He came to see my carriage. I tell Charlie the enemy have fallen back all along the lines, perhaps they range is over in Kentucky. If so, it is too late to charge, and we must try to hold. All this is providential. The Lord deals with all things well. I had a new impulse given me tonight by the Lord and said, "May God plant only on the desert a city of grace and love to send out the sign of peace and love to the fatherland."

Washington D.C.

Oct. 1, 1861

Dear Mrs. B.

I write with you a few lines tonight just to let you know where I am. I came over last Saturday to the city. As I started to return I found the bridge had been destroyed, so I came back and as you know by a special invitation stayed the night at Mr. Carroll's. Sunday evening I went to hear Mr. Sandland at the Presbyterian. He showed us that the method of dispensing from the scriptures holds a good course for Sunday schools and Sunday subjects. I found Monday, their visit, Mr. Gregory, to move south of Alexandria. I think there are 20 places for
Mr. More so I saw you one 
for any things. Have written a note 
in the hope of a place to 
learn, where I am now 
very pleasantly situated. 
I shall see you soon. Mr. 
McClellan gets ready to 
me see in the field. On 
this street of the way. I 
probably call the army men 
who live here may be 
Vincent is close by. Mr. 
McGee is all far off. Did you know 
Mr. Webb had so often 
I write old? She is 
now. I hope promised to go 
I see her. Think I should 
tomorrow. My coming? 
went to a meetinging 
Dr. Sunderland, Church. 
I have not had a letter for 
you for several days, but 
get me for this summer.

Tonight Mr. Hayley has 
been from you to that 
he will probably be here 
tomorrow. Other letters 
with Mr. Blaine for the 
last two letters. We have 
read a prayer together. I talked 
of our lives. It children 
had been the happiness 
of seeing him in a day in 
this? I wish I could turn 
the same. I have seen 
you in some days. Who's shown 
two or three times lately? By 
on a close scrutiny it doesn't 
prove to be yourself. 
Tell Charles I have received 
due to the governor for a 
Commission in the Cavalry 
brigade now serving. Of 
height goes on a pledge 
of taking the St. Colman, as 
I never he will, I am glad.
Portland Oct. 2 1861

Mrs. O. O. Howard
Dec. 1st

I now write to inform you that you had not sent the coupon of Rail Road Bonds at present. I applied yesterday for my own and found they were not prepared to pay—<br>I was told that probably some arrangement would be made to pay but they could not tell when—<br>I hope this will find you and children all well—

From your affectionate uncle,

E. W. M. 

P.S. I send you $50 above which I trust you need—
1881 Oct 6th

Dear [Name],

I hope this finds you well. We had a lovely day walking in the woods. It was so peaceful and calming. I found a little stream and sat by it for a while, listening to the water. It was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon.

I also went to the library today and read a new book. It was about the history of the United States. It was quite fascinating. I learned so much. After that, I went to the market and bought some fresh vegetables. I made a lovely soup with them for dinner.

I hope you are doing well too. I miss you and think of you often. Please write back soon.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Dear Cici,

I have lost my most valuable brother in the church, John Hemm. He carried him today. God is affliction to me now much. Please your letter with Santa. She is well & pretty much settled in her new house. Charles has been here since Monday. He got two men. Publishing is hard work for an old man with no beauty & no learning. I do hope that Charles may have a place on your staff & that you ought to respect his commission when the proper time comes. This position in the B. is where we an unpleasant one now. He will do for Farrell good. He needs a positive uncompro

Meeting - dutiful element

Farmington Oct. 6th

With love,

[Signature]
To my friend, do encourage him to come on a little or even in Washington. I fear for the poor fellow's health. Most of employment will he a great trial, but you will do some good by it. Remember also that you have not only private state to maintain, but a prominent place & influence as a decided, spiritually minded army captain. God give you grace to love Him every day. To write go on, dear sir, we have not heard from these since last week. When I was down, the well then. Loggie looks after coming when he goes away. Now due to write with one branch of profession next Labor. They are stated. Writings back soon. Love. Ben Morgan.

Continue as usual. Except that the constant belief in friends has gone! Oh, how we wish him at any step. Do I join in prayer especially remembering you tonight. Good night.

Ben Morgan.

P.S. Ella & Baby are well & merry.

Dear Ott, I got both your letters, the one direct the other through Loggie, the dome might. I now understand matters of your stuff till I can do is to wait as you are doing. Capt. Hight is St. lot, Main County. Haji. Eastman reserve here. Another office - I have 50, but I may come money & stand.
Camp Howard Va.
Oct 3, 1861

Brig. Genl. G.A. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Having received letters from several army officers who offer to assist me in obtaining a Commission in the regular army, and as I have served under you for some time (long enough for you to know my qualifications to enter as a tactical and for general duties) I respectfully request that you will assist me with your recommendation. Believing that my services in the regiment while under your command, was such as to meet your approval of me, you will be disposed to assist me with a good recommendation.

The last time I knew, I much better than I can hope to get in the army, but they are still to serve my country, and led me to throw off position of brevet, for one of real service. And as I am entitled to some very long and faithful services, very respectful,

[Signature]

May 8, Marine Capt.
Ladies, Mr. Oct 2 1867

My dear Sir,

I was very glad this morning to get your letter written at Judge Cassells,

Capt. Allison returned from Portland today.

I understand that they did not pay the company on the No. 1 St. L. Bonds. I
know that the interest on the bonds had not been paid for some time.

If you could only have known that you were to have had this long leisure, I am
sure we all would have been to have then you here; but it would be agreeable to
have to get you again just now.

I shall to feel as sad for you and

We will say. I am thinking about you and

the South, your picture can’t be picture real-

ly because “Papa don’t wear that kind
of coat” (five rows of buttons) but he can explain
Dear Sarah,

I had not heard from you last week to come to Ashburn and make him a visit. But both of you are well enough, though clothing for the children to take the journey and stay any time, I may go from here there and from there to Farmington because that would save two journeys to the ferry depot. I am going, at the time I finally sent for the day, and take the children with me. I don't want to take them away too soon and I gave it up. Israel Dean and land they own is with his name. I shall not go to Farmington this week. I have been informed that he is there. If you have any news of him being at the land of the 6th Maine Regiment and being Mormon, but if I want you to tell him William King, tell him I am very close to him, and all he tells him I am glad he is there. I would send all the rest of it in the mail. Charlie come home to see you by way of Virginia. You do not know how much pleasure

You give me by writing as often as you do. Do not hesitate to write me everything and anything that is on your mind or heart. Dear Sarah, I have been to Washington and there is a report that Eddy will be here. Do you not keep John with you? I can be here the regiment. I have not written you much of a letter this time, but I will send it as Col. Polkmore is going to the depot. Have given me two letters for you, and want me to tell him she is making pictures on her paper.

May you be both well and walk in this ways at all times.

Your own wife

Zijzie
Hamp. Howard, Aver. Va, Oct 4th 1861

To Brig. Gen. Howard

Dear Sir,

I beg your pardon for thus forcing myself upon your notice, but, judging you to be always ready to assist one who has tried hard to help himself, I take the liberty of addressing you.

I was at the expense of nearly $300 in reuniting my company, and after it was disbanded by order of the Gov. I wasn’t able to recruit another. Having a talk for Militia, I learned very fast during this month I was with the company, and I think now I could maneuver a company as well, most of the Captains I have noticed here.

My friends advised me to apply for a commission in the Regular Army so I took a letter from Hon. Joel M. Morrill, endorsed by His Excellency, the Gov. and one also from the Mayor of the city of Gardiner. After lying about a week at Washington with the assistance of Hon. C.D. French, I gave it up.

I was advised to visit the Maine Regiments...
As there were many vacancies in some of the Regts, but my friends not having much influence I have not been successful.

I made up my mind to see my country and I am resolved to do so in some capacity, and I would not hesitate one to enlist as a private did. I have now sufficient to pay for what I expended for my company, that I could save or distress one who is very near to me.

But Wilds told me before I came here that you wanted a private list, but it seems you did not.

You have an opportunity of knowing if there are vacancies which I could fill.

General, if you will assist a poor young man to help himself, we will settle looking obligations on yours. Respectfully,

C. M. Lawrence

To Oliver O. Howard
Brig. Gen. U.S. V.M.

P.S. I am stepping with the 6th Reg.
Augusta, Oct. 21, 1861

My dear Mr. Howard,

Enclosed is a letter for General Grant, which you will please hand him. I felt it might be of service to him, as I like to see the promotion of our worthy officers, and I want to see some of our brave and true officers promoted. I will very gladly accept your offer of a position if I can find a place where I can use the writing skills learned at West Point. With the current demands, it is an attractive offer. I cannot accept this position, but I appreciate your offer of experience.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]

Who is the man of brick stone?
Augusta, Oct. 4th 1861

Gen. O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir,

I wish to hear a word from you, if you will write me.

Since I left your command I have been in Augusta.

I have offered my services to Gov. Washington and he told me he would find a position for me as soon as possible.

The Hon. Ex. Governor Ma will have written some urgent letters to him asking for appointment also. The Hon. Gen. J. W. Preston and J. W. Nice member of Congress.

His Excellency the Gov. is well disposed toward us and will give me a good situation. My camp was captured at the fall of Vicksburg (Col. Pemberton) and I am all the one left.
As to my case, I went to the War Department and they placed me for all the time since I have been in the service, which was very pleasant. I wish, Gen. that you would give one a letter for the Gov. of Maine stating my department while under your command. I know that I shall not be afraid to have the Gov. know how I conducted myself while attached to your key.

Ely, Gov. A.P. Morrill expresses himself highly pleased with you, and sends his compliments to you by me.

I am happy to state that all her are the greatest confidence in your ability; I have seen your brother Charlie since I have returned; I also heard the Gov. speak of him today. The 16th reg. leaves Portland tomorrow. The 11th is now here and coming here. The Carleton is coming in also.

I hope you will perform for this and write soon.

Merry Home to hear of the success of our arms.

Yours very truly,
Washington D.C.
Oct. 4th 1861

My dear Sir,

I have not written you a word since the arrival of Capt. Swain. You should have seen the overwhelming thanks you sent me. I thank you. I would thin you if I could for all these things. Especially for the arriving care.

Continuing, keep an eye on your condition. Scissors, naps, brush, cloth, brush, etc. Capt. Swain around the 1st of the month. This room 356 x 8. I am not used to being in such a room. My bed is bed in the corner, but I have moved into a new one. The neighboring room is matted into that. I think we will keep this room all the time. So that we can have a change for country. It is not like where we

I believe I have written since I left the money. I am to leave this lot to return Monday, when I will commence the civil service. My friends I am sure will be relieved once they can be together (probably evening or 3 or 3:30 A.M.) They must have many secret letters when the letter arrives. The Capt. Swain has got a letter by almost two years older than he is. This is impossible. He has got two sons in school but only one of that's a sister. (Come to think about it.) He wants his father to bring him a horse. Tonight Capt. Swain and Peter went to buy a horse of the same color just the color of the Capt. Swain. I was not present at the time.

The R.I. must be a good one. finished Sunday.
am in the field. I forget whether I told you that I had been ordered to serve on a "front for the examination of incompetent officers" at Alexandria yesterday. After sensible talking there, I found the Board had adjourned. There was presented to the Board of Examiners, when the Maine was not encamped, not far from where I wrote when I first entered Virginia, All I can do now is to offer that Brigade. When you first wrote me of all the fortifications that have been built in our line, you will see what McClellan has been doing. He has some of the men more or less acclimated for use in regular marching. I think that I will not see you. They told me today I would not be long off action duty. I am sick very particularly.
Oct 7 1861

My dear Child,

Mrs. Breckland, a particular, friend of mine and her husband Henry's partner, in the flour business will perhaps give you this letter as she has promised to find you if she can, and if possible her husband will see you. My intention either you or Charles could pay them. We should be very glad if I heard of the death of Mary Jane. She died the 25th of Sept. You doubtless know of my visit East, and I know Lizzie and the children were at York. And when I went west I should have tried to have seen them. But I had heard they were at Augusta, I suppose they
Dear Uncle, but have not heard your mother does not write as often as she used to. I was with her when the news of the fight came, she was very brave I thought. I wish you and Charles would write, and tell us of yourselves and this war, I hope this war will soon terminate, but everything is uncertain. Maggie is at Cincinnati, at school, she has been away for three weeks. She is at home but very anxious to go into the Army. I wish she could, but she will not go. It looks now, as though the West and Kentucky would be the fighting ground, you may come West, Carrie is a large girl, and our little Anna is a great pet.

I was glad to find Pansy healthy and happy, you must keep healthy. With affectionate love,

Yours truly

M. J. Strickland
Dear Howard,

I regret that I must date my letter from a post so inactive when every true man must desire a part in crushing out rebellion. In my last written when all was peace I told you of my plans to fight for restoring the Union at once decided me, and I am now left here alone in command of two uncommissioned regiments of my own A. G. Vols. A. A. C. S. 90. Then there I am not free from troubles that now seem destined to drive me in disgust from under the folds of our flag.

At this post the place of a pillar has been nominally held by one J. B. S. Todd, recently elected delegate to Congress. He is a poor indebted dishonest man, a near relative of Mr. S----. Prior to his election I had three contracts in the market. That Todd wished me to give out so as to adopt him, making me profess to believe you knew me to be an honest man and such. I would not listen to his intrigue. He then threatened me with his power to tell me he would have the contracts given over my head. If I replied if I am so mean when honestly doing my duty the government will
either have to accept my resignation or drop me from the roll.

Immediate refusal from this the latter Star was closed, by the owners of the goods, personal alterations ensued, and I was obliged to put a prompter over the buildings.

Before I had time to inform S.B. Todd, of my action, he came to my home, partially drunk, in the presence of J. Do & Swift, abused me in every way possible. I endeavored to reason with him but to no avail. I then ordered him to his quarters in arrest, he refused to obey it; I laid before the Safe of Hov. he threw them aside and said, I don’t care a dit for them. I don’t regard them for.

I then told him he could leave my house.

The next day he wrote me asking what restrictions I should place upon his person and liberty, but at once elevated by a by way back hustled to Washington, saying in route that I should lay my commission before me as disloyal citizen. 4/24.

I immediately send a candid statement of the matter to Washington with full charges from which I have received no reply.

I now understand that Todd is returning to this post, released from arrest, and that he has deposited several payments affidavits against me.

To be thus set aside without investigation...
love through the treachery of a few drunken men who has never been respected by my officers at the post, is too hard an injustice.

Dr. Swift and all my command fully support me in my course.

You know me, sir, too well to suppose I can now lay aside my commission without most bitter moment, anguish, yet I felt it must be done if my personal sacrifices to duty are to be thus rewarded.

I have done my duty fearfully, prayerfully, and I feel faithful. I have remained as the last-to-be nearly every fellow officer desert this country and have worked very hard to assist the bad seed sown in the command by disloyal officers, I am up and off the full confidence of my men and I know full well that-if I am forced to resign by the willing of such as men as Dodd, my command will be at once disorganized. I wish you who knows me to expect me in receiving this blow, to leave my country's flag in this hour of trial, will be to destroy my highest, keener, my chieftain, and purchase my usefulness, yet it must be done if I am called to bear such injustice when doing my duty. My position would not refer me for玉石ftery to the dishonor. I now suffer for suffering.

Can you not secure me on impartial investigation

I am opposed to see that you
fettle with your religious armor on. ever continual stand fast in the Lord is of your better mechanism.

I have lately thought it may be well leave me driven more closely to God for support and after returning to my home in Massachusetts. I shall like to be mighty judge

my God, cleanse me many devices. Should my action pass unnoticed until the middle of this month. I must join better words of my resignation, and then faithfully perform present duty until I am relieved and my name stricken from the roll.

will be the disgrace Howard, although one who in this time breath with the pulse of my country, and when the door of honorable action is closed under my play, will ever learn to it with a proper success, and will never, much be and its enemy. Please write me at once giving your counsel, and for me what you are strict conformity to your duty above all pain?

Your Brother in Christ of Arms

R. R. Emmett

Col O.C. Howard

1st Lieut 4th Uly

2nd Regt 5th U.S. Volunteers

Washington D.C.
will try to get my last letter before this. Did you see that G.W. Smith had
left the depot? Taken a ship to commission in the Rebel Army. This nation state thing
was the real cause of the trouble. I feel this first one and then the other in the morning. Charlie
said he had gone to church. I have not been since I came here. I shall get
with you a paper with this letter.

Each Edward intented that he then was with
that were arranged would protect
be made to pay the Commissary on the
and I. Lawrence P.W. Owen. Charlie
Wish you to go to you the cavalry report
in pretty near perfect and ready all the
companies are already at Anzalco
he is going to Anzalco one day this week.

Capt. Atchinson the Chief Col. William Evans
there from his gig one beat his eye but
it may not hinder him from going with
his company if the case, he will not com-
mand a company I believe. Grandmother
is feeling better while I finish my letter.

this morning. No she seems pretty well, gets

[...]
and always been, his acquaintance with
students and his interest in them more
than she ought. This is between you and I
and as you dear precious letters are common
property here don't want about it please.
I don't mean you to understand that I object
to your letters being written to us all. We
all want the bread from you often.
I waited a letter to you last Friday but
it did not send it to the 3rd column. I
sent it to Gen. Howard. Washington may
I suppose this will go directly to you.
The last letter I sent to the Regiment was the
one in October 1st of the 25th ut which goes spoken of your fear that person
was working against you, it was received
Wednesday of last week. I will enclose
a note to other Bath. I brought away her
stove tools, and I do not want you
to neglect to use them, they were put
in by midsummer the last day of closing
up the house. I had never how much
they will be, probably more or less dollars.

May be more. (his take in nearly three
months 25th inst instead of their twelve.
I don't think I can say anything about
the big check in my letter from you
when at the Carrolls. 2) I do think I have
written about some things to troubled you
the short time I have been here in
all the precious time together, I am
not going to the to any more.
The children are quite well now. Jamie
is getting some teeth which trouble
him greatly. There is to be a "Rural"
in Pomfret town on the 15th. I went on
the 15th. Went with Mrs. Russell.
if I think it last when the time comes.
I am working on you that's hope to finish
them this week. I don't think I shall
have anything to send after this, unless
you will suggest something you need.
I have made up my mind to board a while
in Pomfret. I can be very comfortable
with those pleasant rooms. I hope you
Richmond Oct. 7 1861

Sirs. Alice Howard.

Mr. Bridgewater is my Partner
in business & lately a Member
of a Regiment of cavalry.

I have been kept on in this state.
He wishes you to make your
appearance as a favor to myself.

I have not much inclined to hear
of your promotion. I hope that your
appearance will give us a good look
of the enemy, whom must they meet.
Mrs. Thrall has written you all the news. I have but a scanty supply of the latter, and the few in recollection
I should be much pleased to hear from you occasionally, as we are all much interested in the affairs
of our Eastern Army. Our State is doing its duty nobly, but we shall need aid in Kentucky, both in a letter
that I cannot neglect. The weather
it, expecting care from Washington.
Our whole family unite in sending
you our kindest regards, & you have our
best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Thrall
Portland Oct 7 1861
Mrs O-O Howard 3
Dear Mrs 3

I receipt your letter of 3. enclosing the coupons for dividend on Rail Road Bonds.

I wrote you on the 1st. directed to Farmington informing you that the coupons would not be paid at present. Mr Barrett the Treasurer told me that he thought some arrangements would be made to pay but he could not tell when -

I will collect the dividend on Bank Stock and invest as you may direct - I think the government loan is as good as any thing now offered -

Your affectionate friend,

(All well)

E Watts
Dear Brother,

I have been thinking that by depending on each other to do it, none of our friends have written you of Cousin Virginia death. The idea I think on the 26th ult. I had a note from his brother the next day. The same. He was happy in the last was with them. He requested that some person to write to her and tell her all. I had a letter from Capt. Almon Daggett of the 5th U.S. Reg. Requesting me to use my influence with you to get Capt. C. D. now at home in Greene in care - an appointment as
Majin is one of the new men. He is now being raised here. Daggitt went out as 2Lt. and has risen to Capt. 1 from what I have known of him. I have no doubt that he is a worthy and efficient young man. He rather to leave the 6th but does not give me his reason. I know him now in Kern at Ranta street Capt. I there before the war.

I have not heard from Charles since he went to Lodi last fall. Our new T.L. went to Natch regularly next Monday. I may run down to see Ella and Davey. I am in hopes now that I have suitable for Sophie will soon be reached here. The season to be contented at Lodi. If the chores the can

found here a while before keeping. horse - a rest as in the mean time. I think we will enjoy that. Two young ladies were added to our friends last fall. The had a solemn Communion made at the church. Rev. and the church. Our people feel a little discouraged about raising money to the lease of 10 acres. I have no money to subscribe to it myself. We are living a cold winter. The winter will be upon us. I am getting on my apples. The products of my garden. If you see Pay give love to my love. I ask him to
Charles write me that
some one was ill to see me today.

(Wednesday, Oct. 9)

We have a Militia
Muster. Glad you
have applied for
a Conn. for Charles.

Would it help
the matter for
Perry to get a
Recommendation
from Col. Staples
for the office of
the Regt.
Redesigning this for getting uniformed men in the state. Many of the other officers had got any recruits of last month. There is more.

Mrs. Temper, I don't think people will be done at that. I think I'm going to Farmington to get materials for the house here. I saw a letter from some lady saying she will not know who will come back to see. I wrote her to leave the other letters. She said she will not know.

This mail will not come again. I should like the O. C. to come here. He will not know who will come. I wrote her to leave the other letters.

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I am looking forward to seeing you. I have been thinking of you. I am looking forward to seeing you. I have been thinking of you.

Yours truly,

P. O. D.

Oct. 8, 1861
Dear [Name],

I have received the letter you sent me yesterday. I am very glad to hear from you and I hope you are well.

I understand that you are planning to come to this city on [date]. I would be happy to meet you at the station and help you settle in.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Yours truly,
[Your Name]
Washington, D.C.
October 8th, 1861

My darling boy,

I got up quite early this morning and wrote a letter to Uncle Rawland, took a hasty breakfast and then rode to Arlington on Captain Sewall's horse. The horse is one that Captain Sewall has just bought, and he wanted Papa to try him. I came back to Washington about 12 o'clock. I went over on a curious ferry at Georgetown. There is a large rope stretched across the river from shore to shore and there are two posts on the boat with pulleys in them to which the rope is fastened; 5 or 6 men take hold of the rope and pull the boat along. When I got back I thought I would go into the street and get

You cannot be too kind to your darling Mamma Guy. You must give her a good kiss for papa. Let Gracie look at your paper and read her your letter. I hope you love your sister very much. Papa loves her. She must be always kind. Little girls are not worth much when they are fretful. Does Jamie ever cry? How he will want his little brother and try to do like him.

I heard a sermon last Sunday evening to parents which made me think of you. Do you think Guy that you truly love your Saviour? He was willing to die for you and such as you. John has come to take this letter to the office. Love to Grandpa V, Isabella and many kisses to Gracie and Jamie. May God bless you all your loving father

O.O. Howard
something for my little children. I gave a paper for you Guy with pictures of the different Generals. Your father is not amongst them, because he was not appointed by the President soon enough. I think so.

Well, what for my precious daughter. I found a picture of a mother to a little girl playing with a kitten; that will suit Gracie. I saw another of a lady feeding some rabbits; that's for Jamie; let us see if he will take them up by the ears.

I went to church last Sunday. It was communion Sabbath and all the grown people were seated in the back pews. I came in and sat down in the front body pew; I looked towards my right and saw in the corner pews several children. While the minister was talking I heard a little boy laughing aloud; why I heard him again. Then an old gentleman arose and went to the front of the little boy's pew, and took him by both his arms and lifted him into another pew. The little boy did not cry as I feared he would, but looked somewhat frightened. After this he behaved well. He was a bright looking boy and made me think of mine. I wonder if my little boy would laugh aloud in the house of God when the minister is talking about our blessed Saviour.

Captain Sewall is your father's adjutant called his Assistant Adjutant General. He lives in Bath in the state of Maine. He says tell Guy to tell his mother she must get into those cars and go to Bath and take Guy to see his little boy Josie. I think a great deal of Josie's papa. I think Josie must be a good boy.

When is uncle Charlie coming back again? He is not in camp now, but lives in Washington. Number 37, the door past is 376. My room is in the 3rd story.

Give my love to Grandmother and ask her if she is well. I hope she can stand so many grandchildren. Don't they almost fill up the house? And Jamie such a big boy?

Does Mamma try to carry him much!
Head Quarters 3rd Me Regt
Camp Howard, Va.
October 9th 1861

Brevet General Howard
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Learning, as I fear greatly, that it will be impossible for me to accompany you as I had hoped to do, I have the honor to submit this note to your kind consideration. I would not intrude upon your time, Sir, but your previous encouragement to me is my reason for being here. When I enlisted, General, I had much to gain—principally, however, "a good character", which, I am compelled to state, I did not possess at the inestimable value of which, I am fully sensible. I have tried very hard, alone, to make myself an honorable name and to that end, my
I am subversive to principle, and I hope my efforts are, in a measure, successful. I am ambitious, so I fully acknowledge, and am confident that could I have been permitted to come under your notice that by energy and continued application I should receive promotion in accordance with my capabilities. You have seen my mother's letters, the tone of which (if you remember yourself) will convince you that for her sake I would be grateful to my duty in any capacity. If so, you consider me fitted for any capacity or worthy of promotion in this Regiment. I would respectfully ask your favor, knowing that it would be powerful as a recommendation and which I could not prize so highly. A boy can grow into manliness instead of growing to be a mere man and such is and has been my aim. It will ever be my constant endeavor to excel in any position I may occupy. Since your departure I have been, and now am, acting as 2nd Lieutenant of this Regiment. If I could receive a commission as 1st Lieutenant it would enable me to do much for my father, happiness, prove my earnest desire to promote the glorious cause we all adore, and one more capable man could prove by future acts the gratitude it would be impossible to express in words. In case of such an event if agreeable to you, I might be transferred into your command. Your best, generously, to me, General, has prompted this application to myself and if I might hope that it would recommend me to your favorable notice, to say nothing of your regard - it is all I would ask.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient,

Frank W. Haskell.