the Genl
Government. I think he would mind
that as he is a true man. Genl
Martin had the refusal of Killbuck
before he wrote me. A great many applications
have come to me for positions on my
staff. I should like to do something to
show a kindly disposition towards the
Carrolls if I could. I feel under obligation
and I don't like to do so. But Charles C.
is not just the man, unless I can have
a surplus, Aid. I am not allowed every
officer. This will be likely to cut him
off. Give lots of love to Mother. She
has hardly had her share of my letters
but she is like you & probably. I won't
only every often that all is well it is satisfactory
I have not written to Mr. Sewall because I

Monday Morning

This slip of English-ing grew over
the door of the church in Alexandria
when our Washington used to worship -
I gathered it myself yesterday - after our
our way out - I think you may
be able to root it -
As if we went down to church - around
by Chaplain of N.Y. left 6 people 4 or 5 were

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Camp Frederick
Evening of Sept 15th 1864

My dear Lizzie

With excuse my familiarity -
I know, when I see you, I hear Mr. Col.
and Charles or often speak of you, and
they seem so much like brothers to me,
that I cannot think of you as a stranger,
especially tonight when I am in such
a "melting mood."

I have just returned from a
singing & prayer meeting at Mr. Col's
tent; this exercise were very interesting
but the thoughts that he now or soon to
leave us, took away all my pleasure -
Charles I suppose will leave with him.
They have both been very kind to me and
I am sure I shall be lost without them. I
am at this thought - but live all for the best.

no doubt, though I fear for our Regiment
when we lose our Col. Every body will mourn
more than my husband and self.

Charles said you wanted to know
what you could do for the Col. and though
he insists upon it, that he is in need of nothing
I am happy to tell you there is one thing
you can send him, that he will appreciate
beyond measure, and be very useful. It is
a flannel dressing-gown or wrapper, to sleep
in nights, and slip on day times, when he
wants to rest. If I should propose this to him
he would say he did not want it, but I
know when once he has it, he would not
do without it, for he has slept cold for several
nights. I would make both outside & lining
of flannel, and make it long. He would
find it very useful too, should he ever be sick
in cold weather.

I wish I could always look after
for his things, but Charles will be with
him, and he takes very good care of him,
unless he should be sick himself, but they
are both so good, they will find friends
every where. You have nothing to fear.

Please ^{say} to Charles, the Capt has pitched
a tent for me next his, and I am very
cozily situated; wonder if he will ever visit
me here? Another order from Col. Seagrave
was read tonight, to keep three days ration
cooked. We hear from St. Higgins that he is
not very successful in raising recruits in
Bath & vicinity.

Say to my darling little Guy, that
the Sunday after he left, I picked a
leaf during service for him & passed it in
my hymn-book - but have left it at the
other tent tonight, will send it him, next time.

I will try and write to you written
any soon; with much love to her, and you
as I am very affectionately yours.

Sarah Sampson -

A few more hakeps. ord. not come
anxious to the Col. but I think there is
scarcely nothing else he needs.

I will Charles a paper trimmer
with Dr. Palmer's letter in it - his just pub-
lished with editorial remarks.