Recd Sept 18th 1861

New England Bank Note Co Boston.

State of Maine.
Office of Secretary of State.

Augusta, Sept 16, 1861

Sir—

Mr. H. W. Morton of this city desires a place in the U S Army, either in the Quarter Master or Commissary Departments and I have much pleasure in assuring you that he is a man whose honesty and integrity is unquestioned here, and whose business capacity and habits well qualify him for the position he desires.

Any assistance you can render him will be duly appreciated and will gratify his numerous friends here and elsewhere.

I have the honor to be Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Joseph H. Hall

Brig Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington D.C.

Lewis Moore
Sept 16

State of Maine.
Office of Secretary of State.

Augusta, Sept 16 1861

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Sir

Permit me to introduce to your favorable consideration H. W. Merton Esq of this city, who is desirous of obtaining a situation in connection with the army, any aid you may be pleased to render him in his desired object, will be duly appreciated by myself, and I have no doubt by his many friends in this vicinity.

I am very Respectfully
Your Ob Servant
Lewis D. Moore
Dep Secy of State,

Calais Sept 14th 1861

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Dear Gen. - In consequence of an incidental remark, in a letter from my Son to his sister, I think it my duty to ask you if the Comd. officers have been faithfully, thoroughly and impartially examined as to their courage and fitness for the station they occupy?

I infer, from the remark alluded to, that there is a general dissatisfaction among the members of Co G. 3d reg. Maine Vol. in regard to their Capt.; neither just or unjust I have no means of judging. I deem it of the highest importance that the officers should possess the entire confidence of their men; and it were better that one man should be sacrificed, than that a whole Co. should be rendered inefficient through a want of confidence in its Commander. I trust you will make such enquiries as will satisfy yourself as to the merits or demerits of the case and initiate such proceedings as the best interests of our Country demand. I should be sorry to have my Son brought into any personal difficulty, this, of course

you will avoid. I will add, I do not believe him capable of casting an unjust aspersion upon any one.

Your's Patriotically

Cyrus A Jamey

To Jno. Jones
Esq. Lt. 16th

Dr. M. Morris
Sept. 17th '61

Augusta Sept 17
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Dear General

Allow me to introduce the bearer Mr Morris of this city, who visits Washington in the hope of obtaining employment.

He is a man of intelligence, capacity & much business experience. I shall be glad if you can in any way advance his interests

Very truly Yours.
Lot M. Morrill

Maj. Genl Howard

Headqrs 3d Div Vols
Sept. 18. 1861

My dearest wife

I am going to write you just a few words & enclose myself for your consideration. Major Staples report is quite satisfactory. He says you look just as you did when he saw you at New York. Tell him if you were very thin & looking old & he positively declares, no. I have gained 15 lbs since I left Washington. I notice by the papers that John Hillhouse has been appointed on my staff; but he had written me before that Gen. C. Masterdale had the claim on him. Major says Guy talks of volunteering. I don't hear much of Grace. I expect she plays worry day & is as happy as her letter sounds while at her be & that she does not cease to love papa. But Gaviria & Olivia don't know me.

Much love to Mother & Father. am very sorry that father is deaf. If Chas. doesn't get a commission, I must have him with me if he comes back to the wars. I miss him. Colonel Staples is not well.

He is billious, and too many nice things since he has been gone. I was at judge Carroll's day before yesterday. He wants to be remembered; also Pilsbury who is now aspt. adjt Genl to Gen Bull. Mrs Carroll & the young ladies have gone to West Point. Mrs Thompson has been quite attentive to me & my wants. A married lady Miss Bradley wanted a lock of my hair. I sent word that she must get your sanction. Give love to Charlie I shall write him soon —

There has been another rebellion in the 4th Maine. One whole company — more. The trouble is their company officers dont know anything —

Good bye my dear
& the little ones

Your loving
Chas

P.S. My officers got there pictures out of me it is not altogether my vanity

Farmington Sept. 19. 1861

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Dear Sister Lizzie

I find on reviewing my figures that I made a mistake of $11.00 in my own favor by making a blunder in sub-tracting = I believe the Acct. is now correct = If it is not perfectly satisfactory to you, do please say so frankly = I find the incidental expenses of the journey were larger than I anticipated – these I have not generally included in the Acct. = You have given me opportunity of enjoying one of the most pleasant & profitable journeys of my life & I hope what I have learned may not be entirely useless to those whom I can benefit = I thank you from my heart for your great kindness, the more so since my own circumstances now will have quite put it out of my power to go = You overpaid me $2.03 which I enclose herewith = Our family & housekeeping never appeared so poorly as during this little flying visit – but the causes were apparent and you know it was no lack of disposition on our part = You are always welcome to come & go & remain here with your family when you will = Ella

& I have often spoken of this - & nothing would make us happier than to serve you & the children as we can = As Ellen's health returns & when Abby comes we can make our home much more regular & agreeable than it now is = Never since we have been housekeeping have we omitted family prayer till this morning & it will not occur again = I will write you just as soon as anything shall transpire in regard to a house - I send Greg's papers = I want him to come up - Monday with Mr. Goff & spend a day with me if his mother can spare him = Please write, if he can come -

Yr. aff. Mo.

Rowland

Farmington Me. Sept. 19. 1861.

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My dearest Otis

I am writing before breakfast and am at Rowland's as you see by date. Col Gilmore, Mother, and myself and Jamie came yesterday and go down this morning in the train. We house here as yet but I am sure of getting I expect to go with Rowland and look at a house this morning. Shall see Sarah before I go. I regret to hear & see that you are not to have Mr Hillhouse. Where is Tom Wright? (Uncle Tom) as you say. I hope you can get a good staff. Has not Charlie learned so that he could be of service to you? I know I would like him to be with you. My goods are at Leeds Centre at present. I found Charlie here and was glad. When I go

to any new place I feel a little
lonely and that is why I am glad.
Ella's is a nice baby, but smaller
than Guy or James was. She looks
very well but not strong.
Charlie has finished writing on
Dromore, May God Prosper your
Boys on, Lizzie.
I hear Borland the morning
I can buy your clothing till
ist August.

To Mr. Howard
Sept 19 1861

Farmington Sept. 19, 1861

Dear Brother

Lizzie, father & mother came up last night but failed to bring your letter, one to me and one to Lizzie - I have been waiting anxiously for answers to some questions but Lizzie remembered and told me your replies for the most part.

I expect to go to Augusta tomorrow. Have not received a word of instruction since I came home. Dont know whether any office has been established or whether my expenses will be paid and that of the transportation of recruits to Augusta.

I have only two signers to my paper but there are a good many in this vicinity whom I could enlist had I the proper papers & authority. We had a meeting & I addressed the people an hour - was then followed by Rowland with a very eloquent speech of about an hour & others

I wish I knew what to do

about Maj. Sewall. I question his fitness for the Adj. Genc'y.

Do you want me on your staff?

We could not positively decide whether you could appoint your aid & Inspector Genl. You said that Adj. Genl. said you could have one - say Hallowell - and no other but must take such as the Department may send you.

I take it that in this latter he only referred to Dr. Martin & Commissary - is that right? You intimated something of this kind - least you have Owen if he wants to come?

Lizzie inquires when Lou Wright is. Maj. Sewall would like for some one to apply to the Gov. for him but if you want me it will perhaps be asking all we ought to for him to grant me a commission - There were 21 applicants for the Chaplaincy of the 5th Regt. so I have no hopes of such a situation. If you want me for aid I wish you would send some letter to that effect to the Gov. either by mail or by me.

Capt. Woodman would be completely ignorant & so I think not fit for Adj. Genl.

He that Strickland would not make a very good Col. Lacks dignity to command respect.

Good Close

Do write immediately - I think I can recruit as well as any one but it goes slowly.

Yr. Offec. Bro.

O. O. Howard

North Leeds

Col. Howard. Sir Sept. 20th /61

You must excuse my freedom in writing to you I wish you to write to me how Jason Carver is whether he is so that you think he can be brought home or not if so one of his brothers will come and get him and see him home

I wish you to answer this as soon as you recive it so that we may know whether to come after him or not

Direct to North Leeds to his Mother

Hannah Carver

Yours with much respect

Hd Qrs 3d Regt
Camp Fessenden
Sept 20. 1861

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My dearest Lizzie

I will just drop you a line to say that I am well. Have moved with Gen Sedgwick's Quarters to wait for Orders. I expected them yesterday but they did not come. A new Brigade is to be sent over here & I suspect I may leave it. We will be pushed forward between Gen Keyes's & Gen. Stoneman's. Charlie will explain. Very nearly on our old ground only a little retired. I have had a good rest & feel much refreshed. Maj Fred Dwinell of Boston has been announced as Adjutant Gen. Gen. Martindale was not disposed to give up Hillhouse unless Hillhouse particularly desired it. I went day before yesterday to the Adjutant Gen.'s office and recommended Dwinell & yesterday his appointment was announced. Tell everybody that our 3d Maine is the most respectable & best behaved regiment of all & that men had better go there without bounty than in

many others with. I feel as though I am a great Dunce Lizzie, during these days of compulsory leisure. I seem to have lost the power of reflecting upon each action in its inception, and sometimes it seems like duty to read in any testament. My mind wanders away upon business. How little sympathy I have had with me whose minds are loaded with care for earthly things. You must pray for me in these days when I am abounded again so many good substances. God bless you & the children every day. Mother - How is she? Col Stephens said she looked cheerful and that he had a very pleasant visit. I should have written to her this letter but as I had so little time before the mail bag left I thought would not like to send her a careless letter as I had not written for some time. Give my love & I will try to write her. Sweet to Frank & Charlie. I do hope the children & you are well. I have not had a letter for two days from anybody. Good bye. Pray for me

Your affy. Husband O. O. Howard

No attack & not much prospect of one.

Augusta Sept. 21, 1861

Dear Brother

I paid that Gov. have appointed Maj. Lowell as Adj. Genl. I dont know but that he may do well. I should like to see some Younger man in the place. At first the papers had it Inspector Genl. which suits me quite well.

Now is there no such place as Inspector Genl. – If there is why might not I have it help you have some one else in mind?

Dan spoke of seeing a letter from you with regard to my being Chaplain – There is such a demand for the place that I dislike to have anything to do with it – not being very old & not having been ordained they would easily complain of favoritism.

You going to be in Saco Monday & Tuesday & you may find all my letters there till with after next when I expect to be at Farmington. I have now got regular selecting

hopes but cannot promise bounty. They are not able to pay any more bounty & I must retract what I have already done on this account.

I don't believe you will can make believe that unmanageable Cavalry Goddard is to be Col. – Consist of 970 men –

If Lothrop cannot be an officer in C.G.K. – (He was discharged on acct of a wound at Bull Run & is well & has enlisted a Co but too late for the 7th) he would come back & we cannot have record of his men – Shall telegraph to Hopkins.

Lizzie returns to Lud – Thurs. morning. The baby – Simeon Jamie was very good natured & let me hold him a good deal.

My health is very good.

Lt. Henry – the Missouri man recently from the 8th Maine – says he thinks you are the peer of any other man in Va.

Wright will pay some of my expenses – He has seen some money.

I hope the Lord will guide you in your selections & will bring you into a place where you may do good service to our Cause & Country.

Your Affectionate Brother
O. O. Howard

P. S.

The Gov. seems to think you can have men commissioned at Worcester if you appoint them on your staff – He has no authority to commission but will do so if the authority is granted him as it was in the case of Quartr Masters of Regts & Adjutants notwithstanding – There was no such authority from the War order.

I see no way of getting a Commission in any of the Regts raising if engaged in this duty per the 8th Maine or in any way if I am to leave them. They would not agree to it.

Farmington Sept. 22/61

Dear Sister Lizzie

Ella is going to Bath Wednesday & I will come as far as Leeds with her returning here the same night. I hope Guy will come up Monday = I will go to the Depot for him = If he is put particularly in the care of Mr. Goff & Guy understands it it will be just as well as if you or I were with him = Our meetings have not been as full as usual today on acct. of muddy traveling I suppose = Charles went Friday morning at 6. O'clock in the Stage = We have no later news from Otis Capt Fred Sewalls appointment = I think the President must have commissioned him = I do hope Charles will have a place - if no better fitted man can be found = He & Otis both need the pay = A Recruit came to inquire for C. today = He goes to Augusta tomorrow to enlist = I am pretty tired after my three services, with love to all

Good night

Rob Lane

Leeds. Maine. Sept. 22/1861

My dearest Otis

I have received letters from you so often since I have been here that I cannot be otherwise than happy. Grace hasn't been quite well, but I think her change of diet the cause. I have just finished reading two Sunday School papers that Rowland sent the children yesterday. Now they are playing, Guy with chairs, Grace with "Jennie". Annie is with Isabella. Pd Gilman and Mother gone to church. Charlie is in Augusta, Cyrthia and I are going to Monmouth to take him home from there to-morrow I expect. I shall be sorry if he returns with a commission if that cuts him off from being with you. I may go with him to Livermore (to muster) Tuesday next, but I hardly think I shall

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I dont want to go at present. I am making you some shirts; dressing case is finished and furnished I wish you had it now. I received a long pleasant letter from Mrs Sampson last week I wish you would remember me to her very kindly, and tell her I would like to answer her immediately if only to thank her for her suggestions. I have 6 handkerchiefs all hemmed for you. What did you send me so much money for. I had one hundred and fifty about, on deposit in Cases bank. Uncle Edward sent me, at my request, fifty dollars of that. I have had no more since the twenty five from Mr Bacon before I left West Point two thirds of that settled my bills. I had the remainder and, twenty six of the forty dollars interest on your insurance Co in New York. To Rowland I gave $26 and finished paying him when at Farmington out of the fifty from Uncle. I bought a piece

of cloth for your shirts and for myself. I have two pairs of half thick drawers for you and you must tell me that you will put them on as soon as you get the weather where you are already wearing thicker ones. Will you? I don't know how much I have in my purse. I have ten dollars of New Jersey money. I will send you by Charlie. It is no use to me here and is discounted also. ~~I am expecting~~ I gave Rollins some money before he went to Washington and told him I didn't want him to ask you for any. I was talking with him yesterday about everything. Mr Bacon and Mr Merrick having some of your money and your owning in an Ironware Co in the City &c - and he remarked that he was going to talk with you about these things, and it grieved me very much, but I don't think he saw it or found it out. As if it was important for him to know your property and where it was situated. It seemed too much, dearest,

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like going to take your deposition (if
is the word) and like a last final
visit to you. And I didn't want him
to even to mention the subject to you
I feared it might trouble you, and I
dont want you troubled with anything you
dont have to know, that is just the
long and short of it. You have enough to
do anyway. I wouldn't have told you this matter
if you had not asked me. I willingly pa
Rowland's expenses, and including to Washing
ton and back, because he took Guy the
visit you, and that is very gratifying to m
I left West Point more willingly on that acco
Everything included, it cost me about fif
dollars. Interest on the Bonds will be
due the first of next month. I have
no particular want of money here as I hav
no way to spend it. Mother wishes me to sta
here until Charlie returns to Ore. then I
will get to housekeeping, if Rowland gets
me a house before that time. My goods are
in a car at Lees junction. I may have to

house that Rev John F.C. Abbott occupied
when we were at Farmington. Mr Dana Jeff.
has been living there, but has recently
purchased a house. I would board
in Farmington if I could find a
pleasant place for the Winter. I
don't think the children miss
Susan because they like Dashelle
very much. and she is very kind to
them. The papers say you have Mr F.D
Sewall for Not. Rep. Gen. but they say most
anything and I don't know as it is so.
Guy frequently breaks out with something
to tell me that he saw. I shall soon
learn every thing he saw. I am getting it
little by little as it is suggested to him.
Grace wanted to look at the paper and
see where the kiss was. When you asked
she would be too large to kiss paper
he has just given me three kisses for

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when you mentioned him first, I am sorry you lost him. I am very much obliged to Maj Staples for giving a good report of us. Charlie writes in detail I think he must have said I was thin or perhaps Rowland. I am very happy to hear that you have gained as much, and your picture looks pretty well. Is your hair more gray? Mrs B. can have a look of it, for Mrs Tompson says that she was informed, by the same, that a light always disturbs her after she has gone to bed. When I opened my paper I found your Certificate of Stock of four shares in the "Insurance Co." I thought I had it when I wrote to Mr Bacon. Mother has returned from Church says Ella and Baby are going to Bath next Wednesday. Rowland comes as far as here, then Uncle Benjn takes her the rest of the way. She

will remain till some time in Oct. (8
when Abby, Mrs Potter's seamstress, (you saw
her at the time of the wedding) will
return and spend the winter with Ella.
It is hard work to know how to get along
with the first baby (between you and I).
Mother is resting on the lounge behind me
chatter Miss Bradley is making a hair flower
to wear your grey hair. I shall send you
a pair of pants by Charlie. and I was going
to pay your tailor's bill at Augusta
Charlie is getting pants there. There is one
thing I would like to caution you. I
dont want you to try to help Perry, for
I do not think it would do any good.
I told Charlie he better keep the coat
that looked so much like you, dearest.
I changed the buttons for him. he is wearing
it now reading. I shall do the best I can
with what I have to live on. but if
you have any money to lend or not wish
to use I rather you would send it

papa. I called to Guy to know if he had anything to send to papa. He came towards me saying 'I will send all the kisses I can get' and began giving them to me to transfer to you. He is very well now but had intermittent fever nearly a week after he fell into the spring. It was the spring under the birch tree, and he could not walk to the house for want of strength. He got out and then sat down for someone, while he sat on the grass and I think took cold in that way. I believe I have answered all questions in your next to the last letter, and now to the last. I am so glad you have had Photographs taken I have wanted it for a long time. I like the side view best, if I have a choice; the other is very good but the whiskers new trimmed with the scissors or were you thinking of and trying to resemble our friend you came near having with you? that is the first thing I thought of

to me for the Children. unless you can find a better use for it than I can think of. Evening. half past seven o'clock. I do wonder. dearest where you are just now. at a prayer meeting in your tent perhaps and may be not in that vicinity. but you are under God's protecting care wherever you are. I feel a little restless, lonely, and dont know what to do with myself to-night. your photograph is before me stuck in one side of the mirror which I see when I look up, but it cant speak to me. Children all asleep and they are pretty well I ought to be and am thankful that they are. I have a great many blessings. and am naughty to sit and think and wish for something I cannot have. Cynthia sends me word to be ready at nine o'clock in the morning, to start for Monmouth. therefore I must finish my letter to-night. all but sealing for Charlie may wish to add a word before I mail it at Monmouth. come to think of it he wont have time before the cars leave, he will only have

time to get out. before they will be gone
I dont feel low now. but I was a while ago
deared, just a little. I seem to have wr
all my trials and troubles in this letter
I was going to have my tooth out at Lewiste
I told you but I forgot it as it did'nt
ache and it has not ached since but it
must come out. Laura has her marri
cousin with her from Phila. they were here
one day to see me. Do not forget to wr
often write you when you can give my kind regard
and you write to Tony. Your own Lizzie

Write to Tony

G. W. Ashburner
Capt. — 5th Me.
Ans.

State of Maine.

Executive Department,

Augusta, Sept 23, 1861.

Genl. Howard,

Dear Sir,

On receiving your telegram this morning, I did not hesitate to appoint Capt. Heath Lt Colonel of the 5th Regt.

I did not doubt the qualifications of Capt Heath, but as Col. Jackson & his Adjt & Q. Master were taken from without the Regt. I felt a very strong inclination to appoint the other officers from the Regt. But when I learnt from you that a majority of the officers of the 5th favored Capt Heath, I was glad to appoint him.

It pains me to say that since the appointment, I have rec'd a letter from Mr Leonard containing some most

unhandsome & ungenerous insinuations which I had hurled he was incapable of making.

Very truly yours,
S. Washburn

Washington D.C.
Sept. 24 1861

My dearest wife

It is really too bad that have been off duty so long & have not been able to see you & the children. Could I have known it I think I should have tried to give you a secret visit (incognito)

I have been in town for a few days stopping with Mr Farwell of Farmington Me. I hope you saw his wife. He is a nice gentleman & good friend & have become quite attached to him. Sadly Carroll is quite ill again with the gout. A terrible & prolonged case he

I want to attend church Sunday. I am trying to arrange my business so as to be free for him to keep me - Good bye my wife & God bless you

So that we cannot get Wheeler Owen's for ours as we hoped. All my class mates who left the service are back in it again. Tom Kane has a regiment. O'Connor also, both of Wisconsin.

I meet any number of officers at the Hotel daily arriving. We have now more than three times as much artillery as we had before & as much more Cavalry. I find Warren Woodman a good captain & his 9th a fine regiment but Col. Strickland is no commander. He will have to be examined before the Army board & Corcoran sure. His General told him he would give him three days to prepare. Rather short time -

Much love to mother & father & to the children

sufferings. Mrs Carroll & the Young Ladies were all at West Point.
How does Guy do this morning Papa is writing before breakfast thinks Guy must have had his breakfast before this time.
Papa has not got any regiment now. Miss Bradley & Miss Graves are in his tent & Mrs Sampson has got a nice one close by Capt Sampsons. How is that little rabbit & how is the Spring? Does Guy take off his clothes now when he goes in bathing? How is Gracie this morning, fresh & bright as a lark? I expect she would like to kiss papa & tell him what she is doing every day. And Gracie. I expect he continues to mind his own business & has become quite attached to Idabelle. I think Charles had better have a commission in the Cavalry. get a good horse & pistols & be very civil. I shall try for it. I don't want him to strike higher than Lieut, for then I cannot get him - Your can't think how much in demand the Graduates of West Point are now! People are begging for them for Adjutants & for Colonels of Regiments. "Bob. Williams" is going to take the Massachusetts Cavalry & Lieut Gregg of R. Island. The Government refuses to let any more

Leeds. Sept 24. 1861.

My dearest Otis,

I have a package to send you by Mr Sewall, and will write a short note to accompany it. I want to make you a flannel wrapper (or dressing gown) to sleep in if you suffer with the cold, and to wear if you should be sick this Winter, which I do hope will not be the case, but I cannot get the materials here. Mother and Charlie have gone to Livermore She to visit Mrs Perley and he to "Muster". I hope he will get some recruits there. but may not because one company of the 5th Maine was formed there. I wish you could see Cousin William Henry Timberlake he is a Lieut. in that Regt. If I get to house-keeping I want his

Wife to make me a long visit this Winter. I shall hear from Grand-mother when Mother returns. I mailed a very long letter to you yesterday. I wrote in that a little of everything, and found fault with everything and everybody. I will say as Grace does to me "I'll try not trouble you again". We are all very fond of the rabbit, but little Jamie will dance him by his ears once in awhile. Jamie is a real go ahead boy, not like Guy at his age. He creeps into all sorts of mischief. When we have no fire in the dining-room he is getting into the ashes, and when there is, his head is generally on a line with the andirons (nearly) at the same time resting on his hands watching it most intently. Wednesday Sept 25.

I will add a few more lines to my note this morning while Charlie is writing to send you a letter this morning. Mother and he returned quite late last evening did not see Grand-mother. She is at Uncle Stephen Morse's. I dont think I ever told you that both of their daughters died last a few months ago. It may be it was before you went away. I send you a dressing-case made in great haste. I know you must have lost the other one. Charlie brought me a letter from you last evening, dated Sept. 20. Letters are always most welcome as you must know.

Guy and Grace are out playing. I am writing in the dining-room and as Jamie is asleep I do not dare to leave him alone long for fear he will crawl off the bed, so I will write no more at present. With much love from

Your own Wife

Lizzie

Headquarters Army of the Potomac
Near Warrenton Va. Sept. 25th 1863

My dearest Figgie

I received your letter, the first you wrote me after your return from Farrington, a good long letter, and a welcome one. I have been waiting two or three days for assignment to duty. I don't help feeling restless & a little homesick because I have nothing in the way of duty to do; but doubtless before this reaches you everything will be settled. I see one of my old enemies around in Washington, and I perceive a difference in demeanor towards me on the part of McClellan's staff. I went to his Head Quarters yesterday morning and asked to see him & was told he was at breakfast; I went-

from principles. He had reference to my giving to a man whose poor mother had been robbed of her pro-

I feel, darling, a little bit sensitive - I will surely send you all I can. You have special reference to Perry. I have refused always to lend him money & shall, because I believe that is best for him & me. Do not be in the least degree unhappy over this reference to one single remark in your letter. I don't think I give from impulse simply in any case. I believe not. God has turned back into my hand always more than has gone out of it, at least more of real substance. You must give & lend & teach the little ones to do so as they grow up if God should be pleased to separate us. Would you not love to tell them that their ~~father~~ father was generous? Then they perceive wife let us look directly to God who giveth to us so abundantly, that we are apt to forget him while looking at his gifts. I hesitate about sending

Much love to mother & Fathers

Write often & tell me if you were not coming to Washington. Officers are bringing their wives to Washington. Can I think

Write often & tell me if you had better not come. Give Willie kisses. Good bye Figgie. I love you dearest Figgie. I love you with all my heart & soul. Good night Figgie

Your husband
Geo B McClellan

into the Aide room to wait & stand till he came from breakfast & took his place in another room separated from mine by folding doors. I saw thro. a side door others who came after me go in & come out, who had no more title than I; so I arose & came off, passing one of his aides & bidding him good morning as I came out. I came back to camp last night. Today McClellan had a grand review here of three Brigades. I attended it and felt a little as though I was in disgrace as Head Quarters. The same old enemy was there & I could not help feeling as though he had been at work, but may be not. I came back to my room & remembered that I got up this morning & dressed & went directly to morning prayers in Camp & had omitted to read & pray by myself. I read & tried to pray. & lay down on my Camp bedstead to read a book - this evening I visited Mr. Beaumont's wife a young bride that he has just brought here. He told me today aside, she was just such a one as I would like, for she was a real Christian and he wanted me to come & see her - tonight I got your letter & went to Camp to give your message to Mrs. Sampson & listened to singing & playing on a guitar at her husband's tent by a lieutenant & finally a general sing by a number gathered there. All these things have cheered me up. You thought I sent you quite a little money at the beginning of your letter, but warned me at the close not to lend but to send it to you for the children. Rowland once said in a former letter, he wished I would act less from impulse & more

after his debts were paid. He has given or lent me his Sea Glass & it is a fine one. I lost my or counterfeiting Glass at B.R. because I did not have it with me as I ought.
Perry stands ready as any friend in the third Maine against all opposers whatsoever. I think he will send money to Sarah every month. I think I can get Charles just as well if he is a Lieutenant as now.
Sewall is the best man I could think of for Adjutant after losing Hillhouse I saw him (Hillhouse) yesterday just as gentlemanly. a little thinner a little paler, he seemed sorry indeed that he could not go with me.
Col Berry now reverts to old times & wants me back to have this Brigade.
I shall write Charles tomorrow. I am glad to hear Mother is well. Many kisses to the Children. Hope Gracie is quite well as also my darling wife. Mrs Platt was

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your this letter, for fear of touching your loving heart with pain, but it is perhaps better that I should open my own. I find that my Heavenly Father doeth all things well. I was a little disappointed to return to my regiment, now I see clearly how much better for it & for me. I am impatient at waiting for assignment, & get a little offended at slights. It is all needed to bring me to Christ. I, at least can be no general without Him & With Him no enemy can stand before me. This I know & were I not a Christian I should tremble at the responsibility of my position. but thanks be to Him who has taken me in his hands & can mould me like the clay. He can raise me up or cast me down. I heard of one young man who used to lead in the prayer meeting at West Point, on his way north after the battle of Bull's run

If Mother wants to know what I am doing all the while I am writing to her I will tell her I write to men instead of to Mothers.

He was using grossly profane language & showed great egotism. A gentleman a Mr Howe of Boston took him down a little by telling him he would modify his opinions somewhat when he got older & had had more experience & told a little of his own experience on the plains of Mexico many years ago. These young men are apt to fall into sin. Bad association, Ambition & drink destroy them. I have seen Thompson (James) of the Artillery. He had a child the last I heard from him. I see Robert of the Engineers frequently He is unchanged. Benjamin I met yesterday. He always seems glad to see me. Sts Stoughton, Virlow, Forbes Kuger & O'Connor are Colonels of Regiments.

I called to see Casey's father yesterday & told him I knew his son quite well. He was glad to see me. I saw Shunk at the Arsenal. He inquired about you I believe. He seems quite natural, full of his peculiar fun. I visited the 8th Regiment, saw Warren, received their parade & addressed their officers. They are now then dissatisfied with their Colonel Strickland, their first colonel & their quartermaster. Their Major Rice is begging to be restored. He was left behind at New York for drunkenness. I got his solemn pledge not to drink & have transmitted it to his Brig. Genl Ville with a request that he move a new trial. Perhaps Strickland & son may be added soon to the list of my enemies, for I have done my best to get them to appear before the Examining board just in session at Washington. Poor Percy has had a dreadful throat, is getting a little better by dint of "Sponging" He sent Sarah $20 dollars last month

Head Quarters
Army of the Potomac.
Washington Sept 25th 1861.

Brig Genl O.O. Howard.
Comdg &c.
General

I learn from Captain ~~Hawthorn~~ Kingsbury, that it is your wish to get a smart active man to take command of a Regiment of Cavalry from Maine, I should like to know immediately if this regiment is now organized, and in the field, or if it is yet to be organized.

I have a friend now serving the country who would take the Colonelcy of said regiment, and who is in every way competent for such Command. he has seen active service and was in the engagement at Bulls run, and proved himself worthy of his command as all of his officers of the Brooklyn 14th Will Testy.

I Am Sir Very Respectfy

Your Obdt Servt
F. M. De Cover.
Head Quarters
Army of the Potomac.

1861

Capt. H. Howard
Sir
Lieut. Colonel
Dear Sir
I have
received your
favor of the
29th ult
in which you
request me
as certain
opportunity
offers
to
report
to you
for
duty
as
a
Recruiting
officer
The 9th
left Sutton
for morning
after
prayers
Sunday
& had no
Service at
Stillwater
Vaughn is very
sick
Love from
all
Dear Brother

Mother & I were at Meriden at Boreton's Mills yesterday. We went to visit Mrs. Perley. Otis enlist recruits. I got 3 names – nice young men from our town. I do wish they could always have good company. Dexter Howard – Walter Boothby Ruggles Keay – nephew of Mrs. F. Francis Lothrop – then at night after we got home Henry Fobes.

The parents & friends of none of them except the last were willing.

I expected to get more – Could have got some drunken men but preferred not to enlist men in that state – One of them I would have taken Could I have found the Dr to give him first a thorough examination.

Lew & Perley is at home Eliza. Peleg has an abscess on his spine which probably will never be well – He has suffered much.

Mrs Turner will be very glad to see you – Mr Turner is called a good officer – The 9th left Sutton for morning after prayers Sunday & had no Service at Stillwater Vaughn is very sick Love from all Dear Brother

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the place for me unless I should receive the election on account of what has already been said to the Lieut. & some of his Council. This will not be so if you wish so I desire you should sign it to the proper authorities & I will do all that proper authority will allow to secure the position.

It would be grand to belong to the Cavalry & thus get well equipped before I see you with him & Co.

If you have one to spare please send home one of Mr Ordway's for the organization of Volunteers.

I think Turner swore ~~[illegible]~~ yesterday. Capt. Hassettine reported that he was to get recruits – ~~If you may~~ on furlough – Is he to interfere with me? I have just got the authority to enlist regularly. I will expect an immediate answer – and that Company will be all organized in Worcester & will have to be ready on hand – Lieut. Rich Mr.

Had a letter from Maj. Sewell
he will start for Washington tomor-
row. Ella is going down today
& Rowland will come today the
next train. I go to Stoughton
tonight - to spend Sday there.
would like to keep Romeo a
Fast - Mention to John that
I am going to S. Will he stay
with you?

I was glad to know certainly that
my Commission if I have any
must come from the Gov. of Maine.
He seemed to think it might be ob-
tained in some other way.

Wish I knew now whether if
I got Commissioned in a Company
and were appointed on your staff
the vacancy so occurring could
be filled by another officer - elected
& Commissioned as usual.

Please answer - Would a real
vacancy occur by such an appoint-
ment on your staff?

Of course I would like to
be a Major of Cavalry & be on
your staff but tell me whether
it would not be contrary to that
Article of Regulations about staff
appointments which says an
officer of a Mounted Corps
shall not be detached from his
Regt. except on duty connected
with his particular arm.

I am sorry to trouble you
so much about my wants but
not knowing what else to do I
keep writing.

I suppose the Cavalry Capt's come
from Washington but probably at the
recommendation of Gov. Washburn.
Goddard is the Col. A rough
old fellow - very energetic & enthu-
siastic - swearing, coming man.

If you think it possible, wish you
would write the Gov. If you had any
hesitation do it as not that you think
me competent for a Major of Cavalry
& desire that I should have it or
if that is impracticable & the vacancy
can be filled please write him to
that effect & ask that I be commissioned
in some Company of Infantry.

When I heard Stevens say
20 ministers striving like so
many politicians for the Chap-
lancies - I felt sure that was not

Write soon & very kindly
Address Washington
Next week

Wm. C. Barnum
Sept. 26th.

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West Point N.Y.
Sept. 26th 1861.

Sir,

You will doubtless be surprised at receiving a communication from me at the present time. I will briefly state that my object in addressing you is to ascertain if you can give me a position on your staff, ~~that~~ of Aid is the one I most desire. I need not offer any recommendations as to character &c, for you are acquainted with my antecedents, and must know ~~that~~ I shall always do my duty conscientiously and to the

best of my ability.
I have sent in my resignation and am determined to go into active service.
If you can give me a position, will you inform me as soon as possible?
I am afraid that I am too late, for it is more than probable that you have chosen your staff before this, but still I hope that you can do something for me.

I am, very respectfully
your Obt. Servt.
Wm. C. Barnard
Cadet U.S.M.A.

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard
Depart. of the Potomac.

being withdrawn, & our troops are advancing gradually. I think the enemy is trying to cross into Maryland below. I don't think he will succeed. If he does what will become of us? Why, we must do what we can to defend Washington, but if he can cross a river three miles wide he can advance. It is too dark to see. Much love to the children. Mother & all

Affy. Yr Otis

Mr Carroll's
Washington D.C.
Sept. 29. 1861

My dearest Lizzie

I have waited my sense to write you a few lines. I came over to this city yesterday morning and not having been assigned yet to active duty, I thought I would stop till evening & perhaps over the Sabbath. I did however start to go back last night but found the bridge was broken & came back. This morning I went to hear Dr Sampson a baptist clergyman. I did not enjoy my Sabbath very well. I am going this evening to a presbyterian

meeting with Mrs Hamly.
This afternoon I rode out
with Judge Carroll to the
plain beyond the Capitol
where the 8th & 9th Me
Regiments are encamped.
I saw Warren Woodman &
found him quite well. I
saw also Bill Rich of the
8th & liked his looks &
the appearance of his
camp very much. Mrs
Carroll & the young ladies
have not yet returned
home yet. That was a
serious time that they had
when I could have thoroughly
did he plunge in head foremost
? I hope Grace is
entirely recovered & that

you are quite well.
I made an official
application yesterday
for active duty. Gen
Stanton & I are neither
of us assigned to duty.
I think the reason is
that older army officers
than I are daily getting
promoted & Mr Lincoln
likes to give them a
place. We have 8
Regiments in the field
and I think should be
placed on duty. The
pickets of the Enemy are

It seems to me that Rowland is ambitious and I regret it. Charlie went away last week. I think he will be here next Saturday. Two letters came to him to-night, one from you. We will send them to him to-morrow. He went to Scarborough, then to other places and is now probably in Farmington. You must write definitely when you write to Charlie on military matters. I knew from what you had written, that your staff was to be organized just as you have now written it, but he was not quite sure. I wish Charlie was with you now. I should not think any lady with children would like to go to Washington yet. I would have no wish to be there, not that I would not be very happy to be with you. It now seems to me that if God brings you back to us I never can be otherwise than most cheerful and happy. This separation has been a good school for me. Col. Gilmore expects to go to Portland to-morrow to attend in

Bath
Sept. 29. 1861.

My dear Boy
I received your letter written in Washington while at the house of Mr Fessenden. I have not been in Farmington long enough to see many of the people yet and therefore have not met his wife. Sarah has got nicely fixed at housekeeping. I told Rowland I would board a while if he could find me a pleasant boarding place. He told me when here (the day he went to Bath) that I could board with Mrs Norton here three days at seven dollars per week. I am thinking of doing so. There is really no house vacant now that I would like, quite a number of parts of houses but that wouldn't do. From or by spring I may be able to get just such a house as I would like. I dont want to go to Rowland to stay at all, because

(Mail Robbery) (Bond robbers) The Civil war

Yours
Lizzie

they have just commenced, and he finds it costs more to live than he thought of, and he thinks of little things now that he wont in a few years. I rather be independent so long as I can, and be no burden to anyone Mother says I am welcome to stay here as long as I will, but I think it is best to go and come with the children than to remain any great length of time, then she will have rest from their noise when we are away. they do not seem to trouble her, and she is not irritable or nervous but she is not able to be working for us all the time. Mother doesnt do much house-work Abby does a great deal more than she ought to just now, and Isabella helps whenever there is anything to be done, she does nearly all the washing. Col Gilmore has grown old fast the last year, but he doesnt have to work hard now Thomas is an excellent man, he has quite an inclination to enlist. I wrote to Uncle Edward to day to collect the coupons and interest on Bank stock and as I did not need it, as I had received money from you, I thought better invest it if I could in the Bank stock or if there was enough there invested or more in the Government loan if it was best. He will write me about it. Tuesday Evening. This letter was left on my table all day yesterday without my adding one word to it. I wish I could write a great deal to you dearest, to night. I received another letter from you to-day, came last night. I do hope and pray that noone will be permitted to do you any injury whatever. It would be on false grounds I know. I am glad you write me may frankly your own heart I did not feel sore at the reference to what I said in a former letter I know you do not act from impulse. We (two or three) had a conversation about Perry after I commenced my letter before I finished it and probably the effect of the conversation caused me to write as I did. I will not say more about it because I <u>can</u> trust in your judgment.

New York,
Sept. 30th 1861

My dear Sir,

I have just rec'd your kind letter, for which accept my thanks. The regiments here are in a very bad condition, there being about four officers to every man, and their principal duty is strutting up and down Broadway in their showy uniform. There are the skeletons of some thirty or forty regiments, and when consolidated will make perhaps three full regiments. For these reasons I have not connected myself with any of the regiments. I think I shall succeed in getting a place in some of the new regiments (regular) now being raised by government. I can bring pretty strong recommendations I think,

C. H. Darling,

and hunt they will prevail with the "powers that be". After I get all my papers together, I shall probably come on to Washington and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you. I wrote you last Saturday before receiving your letter. Please present my regards to your wife when you write, and also to Remy Lee who is with you I believe.

In haste,

Yours very respectfully

C. H. Darling