

He used to be very capable.
Tell Charlie the enemy have
fallen back all along the
lines - perhaps their rage is
now on Trenton. McClellan
is too busy to assign Garrison
& me to duty. All this is
Providential. The Lord directs
all things well. I had a
new impulse given me tonight
by the words read. "My soul
I wait only on the Lord &c."
I must learn to wait on the
Lord. My mind & heart need
setting in order. There is a
chance now to thank God
bless you & the children - My warm
love to Mother & Father
a kiss for Guy & Grace & Jamie
I want Guy to have a great
deal & never be selfish.
Most affectionately Otho

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Washington D.C.
Room in 376 "H" St.
Oct. 1st 1861

Dearest

I write you a
few lines tonight just to let
you know where I am. I
came over last ~~Saturday~~^{Friday} to
the city & as I started to return
I found the bridge had been
broken down, so I came back
and as you know by a special
invitation staid the night - at
Mr Carralls. Sunday evening I
went to hear Mr Sunderland
preaching. He showed us that
the wicked & impudent were
the actual rebels. I found
Monday that our ^{1st} Brigade
was to move south of Alexandria
& that there was no place for

me there so I sent John over
for my things. Have taken a room
in the house of a gentleman from
Maine, where I am now
very pleasantly situated.
I shall stay here till Gen
McClellan gets ready to
use me in the field. On
this street & the next "I"
nearly all the Army men
who live here may be found
Vincent is close by & Webb
is not far off. Did you know
Mrs Webb had a baby only
3 weeks old? She is here
now. I have promised to go
& see her. Think I shall
tomorrow. This evening I
went to a prayer meeting
at Dr Sunderland's Church.
I have not had a letter from
you for several days, but
got one from Mr Swell

Tonight, who says he has a
bundle from you & that
he will probably be here
tomorrow. I then slept
with Mr Blaine for the
last two nights. We have
read & prayed together & talked
of our wives & children
We will have the happiness
of seeing his in a day or
two & I wish I could have
the same. I have seen
you in somebody else's shoes
two or three times lately, but
on a close scrutiny it did not
prove to be yourself.
Tell Charles I have recommended
him to the Governor for a
Commission in the Cavalry
Regiment now raising. If
Bright goes on a pledge
& takes the St. Columby, as
I may be well, I am glad

Portland Oct 2^d 1861
Mrs O O Howard
Dear Niece

I now write to
inform you that you had not
send the Coupons of Rail Road
Bonds at present. I applied
yesterday for my own and found
they were not prepared to pay -

I was told that probably
some arrangement would be
made to pay but they could
not tell when -

I hope this will find you
and children all well -

from your Affectionate
Uncle

P.S.

E. Waite

I sent you \$50 Sept 12th which I trust
you recd -

Stark Oct 2 1861
 Mr O. O. Thomas
 Dear Sir

I have writ to
 inform you that you have not
 send the papers of Rail Road
 Bonds at present. I applied
 yesterday for my own and found
 they were not prepared to pay -
 I was told that probably
 some arrangement would be
 made to pay but they could
 not tell when -
 I hope this will find you
 and I believe all well -
 from your affectionate
 friend
 E. W. Hunt
 I sent you \$50 Sept 15 which I trust
 you receive -

a grateful chance of getting
it refused. I spent the
Forenoon at ~~Howe~~ ^{Howe} - A crowded
house to ~~hear~~ ^{hear} an excellent prac-
tical sermon ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the morning
& at the prayer-meeting P. M. - I
tried to present the ^{spiritual} need of our
officers & soldiers to the meeting
having been called upon to speak -
that they might pray for their souls
as well as the success of their arms.
Spent the Sabbath at Norridgewock.
It was refreshing to listen to the
two sermons from Bro. Tappan.
One on what it is to be "poor
in spirit" - I took tea with him.
He, (& I think nearly all our
best Christians here) have the
warmest sympathy for you. You
were spoken of & prayed for in
the prayer-meeting - Judge Tenney
complimented you highly when he
called upon me to speak at a lit-
erary meeting Monday night - He wished me
on leaving to give you his respects when I saw you.

I too tried to get answers to my prayers - May the Lord give
us the grace we so much need - especially to hold on.

Farmington Oct. 8/61
Dear Eliza 368
I have lost my most
valuable brother in the Church -
John Gilcomb. We buried him
today - God is afflicting us very
much - Rec'd your letter
with Sarah. She is well &
pretty much settled in her new
house - Charles has been here
since Tuesday - has got two
men - Enlisting is hard work
for an old Reg. with no bounty
& no humbug - I do hope that
Charles may have a place on
your staff & that you ought to
request his commission when
the proper time comes - His posi-
tion in the B^d would be an
unpleasant one now - Hope you
will do Bro. Farmell good -
He needs a positive uncompromis-
ing - dutiful element

to his piety - do encourage
him to love as & love out
even in Washington - I fear
for the poor fellow - Your
want of Employment must
be a great trial - but God
will do some good by it -

Remember, do, that you have
not only your private state to
maintain - but a prominent
place & influence as a decided,
spiritually-minded Army Christian.
God give you grace to love
him every day - He will go
to Leeds St. - We have not
heard from there since last
week when I was down - all
well then - Lizzie talks of
coming when he goes away -
We are to unite with our
Church by profession next
Lab - Their "hopes" are dated
back some time - Our ^{meetings} prayer,

Continue as usual - keep that
our constant - beloved Thos!
Hearts has gone! O how
we miss him at every step -
Let I join in prayer
Especially remembering you
tonight

Good night
Pamela

Ed. Ella & baby are still in
Bath & well -

Frid. Morning.

Dear Otis

I got both your letters, the
one direct the other thro' Lizzie, the
same night. I now understand
matters of your stuff - all I can
do is to wait as you are doing.
Capt. Hight is Lt. Col. Maine Cavalry.
Maj. Eastman supervisor here as
Disbursing Officer - I have to pay
out my own money & stand

Camp Howard Va
Oct 3^d 1861

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

Sir

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 as to fitness
as a tactician and my general habits.) I
respectfully request you will assist me with
your recommendation. Believing that my
exertions in the Regiment while under your
Command, was such as to meet your appro-
val I hope you will be disposed to assist
me with a good recommendation.

The position I now hold is much better than
I can hope to get in the army. But my anx-
iety to serve my Country has led me to throw
a position of inactivity for one of real service,
and I feel entitled to some favor, for long
and faithful services

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
E. Burt.

May 3^d Maine Regt

C. Burt.



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 Brig. Genl. W. W. French
 Washington D.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of land for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the soldiers of the 1st Regt. of the 1st Div. of the 1st Corps of the Army of the Potomac who fell at the battle of Antietam. I am sorry to hear that the matter has not yet been settled. I will endeavor to expedite the same as far as possible. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 Wm. W. French



Leeds, Ms. Oct 3. 1861.

My dearest Eliza

I was very glad this evening to get your letter written at Judge Canvells. Col Gilmore returned from Portland today he understood that they did not pay the coupons on the 4th St. L. Bonds. I knew that the Interest on the Stocks had not been paid for some time. If you could only have known that you were to have had this long leisure, how glad we all would have been to have seen you here: but it would be a great trial to part from you again just now. and I should feel so sad for Guy and Grace both. Once in a while as she is going to bed, as I am doing something for her she will say, "I am thinking about Papa she thinks your picture can't be Papa really because "Papa don't wear that kind of a coat" (two rows of buttons) but Guy can explain

or before?

Aunt Sarah wrote me last week to come
to Auburn and make her a visit. But
I have not got enough thick 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 Leeds depot. I was going, at the time
I finally went for the day, and take the
children but Mother did not want
me to take them away so soon and
I gave it up. Uncle Owen and Aunt Lucy
are with her now. I shall not go to Turner
or Livermore this fall. You have men-
tioned being at the Camp of the 8th Maine
Regt and seeing Warren, but I want you
to see cousin William Henry, tell him
how my love to him, and tell him I shall
try to meet his wife, and also tell him
I am glad he is there. I would send
all the rest if I could. Charlie comes
home to-morrow by way of Wazee. 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 in
your mind or heart, dearest. Mr Blain
has been to Washington and there is a report
that 'Vanity' will be paid. Do you not
keep John with you? can he leave
the Regiment. I have not written you
much of a letter this time, but I
will send it as Col. Gilmore is
going to the Depot. Grace gives me two
lines for you, and wants me to tell papa
she is making pictures on her paper.
May we do God's holy will and walk in
his ways at all times.

Your own Wife

Lizzie

C. M. Carpenter
Oct. 4th '61.

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Camp Howard Fairfax Co. 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 allways ready to assist one who has tried hard to help himself. I take the liberty of addressing you -

I was at the expence of nearly \$200. in recruiting my company and after it was disbanded by order of the Gov. I wasn't able to recruit another. Having a taste for Military I learned very fast during the month I was with the company. and I think now I could manoeuvre a company as well as 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. Lot M. Morrill, endorsed by His Excellency the Gov. and one also from the Mayor of the city of Gardiner.

After trying about a week at Washington with the assistance of Hon. C. B. 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 serve my country and
I am resolved to do so in some capacity and I would
not hesitate now to enlist as a private did I have
money sufficient to pay for what I expended for
my company. that I must earn or distress one
who is very near to me.

Col. Wilds told me before I came here that
you wanted a private Sec. 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 you will confer lasting obligations
on
Yours Respectfully

G. M. Lawrence

To Oliver O. Howard
Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

P.S. I am stopping with Co. C. 3rd Reg.

Augusta Oct. 4, 1861

Brig. Genl Howard,

My Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a letter for Genl Smith, which you will please hand him - I hope it may be of service to him as I like to see the promotion of one worthy officer, & I want - let me add in passing - to see the discharge of all unworthy & unfit ones.

I will very gladly appoint your brother if I find a place where I can place him, amicably with the reasonable & just claims of others. Where we have raised companies, who are active, able, fit, I cannot well pass them by unless for officers of experience.

Yours truly,

J. Wadsworth

Who is the man of Warrenton?

Wm. Wadsworth
Oct. 4, 1861

August 12, 1861

My dear friend
My dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am well at present and hope to be so again soon. I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to be able to do something for it in the future.

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Yours truly,
Wm. L. Garrison
P.S. I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to be able to do something for it in the future.

Augusta, Oct. 4th 1861

Gen. A. 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. Washburn and he told me he
would find a position for me as
soon as possible.

The Hon. Ex. Governors Morrill have
written some very urgent letters
to him asking my appointment;
also the Hon. Senators C. W. Watson
and J. H. Rice members of Congress.
His Excellency the Gov. is well disposed
towards me and will give me a good
situation. My reg. was captured
at the fall of Lexington Mo. Col.
Prabolt(?) and I am all the one left.

As to my pay, I went to the War Department and they paid me for all the time since I have been in the service, which was very pleasant. I wish, Gen. that you would give me a letter for the Gov. of Maine stating my deportment 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 reg.

Ex. 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
have 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 10th reg. leaves Portland to morning.
The 11th is now here and coming here.

The Cavalry is coming in also.

I hope Gen. you will pardon me for
this and write me soon.

Hoping soon to hear of the
success of our arms.

Brig. Gen. A. C. Howard. I remain Yours truly
S. S. Stearns

I believe I have written since I sent
the money. I went to Ashtabula
today & returned. Monday we
will commence the said examination.
Amy & Grace & Jamie must all
be asleep now if they are
asleep (Friday evening 10-55 P.M.)

They must have many sweet kisses
when this letter arrives. Well
Gy Capt Sewall has got a
little boy almost two years older
than he is. His name is Joseph
he hasn't got twelve brothers
but only one & that's a sister
(come to think of it -) He wants his
father to bring home a horse. Tonight
Capt Sewall & paper went & brought
a fine horse, just the color of
paper's "Chestnut". How is the
rabbi's dog? Jamie pull his ears
& stand him up? What can paper
send Grace? We'll try tomorrow
to find something. Love to mother & father
The R.R. must be a good one, finished Sunday thro.

My dear wife
I have not
written you a word since the arrival
of Capt. Sewall. You should have seen
me overhauled the bundle you
sent me. I thank you & would
kiss you if I could for all these
things. Specially for the dressing case
containing, Ahmad, needles, pins, cushions,
Scissors, nail brush, tooth brush, &c. &c.
Capt Sewall arrived the day I took
the room 376 N. St. & we occupy it
together. John has had a bed in the
corner, but I have moved him out
into the neighboring room is
rented into that. I think we
will keep this room all the
time. So that we can have a deposit
for trunks & valuables when we

Washington D.C.

Oct. 4th 1861

My dearest wife

am in the field. I forget whether
I told you that I had been ordered
to serve on a "board for the examination
of incompetent officers" at Arlington.
Yesterday Capt Sewall & I went
there, but found the Board had
adjourned. Then we proceeded
to the South of Alexandria, where
the Marine B^y is now encamped.
not far from where we were
when we first entered Virginia.
All day we went on to
take that Brigade. Then
you see the names of all
the fortifications that have
been built or are building
you will see what McClellan
has been doing. He will soon
organize all his forces into
regular brigades. I think that I
will have one. They told me today
I would not be long off active
duty. I am not very particular

so long as nothing serious is
intended. Capt Sewall is going
company to me under with me
in morning & evening readings &
prayer. Wants to talk about home
& the dear ones he has left. Mrs
Sewall says you bargained for a
soldier when you married but she
didn't. She married a lawyer. Her
arguments against his going remind
me of what trials you must have
endured. but I feel as though you
are, with the help of God, equal to
them all. I trust he will make
all easy & happy for you till he
permits me to return. I saw
Judge Brewster who inquired for you
& wished to be remembered. Paul Stephen
is with me tonight & wants to
be remembered to you.

I suppose you got the letter with the draft
for two hundred dollars, did you not?

You did not mention it but did mention things

Mrs Martha J. Strickland
Oct 7 1861

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Puchmond Oct 14th
[1861]

My dear Ohio

Mrs. Strickland, a particular
friend of mine, and her husband Thomas
partner, in the flour business will probably
give you this letter, as she has promised
to find you if she can, and if possible
her husband will see you, any attention
either you or Charles could pay them
we should be very glad of. I heard of
the death of Vaughan Ohio, he died
the 21st of Sept, you doubtless know
of my visit East, and I know Lizzie
and the children were at West Point
when I went on, I should have tried to
have seen them but I had heard
they were at Augusta, I suppose they

are at Leeds but have not received
your Mother does not write as often
as she used to, I was with her when
the news of that fight came, she was
very brave I thought, I wish your
Charles would write, and tell us of
yourselves and Perry Lu, I hope this war
will soon terminate, but everything is
uncertain Lizzie is at Cincinnati,
at school, she has been away four weeks
Fred is at home but very anxious
to go into the Army, I had rather he
would not, but shall not forbid it,
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 Rowland so pleasantly
situated, you must feel very lonely

away from your home and little ones
Mrs B will put this letter into the
office, if she can find your directions
I hope sometime to see you all, but
everything in this world is uncertain
Adda's husband, Mr Skiles, died two
weeks ago, she and her infant, six
weeks old are with us, she has not
decided where she shall remain,
Remembers me affectionately to your wife
and little ones also your Mother, when
you write, Warren Woodman is in the
Army also Roddy Hazard, "This
letter is for you and Charles, we
have not time to write to both of
you, May God keep you both in safety,
yours affectionately Aunt

M J Strickland

Fort-Randall D.T.

October 3rd 1861

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 as fixed for reshipping, the outbreak at once decided me, and I am now left here alone, in command of two companies, my own A. S. G. M.; A. A. C. S. &c.

Even here I am not left 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 Sutter has been nominally held by one J. B. S. Todd, recently elected delegate to congress, he is a poor inclined dishonest man, a near relative of Mr. Lincoln.

Prior to his election I had three contracts in the market that Todd wished me to give out so as to assist him, making me proffer &c. I believe you know me to be an honest man and as such, I would not listen to his intrigues, he then threatened me with his power & told me he would have the contracts given over my head &c. I replied "if I am so used when honestly doing my duty the government will

either have to accept my resignation or
drop me from the rolls."

Immediate upon this the Sitters Store was
closed, by the owners of the goods; personal
altercations ensued, and I was obliged to put
a guard over the buildings.

Before I had time to inform J. B. S. Todd, of
my action, he came to my rooms partially drunk
and in the presence of Dr 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 ^{him} the "Art. of War" he
threw them aside and said, "I don't care a
d-n for them I don't regard them Sir."

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 deserted by a
by way and hastened to Washington saying
en route that I should lose my commission
reporting me as disgraced, dishonored &c.

I immediately sent a conciliatory 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 port released from arrest; and that he
has deposited several forged affidavits against
me.

To be thus set aside without investigation

toon through the trickery of a poor drunken man
who has never been respected by any officer
at the post; is too hard an injustice.

Dr Swift and all my command fully sup-
port me in my course.

You know me Howard, too well to suppose I
can now live aside my commission without
most bitter moments, ^{it} enquire, yet I feel it
must be done, if my personal sacrifices
to duty are to be thus rewarded.

I have done my duty fearlessly, prayerfully,
and I feel faithfully, I have remained at my
post to see nearly every fellow officer desert his
country, and have worked very hard to uproot
the bad seed sown in the command by
disloyal officers. I am assured of the full con-
fidence of my men and I know full well
that if I am forced to resign by the villainy
of such a man as Todd, my command will be
at once disorganized. I wish you who know me
to assist me in averting this blow, to leave my
country's flag in this hour of trial will be to
destroy my highest hopes, my happiness, and
perchance my usefulness, yet it must be done if
I am called to bear such injustice when doing my
duty. My position would not repay me for stooping
to the dishonor, I now suffer for spurning.

Can you not secure me an impartial investigation
I ask no more, I am rejoiced to see that you

My wife has been in Berlin since early in May

Marshall
Answer

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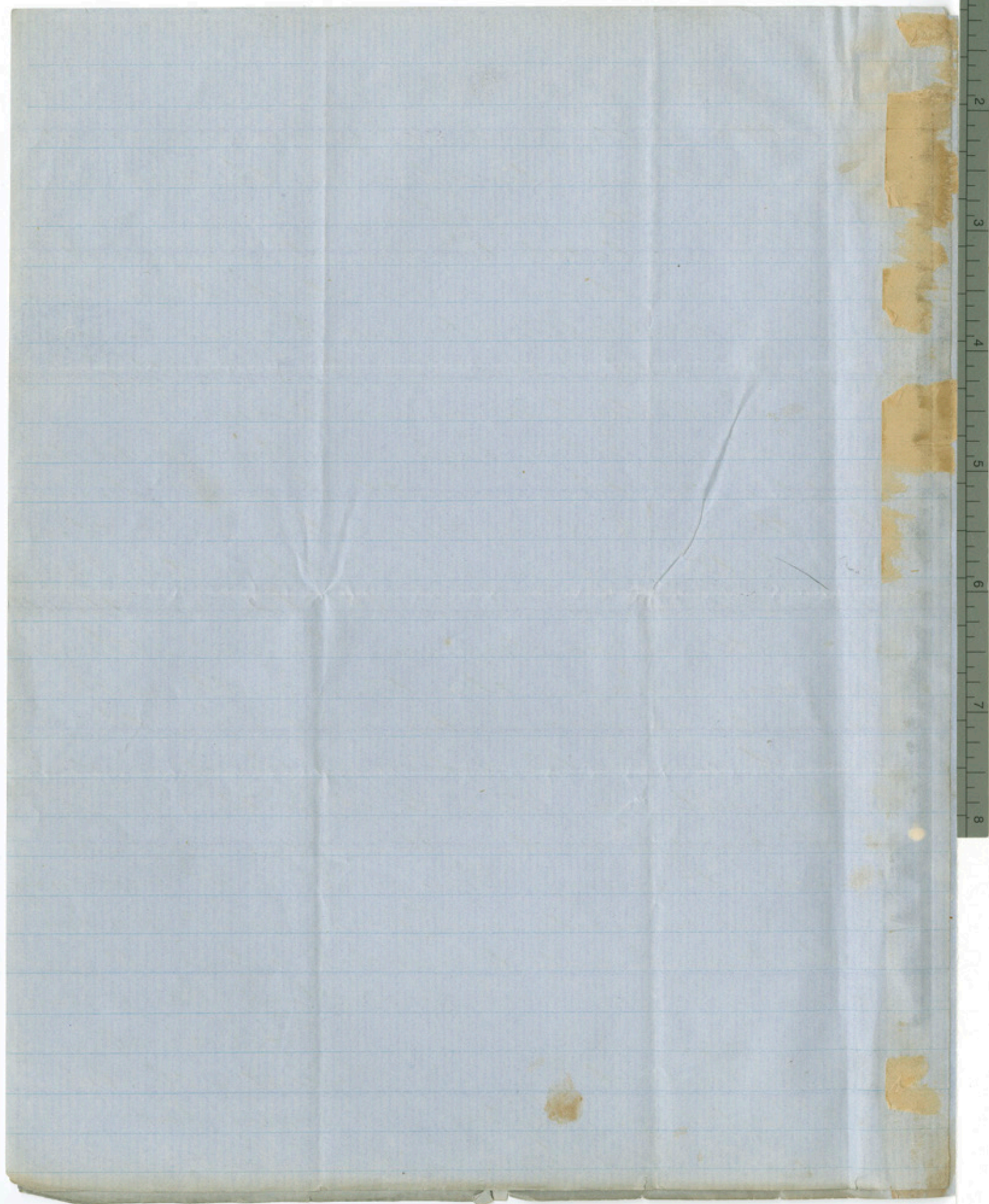
battle with your religious armour on,
ever continue steadfast in the Lord is
of your better weapon.

I have lately thought it may be well
have me driven more closely to God for
support, and after returning to my home in
Wachusett, I shall live to be rightly judged
my God, despite man's devices.

Should my action pass unnoticed until the
middle of this month, I must send
the better words of my resignation, and then
faithfully perform present duty until I am
slain and my name stricken from the rolls.
It will be no disgrace Howard, although
I am one who in this time breath with
the pulse of my country, and when the
hour of honorable action is closed under
my flag, will ever turn to it with a prayer
for its success, and will never, never, be
and its enemy. Please write me at once giving
me your counsel, and ^{do} for me what you can
in strict conformity to your duty, above all pray
— — — — — Your Brother in Christ & Arms
Wm. R. Tennant.

Col. O. C. Howard
2nd Regt Maine Volunteers
Washington D.C.

1st Lieut 4th Arty
Sandy Port



will try to get my last letter before
 this. Did you see that G. W. Smith had
 (or the report) taken a Maj. Gen's commission
 in the Rebel army? This morning state that
 Guy has commenced reading every day. I have
 also Grace. I take first one and then
 the other in the morning. Charlie will
 send you a paper with this letter.
 Uncle Edward writes me that he has been told
 that some arrangement would probably
 be made to pay the coupons on the
 A and S Lawrence R.R. soon. ^{Morning} Charlie
 wishes me to say to you the Cavalry Regiment
 is pretty well filled and nearly all the
 companies are already at Augusta.
 He is going to Augusta one day this week.
 Capt Slight is the Lieut. Col. William Turner was
 thrown from his gig and hurt his eye, but
 it may not hinder him from going with
 his company if he can, he will not com-
 mand a company I believe. Grand mother
 is holding Jamie while I finish my letter.
 This morning mother seems pretty well, gets

a little better. I send love to
 you. Guy sends
 you kisses. Grace
 is with Aunt L.O.
 I read a beautiful
 Christian letter from
 Mr. Allen brother to
 her. He is a Christian
 and her influence will
 be good over the children.
 May the Lord the 26 of
 Sept. and a Christian
 that was so merciful
 to keep him here till
 he gave him his
 heart. May the Lord
 give you this blessing.
 Oct 6 1861.
 Your
 sister
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and Charlie have gone to church. I have
 not been since I came here. I shall get
 to be quite heartenish if I remain here
 long. I hope you will enjoy your stay in
 Washington with all its privileges. I thought
 Mr. Blaine came home before this. I should
 think you would feel quite
 lost without being near or having something
 to do with the 3^d Maine. I hope you can
 keep John. Charlie visited his father's family
 when at Stoughton, saw his mother and two
 sisters. Charlie says he has made a great
 many pleasant acquaintances since he has
 been travelling about. I do wish I knew
 if his engagement with Nettie was ended. Mother
 was telling me that something had been said
 about it. I do really hope it is. I know he
 must have been to Brunswick. Nettie keeps up

and strange for, her acquaintance with the students, and her interest in them more than she ought. This is between you and I and as your dear precious letters are common property here don't write about it please. I don't mean you to understand that I object to your letters being written to us all. We all want to hear from you often. I mailed a letter to you last Friday but did not send it to the 3^d of Maine. I sent it to Gen. Howard Washington newly. I suppose this will go directly to your room. The last letter I sent to the Regiment was the one in answer to yours of the 25th ult in which you spoke of your fear that someone was working against you, it was mailed Wednesday of last week. I will enclose a note to Mrs. Math. I brought away her stair rods, and I do not want you to neglect to pay her. They were put in by mistake the last day of closing up the boxes. I don't know how much they will be, probably three or four dollars

may be more. her babe is nearly three months old, instead of three weeks. I don't think I will say anything about the big check in my letter from you when at the Carrolls. (?) I do think I have written about more things to trouble you the short time I have been here, than all the previous time together. I am not going to do so any more. The children are quite well now, Jamie is getting more teeth which trouble him some; there is to be a "murder" in Farmington next Wednesday. Guy is to go up Tuesday, and I in an early train the next day, leaving Grace with Isabella, if I think it best, when the time comes. I am working on your shirts hope to finish them this week. I don't think I shall have anything to send after that, unless you will suggest something you need. I have made up my mind to board a while in Farmington. I can be very comfortable with these pleasant rooms. I hope you

Richmond Oct-7 1861

Gen. Wm. Howard.

Sir. The honor
Mrs. Bridgland is my Partner
in business, & lately appointed
Colonel of a Regiment of Cavalry,
in this State. He visits Washington
on business for our State. Any
attention you may show him I will
appreciate as a favor to myself. Our
families are very intimate.

We are very much pleased to hear
of your promotion, & hope that your
army will give us a good acct
of the enemy, when next they meet.

P. H. Stoddard
Richmond 9 Oct.
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Mrs. Strickland has written you all
the news. I have but a moment for
writing this, and the pen is execrable.
I should be much pleased to hear
from you occasionally, as we are all
very much interested in the affairs
of our Eastern Army. Our State is
doing its duty fully, but we shall
need aid in Kentucky, & feel a little
that Government is neglecting the West, in
its exceeding care for Washington.
Our whole family unite in sending
you our kindest regards & you have our
best wishes for your entire success.

Very yours
C. M. Strickland

Aug 11 1861
Received of
C. M. Strickland

Portland Oct 7 1861
Mrs O-O Howard }
Dear Neice }

I rec^d your letter
of 3^d. Enclosing the Coupons for
dividend on Railroad Bonds.

I wrote you on the 1st directed
to Farmington informing you
that the Coupons would not be
paid at present. Mr Barret
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.

Yours Affectionate Uncle
(all well) E. W. White

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Send me - or Sarah for
me one of his Photographs -
I want you to send yours
also - Haven't you one in which
the eyes do not turn up in
that, Praise-God-Barebones style?

Sarah & children are well -
Her house is now pleasantly
furnished - & I think she will
enjoy housekeeping if her
father & Vilas will let her
come altogether & Perry will
do his duty in regard to
money matters -

Mr Lee keeps up a correspondence
with her & sends her little
presents - He is a dangerous man -

One of our Congregation - not Church -
Mr A. D. Corwell, left for Washington
this morn: (I suppose) - on P. O.
business - He is an Uncle of Mr
Farnell & I hope you will meet
him in W. - With kind regards
to Judge Canoll & family & Mr Farnell
if you see them - affly - R. W. Lawrence

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Hammington Oct. 8. 1861

Dear Brother

He been thinking
that, by depending on each
other to do it. none of our
friends have written you of
Cousin Vaughan's death - He died,
I think, on Tues. 26th ult. - I
had a note from his Mother
the next day - She said, He
was happy & said the Lord
was with him & requested that
some favorite hymns should
be read to him - We have reason
to hope that he is in the better
land - I had a letter Sat.
last from a Bro: of Capt.
Aaron Daggett of the 5th Wis.
Reg. requesting me to use my
influence with you to get
Capt. D. - now at home in Greene
on leave - an appointment as

Major in one of the new
Regts now being raised here -
Daggett went out as 2^d Lt.
& has risen to Capt. - & from
what I have known of him -
I have no doubt that he is
a worthy & efficient young
man. - He wishes to leave
the 5th but does not give
me his reasons. I knew his
Bro. in Sem. at Bangor & met
Capt. D. there before the war.

Have not heard from Charles
since he went to Leeds last
Sat. Our new R.R. ^{is to be run} ~~will~~ to
Walth regularly next Monday
& I may run down & see
Ella & Darie. - I am in
hopes now that a house suit-
able for Lizzie will soon
be vacated here. - The person
to be contented at Leeds -
If she chooses she can

board here a while before
keeping house - or visit us
in the mean time. wh. we
will enjoy best. - Two young
ladies were added to our
Church last Sat. We had
a Solemn Communion made
so particularly by the recent
loss of our most active &
efficient Brother - John Titcomb.
in the Church. - Our people feel
a little discouraged about
raising my salary owing to
the hard times. - I may
have to subscribe to it
myself. - We are having a
very cold Autumnal season.
Storm & soon our severe Winter
will be upon us. - I have
been getting in my apples
& the products of my Garden.
If you see Perry give him
my love. & ask him to

Charles writes me ³⁸¹ that
Lynne & Greg will be
up to see me today
(Wednesday Oct. 9.)

We have a Militia
muster: Glad you
have applied for
a com. for Charles.
Wouldn't it help
the matter for
Perry to get a
recommendation
from Col. Staples
or the officers of
the Regt?

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R. B. Howard
Oct. 8, 1861

Reider, vowing yet - or for getting
uniformed here in the state.
None of the other 3 officers had
got any recruits at last acct.
I have 10 names.

Mrs. Sampson, I must not forget,
sent her love so did Mary & M. S.
Mary is going to Farmington tonight.
Must be there tomorrow. Lizzie is
going up - Will stop with Lizzie
tonight so as to take the 6 1/2 train
extra - She will not probably return
till next day. I come back tomorrow
& go to Summer Falls for the
remainder of the week unless
Maj. Eastman changes my plans.
I expect also to be in Augusta
next week. If you don't write
before next Sat. to me please send
to Augusta.

Affectionately
y'r son
C. H. Howard

on the ring
y happy
unwed.
Waver bury
about her
play her
H. Leroy.
Waver!
remember
ear of me
family party
I hope I see an
way for me
I do little for
saves.

Oct. 8 1861

I came down from Farmington Saturday. Intended to go to Wayne but owing to the rain came to the Center & waited for father to come for the mail. Took mother to Church Sunday. It was cloudy but did not rain till evening. Lizzie & the children are well - I brought a letter from you Sat. evening. I helped Mrs. Chapin a little Sabbath P.M. Yesterday morning (Mond.) it was very pleasantly & I started for Wayne soon after Breakfast. I found that Mr. Jewell had been there a week raising a co. for the 12th Regt. Two young men had enlisted who said they would have gone with me had I come before - I saw one of them at the Muster & he said he would go if I came, ^{get} his parents' consent. Yesterday I got home but talked with a good many who will go either with Mr. S. or me. I don't care much as long as they enter the service. Those that Mr. S. has got are anxious that the rest should go with

them. I could have enlisted Nelke
& should have done so. I have
got another man his brother-in-law
to sign with him as he expected he
would. But Mr. Sewall promised
Nelke a Serjeantry & I did not like
to urge him to go with me to his
own hurt unless he could get some
one else. His brother-in-law could
not conclude to sign yesterday & so
I got no one. Nelke finally enlisted
with Sewall & I was not sorry he did
not go with me for another reason - that
I fear his health would not be firm.

He thinks very highly of you & desired
me to give you his respects. He would
not go anywhere else on any acct.
if we were going to be with the Regt.

I took tea with Mrs. Sampson. They
expressed the same regard for you as ever.
Mr. S. said he that some of coming
down to Augusta when you were there
to get some place to accompany you
either "to hold you here or something
of the kind." Dexter Howard went
with me & assisted at recruiting.
He is an excellent young man & I
hope will have as good a situa-
tion as he deserves. He would

have enlisted in the Cavalry which
he preferred had it not been for getting
Water Boosting to sign with him &
Walter preferred Infantry.

Walter's father is terribly opposed
to his going - says he will pay \$200
to have him released and he has
been "sick abed" on acct of it.

I feel somewhat uncertain about
my chance in the Cavalry. If I
had no other business & could assist
at recruiting for that Regt. I should
stand a better chance -

It will all come out right - Per-
haps if I got a commission there I
could not go upon your staff.

I am not sorry that Aunt is St. Co.
She is very kind to me & perhaps
may assist a little if I ask it in
getting me a place or in getting me
transferred if you call for me.

And I think you will like the
Cavalry in your regard better for his
being in it - a well-trained officer.

You would not like Goddard very
well - I am going to Augusta to-
day to see Maj. Eastman who now
takes charge of the Recruiting Service.

No provision has been made for

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 & 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 fretty. Does
Jamie ever cry? How he will watch
his little brother & 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 & such as you.

John has come to take this letter to
the office. Love to Grandpa &
Isabella and many kisses to Gracie
and Jamie. May God bless you all


Your loving father

O.O. Howard

Washington D.C.

October 8th 1861

My darling boy.

I got up quite
early this morning wrote a letter
to uncle Rowland, 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 George-
town. There is a large rope stretched
across the river from shore to shore and
there are two posts on the boat with
pullies in them &  two
on the shore, 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 & get

something for my little children. I got 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 & a little girl playing with a kitten; that will suit Gracie! I saw another of a lady feeding some rabbits; thats 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 ^{ere} seated in the body pews. I came in and sat down in ^a 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: by & by 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 & 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 & go to Bath & take Guy to see his little boy Josie. I think a great deal of Josie's papa & think Josie must be a good boy.

When is uncle Charlie coming back again? Papa is not in camp now, but lives in Washington, number on the door-post is 376. My room is in the 3^d story.

Give my love to Grandmother and ask her if she is well & how 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 3^d Me. Regt
Camp Howard, Va
October 9th 1861

Brig. General Howard
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I fear correctly, 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 so doing -

When I enlisted, General, I had much to gain - principally however "a good character" which I am compelled to state I did not possess & 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

F. D. Walker
Oct. 9th

acts subservient to principle - and I hope my efforts are, in a measure, successful - I am ambitious, Sir, I freely 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 General) will convince you that for her sake I would be faithful to my duty in any capacity - If, Sir, you consider me fitted for any capacity or worthy of promotion in this Regt. I would respectfully ask your favor, knowing that it would be powerful as a recommendation and which I could not prize too highly. "A boy can grow into manliness instead of growing to be like men" 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 Sergt. Major of this Regt. If I could receive a commission as 2nd Lieut it would enable me to do much for my Mother's happiness, prove my earnest desire to promote the glorious cause we all advocate and one more happy man could prove by future acts his gratitude it would be impossible to express in words - In case of such an event if agreeable to you, Sir, I might be transferred into your command. Your past generosity to me, General, has prompted this application to yourself 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 obt. Servt.
Frank W. Haskell.