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1388 9/10/1861 *From:* Anson P. Morrill

*To:* General O.O. Howard

OOH-1330

Readfield Me

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Readfield Me Sept 1861

General O.O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Permit me, to introduce to your favorable notice the bearer Mr H. N. Morten of Augusta who desires a place in one of our Maine regiments as Quarter Master 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 succeed.

If in your power to aid him I hope you will do so. I am not ignorant of the many calls you must have for similar favors.

Very truly yours  
Anson P. Morrill

Anson P. Morrill [Written by Otis on back]

Sept 1861

[Note: The day of the month was not written. Because the salutation is written to "General" Howard, it must have been written after his appointment, which was made on 9/3/1861, but wasn't popularly used until 9/9, so assume this is 9/10.]

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1372 9/1/1861

*From:* Mrs. C. B. Haskell

*To:* Col. [OO] Howard

OOH-1331

Kents Hill

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Kents Hill Sep 1st 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 anxiety, pleasure & self-reproach. The pleasure was derived from the fact that you took my rather plain & open sentiments kindly & as I ment 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 I 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 & unfeelingness of the head officers - & of course I naturally thought you <were> of them & could not resist the inclination of <[CHECK ORIGINAL]> as I did - for the thoughts of their suffering from [Page 2 right edge glued] neglect <is> so unbearable. I own we get exaggerated accounts of our National affairs & I ought to learn not to rely to much in the reports I read, but I am so interested for my Countrys welfare & her noble sons who are so bravely sacrificing most every comfort, in order to free her from the hand of tyranny, that I am not considerate enough in my conclusions which I draw from the many reports which I hear & read over to hastey & to apt to believe before I stop to consider, and therefore reproach myself in acousing you wrongfully but as I then suposed justly, and humbly ask your forgiveness in whatever I said that was wrong & in judging you so hastily.

Remember you were & are still a stranger to me, but I have seen you & my first impressions (which I believe are the true ones) of you were plesant. 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 <> to God as well as to your 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 memorable 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 twards those who so gallantly followed him wherever he would lead.

And I can now say that I am only to thankful that, that confidences which I nearly lost in you, has now returned as I now believe you true. And I once 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 trations in our very midst.

But we trust in God & hope this darkness will soon pass over. His Power is Almighty & the cloud that hangs so heavily upon us - has its own beautiful "linning of silver" although invisible now as it slowly rolls over. Yet with that mighty Arm it will soon become disernable 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 our noble soldiers.

Remember you have the anxious heartfelt prayers of as true a daughter to the "Stars & Stripes" as there is in our beautiful New England - although hasty 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

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1373 9/1/1861

*From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* My dearest Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1332

West Point

*Source:* Bowdoin

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West Point, Sept 1, 1861

My dearest Otis

It is now evening (Sunday) and about eight o'clock. Grace, Jamie and myself up stairs in the back room. They are asleep, and I have just come up stairs, having been down to see Mr Hunter who came to say "good bye" to me. I told him to be a good boy, and do well, because he came from Maine.

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 Charlies boys, Otto for one, and Luis Hathaway. I don't 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 organize it again. I told him about the table that I could not sell it, and did not want it, and would leave it for them.

I do miss that dear boy 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. Am 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 usefull. 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 been drinking. Is it not a good thing. 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 yourself when I get home, they will trouble me very little. I know you will do right and that is enough. Now is Charlie going to visit Farmington when I am there? Wont 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. Was also communion day. I took Grace to church and a better girl I never saw, and there so long.

Your next letter after receiving this will be directed to Leeds of course. Do write often 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 to-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 confined 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 transportation and they start in very good shape, well packed, and well done up. I have eight boxes, set of chamber furniture, dining-table, bathing tub, rocking horse, and mattresses with one carpet rolled. We take with us four trunks, one valise and lunch basket, no bundles, shawls, umbrellas, birds, pillow or plants, but instead three children. D.V. [Deo Volente - God Willing]

I sent for and received seventy-five dollars of Mr. Bacon. I shall see him in N.Y. and shall ask him to fix up your act. With himself at his leisure and let me know how it stands.

I may not get time to write any in the morning. I got your letter of the 28th last Friday.

Today's paper says that the Federal troops have taken Fort Hatteras, and prisoners. The rebels hardly expected that.

Good night now. May God have you and all in his keeping.

Lizzie

Morning. ½ past eleven.

Goods all gone. We are all well. Mrs. Douglas came to say good bye.

Your own Lizzie.

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1375 9/3/1861

*From:* Thomas W. Hyde  
Major, 7th Regiment

*To:* Col O.O. Howard

OOH-1333

Head Quarters 7th  
Maine  
Baltimore

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Head Quarters 7th Maine  
Baltimore Sept 3rd / 61

Col O.O. Howard,  
Dear Sir,

I have rec'd a communication from Gen. Hodgdon 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 third, 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.

[written on the back] Answered

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1376 9/3/1861

*From:* Simon Cameron  
Secretary of War

*To:* Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
U.S. Volunteers

OOH-1334

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Washington

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Form Letter except for handwritten parts which are set off by pairs of /w/]

WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, /w/ September 3d, 1861 /w/

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you /w/ Brigadier General of Volunteers, /w/ in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the /w/ third /w/ day of /w/ September /w/, one thousand eight hundred and /w/ sixty-one. /w/ 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 /w/ the General-in-Chief.

Simon Cameron /w/  
Secretary of War

/w/ Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard,  
U.S. Volunteers /w/

[written on the back]

Acceptance  
appointment of Brig. Gen'l  
Sept 3d 1861

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1377 9/4/1861

*From:* Charles [CH  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1335

National Hotel  
Washington D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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National Hotel  
Washington D.C.  
Sept. 4th, 1861  
11 ½ A.M.

Dear Brother,

Maj. Staples has just returned from Gen. McClellan's & has Free Passes to Maine for himself, Mr. Wiggin & two privates - but if I [don't] pay my own fare I cannot accompany Rowland & Lizzie. I could not get away 1st train this morning because we did not arrive in season yesterday P.M to see McClellan or Williams. Maj has instructions in writing - all expenses paid except for food. We are to get money of Hight down in Maine.

I stayed at Judge Carroll's last night - went to bed early, spent the evening up here - expected John for the horse 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 care.

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 3d Regt. In your Brigade. Much less faultfinding - 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 accuse you of favoritism or of slights to avoid the reproach of favoritism.

Maine troops I think have a high respect for you and yet all agree that it is better not to have all from the same state. Col. Marshall has been offered the Colonelcy of the 7th - Caron 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 3d I desire should set you thinking a little more in that direction, not really to influence your decision for I am not fully decided what is best myself.

You will hear about Capt Griffin's being ordered across the river last night. He was with one of the Carroll'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 sent afterwards but took none in their hurry.

McClellan was there - 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 Gen'l Smith. Wagons rattling here all night & at the Carrolls 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 3d do without Maj. Staples gone now, if you go away? Hope you did not need your horse - as it proved it was no saving of money but it saved me yesterday & today many hard walks. My health is good. I will see Rowland & Lizzie in N.Y & if they really need me will go on the boat tomorrow night - a much more agreeable way to Me.

Those things to come by the 7th - will have a care to <[CHECK ORIGINAL-glued right edge]> - I think they will get with D Fuller's depot by some means or other.

I bade them adieu at the Carroll's this morning. Mrs. C. was abed sick - did not see her. She had a bad head ache last night when 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 <coming> of course & perhaps I can get 4 months committed at the same time. I got the \$42 thro Maj. Robie from Farwell. This will pay my expenses.

Write me to Leeds when you can.

Yr Affectionate Br.  
Charles

Shall I go to Bath to see Maj Sewall & tell him to get him Com. In a new Regt.

We go at 2 ½ P.M. today.

My mess accts I left with Mrs. Sampson.

Some letters of yours to be answered I left in the (small) drawer of the Bureau. They may have got into the black valise.

C.H.H.

[Written on the 4th page]

C.H. Howard

Sept 4 '61

[Note. Attached to this letter were two pages of a letter from Rowland to Charles dated July 31. It was moved to OOH-1257b.]

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1378 9/4/1861

*From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1336

Hd Qrs 3d Regt

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hd Qrs 3d 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 Carrolls. 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 Gen'l. I 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 Leeds. Much love to Mother, Rowland, Charles, and not least my little darling children. Pray God direct us all in the way he would have us walk.

Very truly & lovingly your own husband.

Otis

I don't forget Father much love

Do tell me all about the journey!

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1379 9/5/1861

*From:* O. O. Howard  
Col 3d. Me. Vols.

*To:* Richard B Irwin  
Capt & A.d.C.

OOH-1337

Hd Qrs 3d Regt Me Vols

Washington  
D.C.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hd Qrs 3d Regt Me Vols  
Sept 5th 1861

Sir,

In answer to your inquiry as to the full name of Capt. Savage; it is Elbridge G. Savage, Comp "F" 3d Me. Vols. I think I was mistaken with regard to Capt Savage at the time I applied for his discharge. He had not then overstaid 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  
Yr. Obedt. Srvt  
O. O. Howard  
Col 3d. Me. Vols.

To:  
Richard B Irwin  
Capt & A.d.C.  
Washington  
D.C.

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1380 9/6/1861

*From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dearest Wife [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1338

Hd. Qrs. 3d Me Vols

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hd. Qrs. 3d Me. Vols  
Sept 6th 1861

My dearest Wife,

I am very anxious to hear from Guy & from you all now that you have started. I do hope darling 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 cooked rations ahead. I do not much anticipate be action. I do not surmise where I shall be sent. Much love to Mother, Father & my little travelers or our little travelers.

God bless & keep you.

Affectionately your  
own Otis

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1381 9/7/1861

*From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* My dearest Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1339

Leeds, Maine

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds, Maine, Sept 7, 1861

Saturday Eve ½ past 7 o'clock

My dearest Otis

I have borrowed paper of Col Gilmore to write part of a letter this evening.

Jamie 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. We 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 "has'nt 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 Maj. 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 - Isabella. We spent the day Friday with Mrs Hazard, did not see Mr H. or Oli. Roddie is to go with Mr or now Capt Warren Woodman. Lee Strickland 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.

A little later we took a carriage and rode to uncle 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 four trunks. 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 famous 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 wake and I have been writing an hour.

May God direct and keep you, and in his own good time bring you back to us is my prayer.

Lizzie

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 Mama. Guy went to Church with Uncle 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 one 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 you on your promotion. It was in the "World" Wednesday the day I made my good bye visits. I am glad it was given you on merit not politically. Mr Casy, I hear, said "He deserves

it." The 'sappers' from West Point, were ordered to Portland and a Mr or now Capt Casy, I imagine to finish the new fort if they are really there, this I heard the day before I left and I had too much else on my mind to remember well.

Mr Burgess [Note 1] your cousin's husband is very sick with consumption. Mother saw Laura & Aunt Lydia at church to-day. Cousin William H Timberlake and wife came to Maine few months ago. He has now joined the eighth Regiment as 2d Lieut. I shall write his wife to make me a visit this winter and if Grandmother is able I shall want her to 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 wont 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 Fitzhugh 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 wait by the same mail.

Your own Lizzie

Guy and Grace were undecided how many kisses they would send Papa, but concluded to send 12 and 4 each.

Lizzie

[Note 1: Thomas J Burgess died September 12, 1861 at age 51. He was the husband of Laura Leadbetter, daughter of Jabez Leadbetter and Lucretia Howard and was a first cousin of Otis.]

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1382 9/7/1861

*From:* E. Whittlesey

*To:* Col. O.O. Howard

OOH-1340

Bath Me.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bath Me. Sep. 7, 1861

Col. O.O. Howard

Dear Sir

At the request of Mr Fogg, whose Son Wm H. Fogg is a member of Co. A. 3rd Regt, 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 promotion, & pray daily that the Lord of hosts may bless you.

With much respect

Yours truly,

E. Whittlesey

[written on the back of the letter]

Rev. E. Whittlesey

Sept. 7th 1861

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1383 9/7/1861

*From:* Robinson Fogg

*To:* Col Oliver O. Howard

OOH-1341

Bath Maine

3d Maine Reg't

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bath Maine Sept 7th 1861

Col Oliver O. Howard 3d Maine Reg't

Dear Sir

I learn that my son Thos H. Fogg of Co A. 3d Maine Reg't 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 Reg't 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 return to duty to render him what assistance 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 conditions of my sons health, on answer to this as soon as your duties will permit will be a great relief to me.

Yours truly

Robinson Fogg

To Col O O Howard

3d Maine Reg't

[Written on the last page by Otis]

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Sept 7 '61

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1384 9/9/1861

*From:* W,M. Beebe

*To:* Brig'r O O Howard

OOH-1342

Hudson Summit Co O

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hudson Summit Co O

Sep 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. He had passed 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 judgement, thoughtful, brave & 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 Sumpter & evinces 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 testimonials 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 Mme Gray. She & Jennie were well.

Respectfully &c  
W.M. Beebe

Brig'r O O Howard

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 communicant in the Episcopal church & strictly correct in all his habits, between twenty one & two years of age.

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M.W.Beebe  
Sept 4th '61

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1385 9/9/1861

*From:* Geo. W. Raymond

*To:* [OO Howard]

OOH-1343

Wayne Maine

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[337]

Wayne Maine

Sept the 9 - 1861

Sir

I take this opportunity to inform you of my health it is very poor now but is better than it was a while ago but is not good enough to do a soldier's 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 myself I will send you one from Dr Marston that was given in Aug he thinks now that I never will be able to go back again. I have been bleeding to the lungs

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

pleas writ as soon as you receive this

Your truley

Geo. W. Raymond, soldier for. Co. H. Maine 3d. Regiment

direct your letter to Wayne Me

Geo W Raymond

Sept 9 '61

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1386 9/9/1861

*From:* John Hillhouse

*To:* O.O. Howard

OOH-1344

Syracuse

Brig.Gen'l U.S.A.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Syracuse Sept 9, 1861

O.O. Howard

Brig.Gen'l U.S.A.

My Dear Howard

Your telegraphic despatch, informing me that Gen'l Thomas had promised my appointment, reached me this day, but unfortunately for my feelings and wishes, I received a communication on Saturday last from Gen'l Martindale requesting me to come on without delay and assure 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 Watervliet, 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 Hillhouse

[Witten on back]

John Hillhouse

Sept. 9, '61

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1387 9/9/1861

*From:* Fred. D. Sewall

*To:* Dear [CH] Howard

OOH-1345

Bath

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[301]

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 where 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. Sewall

[Note: This may have been written to Charles, as he had recently returned to Maine for a recruiting trip, whereas Otis was still in Washington.]

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1387 9/9/1861

*From:* Fred. D. Sewall

*To:* Dear [CH] Howard

OOH-1345

Bath

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 where 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. Sewall

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1389 9/11/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

*To:* My dearest Lizzie  
[Howard]

OOH-1346

Hd. Quarters 3d Regt  
Me Vols

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hd. Quarters 3d Regt  
Me Vols Sept 11th 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I put off writing you last night till this morning and now the wind blows 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 landed safely at Fathers. Guy must have much to tell you. I didn't have much time to take him on my knee & talk with him when he was here. He found a great deal that was new & attractive to him in Camp. I hope he didn't 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 reveille nearly every officer reports to me on the color line. The grounds then 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 look in upon you this morning and just play with the children a little while. I think Jamie & I would have a fine time.

I have'nt heard form John Hillhouse yet since his application, nor from Colonel Staples. I should be glad to know if they received my dispatches.

Tell 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. Gen'l McClellan will have every thing in readiness before he moves. He has my old friend Capt Marcy now Colonel Marcy as Chief of Staff. Seth Williams for Adjutant Gen'l. Kingsbury chief of ordnance. Ingalls was Chief of Qr Master's dept, now Van Vliet. Gen'l Mengs is always a good friend to me. He congratulated me heartily the other day on my promotion. Some of the officers seemed a little "grouty" I thought - Baird & Col Cullum for example. They complain of the number of Brigadiers. That is all right there are too many but it was'nt in good taste to tell me so.

I feel as though I ought to do something for the Carrolls but I cant. 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 would not be so to me.

Much love & many kisses to the children. Much love to father & mother. P.[Post] Boy waiting. Good by darling. Your Otis

P.S. Perry is well, sends love to all.

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1390 9/12/1861 *From:* E. Waite

*To:* Mrs O O Howard

OOH-1347

Portland

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Portland Sept 12 1861

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I recvd 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. Waite

with kind regards to all you friends

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1391 9/12/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

*To:* dearest Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1348

Leeds Me.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Me. Sept. 12, 1861

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 earnestness 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 Maj. Fred Sewall on your staff. Maj. Staples and Miss Clark of Winthrop 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 to 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 cant expect you to come on here. Maj Staples does not wish to return 'till Col Tucker is removed. I hope the 3d Regiment may pass directly from your care to his. I expect to hear very soon 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 writing to read Charlie's account of the battle, and now it is too late to write more 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 recruiting. I intend to go to Auburn to-morrow. I would like to be there on Sunday as I cannot go to Church here on account of leaving Jamie 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 oftener. Guy and Grace are out at play with Johny. I hear them very happy. Isabella will prove an excellent girl. My kindest regards to the Carrolls, Mr Hillhouse, and all other friends.

Your own Lizzie

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1392 9/13/1861     *From:* Edwin H. Darling

*To:* My dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-1349

146 Broadway  
New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Letterhead]

Doolittle & Crittenden

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law

146 Broadway

(Corner of Liberty Street, over Atlantic Bank)

New York

Edwin A. Doolittle

Edward W. Crittenden

September 13, 1861

My dear Sir,

You doubtless remember me as poor Frank's [Frank Sargent] 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

[Note. Edwin was the son of Timothy and Lucy (Sargent) Darling. Lucy was the sister of Francis Taft Sargent, who married Otis' cousin Sarah Lee.]

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1393 9/13/1861 *From:* Charles [CH  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-1350

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Frid. Morn.  
Sept. 13, 1861

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 Inspector 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 there, I am completely crippled. I have been all over this town with no success tho' some might be persuaded to go had I the enlisting paper so that their wages should commence immediately.

Sargt. 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 instructions. I cannot hire a horse because I don't know as my expenses will be paid. Capt. Hight could not inform us because he had rec'd no money or instructions. I am going to Greene & Monmouth today.

Will try & get names at any rate because I cant be still - using father's horse. Your letter last night did us all much good.

You had not got mine to answer.

Your affectionate Br  
Charles

[Written by Otis at the bottom]  
Sept. 13 1861  
C.H. Howard  
answered

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1394 9/15/1861      *From:* Your Otis [OO  
Howard]

*To:* My dearest Wife [Lizzie  
Howard]

OOH-1351

Hd Qrs 3d Me Vols

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Hd Qrs 3d Me Vols Sept 15th 1861

My dearest Wife

I hav'nt yet left my regiment 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 arrangements.

I am disappointed in Maj Staples 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 darling, for I shall not show myself at the north under reverse if I can help it. It is no time to bark one's command now. Political Generals may do it but Army Gen'ls 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 is the time for work.

I am glad Guy got out of the Spring as I got out of the battle. Was he under the birch tree next to the pasture?

I send you enclosed one hundred dollars - I have sent to Mr Fuller \$100. & \$84.50 to Mr Augusta Tucker. I wish you would give me a detailed account of your possessions & your wants. How much you have on hand &c.

I could'nt 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 that spirit than I ought to be. Did Rowland draw heavily on you darling, for expenses? Tell me the whole just as it is.

I am glad Jamie takes to Isabella. How did Susan feel on leave taking? I should think Guy & 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 lost Jake Hillhouse to my regret. I think I shall take Mr Fred D. Sewall of Bath for Asst Adj't Gen'l. He wants the rank of Major, but he cant have that rank from the Gen'l Government & I think he wont mind that as he is a true man. Gen'l Martindale had the refusal of Hillhouse 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 Army officers. 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 yourself - probably if word only comes often that all is well it is satisfactory.

I have not written to Mr Sewall because I was entirely uncertain what position I could give him.

I feel 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 wont get too big to kiss papa will she? And Jamie he is too large for I hear his mother is thin. She doesn't eat & sleep as well as she used to does she? There is nothing like those two requisites eating & sleep remember.

Mrs Sampson is very kind & John is quite attentive but I can take care of myself pretty well. It is'nt so much work to parade the Regt now as it was. We are much like old Soldiers. The officers come up to duty "like a

book”.

We never had a better prayer meeting than last night. A sing with our three ladies to help preceded the prayer meeting at my tent.

Much love to all. Kisses for the children. I think if we have a successful campaign this time I wont be ashamed to show my self in Maine soon.

May God bless you & keep your heart & bless mother & make her happy. I shall write Chas right away.

Your Otis.

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1395 9/15/1861 *From:* Sade Sampson

*To:* My dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-1352

Camp Fessenden

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Camp Fessenden  
Evening of Sept 15th 1861

My dear Lizzie,

You'll excuse my familiarity, I know, when I tell you, I hear the Col and Charlie so 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 the Col's tent; the exercise was very interesting but the thoughts that he will so soon to leave us, took away all my pleasure. Charlie 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 these thoughts, but tis all for the best, no doubt, though I fear for our Regiment when we lose our Col. Every-body will mourn none more than my husband and self.

Charlie 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 out for his things, but Charlie 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 Charlie, the Capt has pitched a tent for me next his, and I am very cozyly situated, wonder if he will ever visit me here? Another order from Col. Sedgwick was read tonight, to keep three days rations cooked. We hear from Lt. Wiggin 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 & pressed 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 your mother very soon - with much love to her, and you all I am very affectionately yrs -

Sade Sampson

A few more hdkfs. wd. not come amiss to the Col. But I think there is really nothing else he needs.

I will Charlie a paper tomorrow with Dr. Palmer's letter in it - tis just published with editorial remarks.

Monday Mrning

This slip of English-ivy grew over the door of the church in Alexandria where Gen Washington used to worship. I gathered it myself yester-afternoon on my way out. I think you may be able to root it.

Six of us went down to church. Sermon by Chaplain of N.Y. text 6 psalm 4th verse.