
1419 10/1/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dearest [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1376

Washington DC
Room in 376 "H" St

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington DC
Room in 376 "H" St
Oct 1st 1861

Dearest

I will write 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 broken down, so I came back and as you know by a special invitation staid the night - at Mr Carrolls.

Sunday evening I went to hear Mr Sunderland, Presbyterian. He shewed us that the wicked & impenitent were the actual rebels. I found Monday that our 8th 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'nt far off. Did you know Mrs Webb had a babe 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'nt had a letter from you for several days, but got one from Mr Sewall tonight, who says he has a bundle from you & that he will probably be here tomorrow. I have slept with Mr Blaine for the last two nights. We have read & prayed together & talked of our wives & children. He 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 closer scrutiny it did'nt prove to be yourself.

Tell Charles I have recommended him to the Governor for a Commission in the Cavalry regiment now raising. If Hight goes on a pledge & takes the Lt. colonelcy, as I hear he will, I am glad. He used to be very capable. Tell Charlie the enemy have fallen back all along the lines - perhaps their eye is now on Kentucky. McClellan is too busy to assign Jameson & me to duty. All this is providential. The Lord doeth all things well.

I had a new impulse given me tonight by the words read. "My Soul 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 think. God bless you & the children. My warmest love to Mother & Father. A Kiss for Guy & Grace & Jamie. I want Guy to have a great deal & never be selfish.

Most affectionately
Otis

1420 10/2/1861 *From:* E. Waite

To: Mrs O O Howard

OOH-1377

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland Oct 2d 1861

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I now write to inform you that you need 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

E. Waite

P.S. I sent you \$50 Sept 12th which I trust you recvd.

1421 10/3/1861

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]
Farmington

To: Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-1378A

Source: Bowdoin

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Farmington Oct 3 / 61

Dear Otis

I have lost my most valuable brother in the Church - John Titcomb. We buried him today. God is afflicting us very much.

Recvd your letter with Sarahs. 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 position in the 3d would be an unpleasant one now.

Hope you will do Bro. Farwell good. He needs a positive uncompromising, dutiful element to his piety. Do encourage him to hold on & hold 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 yr. private state to maintain - but a prominent place & influence as a decided, spiritually-minded Army Christian. God give you grace to honor Him every day.

C. will go to Leeds Sat. We have not heard from there since last week, when I was down. All well then. Lizzie talks of coming when C. goes away.

Two are to unite with our Church by profession next Sab. Their "hopes" are dated back some time. Our prayer meetings continue as usual - except that our constant, beloved Bro: Titcomb has gone! O how we miss him at every step. C& I joined in prayer especially remembering you tonight.

Good night
Rowland

P.S. Ella & baby are still in Bath & well.

[The following letter from Charles to Otis was written at the bottom of this letter]

1422 10/3/1861

From: E. Burt
Maj 3d Maine Regt
Camp Howard Va

To: Brig. Genl. O.O. Howard

OOH-1379

Washington D.C

Source: Bowdoin

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Camp Howard Va
Oct 3 1861

Brig. Genl. O.O. 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 approval 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 anxiety 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
Your Obt Srvt
E. Burt
Maj 3d Maine Regt

1423 10/3/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1380

Leeds Me.

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Me. Oct 3 1861

My dearest Otis

I was very glad this evening to get your letter written at Judge Carrolls.

Col Gilmore returned from Portland to-day. He understood that they did not pay the coupons on the A & St. L. Bonds. I know that the Interest on the stock had not been paid for some time. If you could only have know 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.

I should feel so sad for Guy and Grace both. Once in a while as she is going to bed, or I am doing something for her, she will say "I am thinking about papa." She thinks your picture cant be papa really because "Papa don't wear that kind of a coat" (two rows of buttons) but Guy can explain.

Aunt Sarah wrote me last week to come to Auburn and make her a visit, but I have not yet 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 Oren and Aunt Lucy are with her now. I shall not go to Turner or Livermore this Fall.

You have never known being at the Camp of the 8th Maine Regt and seeing Warren, but I want you to see cousin William Henry. Give 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 Wayne.

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 heard, dearest.

Mr. Blaine has been to Washington and there is a report that 'bounty' 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 kisses 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

1425 10/4/1861 *From:* G.M. Lawrence *To:* Brig. Gen. OO Howard

OOH-1381 Camp Howard Fairfax
Co. Va

Source: Bowdoin

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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 always 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. E.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
C.M. Lawrence

To Oliver O. Howard
Brig. Gen. U.S.<A.> M.

P.S. I am stoping with Co "C" 3rd Reg.

1426 10/4/1861 *From:* I. Washburn, Jr

To: Brig. Gen'l. [OO] Howard

OOH-1382

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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Augusta Oct. 4, 1861

Brig. Gen'l Howard

My dear Sir,

Enclosed is a letter for Lieut Hurth, which you will please hand him. I hope it may be of service to him as I like to see the promotion of our worthy officers, & I want - let me add in passing - to see the discharge of all unworthy & unfit men.

I will very gladly appoint your brother if I find a place where I can place him, consistently with the reasonable expectations of others. Where men have raised companions who are active, able, fit, I cannot well pass them by unless by officers of experience.

Yours truly,

I. Washburn, Jr

Who is Mr Mie of West Point?

[Written by Otis on the back.]

Gov. Washburn

Oct. 4

1427 10/4/1861 *From:* S.S. Stearns

To: Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard

OOH-1383

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

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

The Hons. Ex. Governors Morrill have written some very ergent letters to him asking my appointment, also the Hon. <>, C.W. Walton and J.H. Rice members of Congress. His Excellency the Gov. is well disposed towards me and will give me a good situation. McVey, was captured at the fall of Lexington Mo. (Col. Peabody's) 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 servis, 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 affraid 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 here 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 tomorrow. The 11th is now here and coming here. The Cavalry is comin 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.

I remain Yours truly
S.S. Stearns

Brig. Gen. O.O. Howard

[Written by Otis on the back.]
Lieut. S.S. Stearns
Oct. 4 1861

1428 10/4/1861 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: My dearest wife [Lizzie Howard]

OOH-1384

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Washington D.C.

Oct. 4th 1861

My dearest wife

I have not written you a word since the arrival of Capt. Sewall. You should have seen me overhauling the bundle you sent me. I thank you & would kiss you if I could for all these things. Specially for the dressing case containing thread, needles, pins, cushions, scissors, nail brush, tooth brush, &c. &c.

Capt Sewall arrived the day I took the room 376 "H" St. & we occupy it together. John has had a bed in the corner, but I have moved him out till the neighboring room is rented into that. I think we will keep this room all the time, so that we can have a depot for trunks & valuables when we are 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 Maine 3d is now encamped, not far from where we were when we first entered Virginia. All seem to want me to take that Brigade. When 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 then I will have one. Fry told me today I would'nt be long off active duty. I am not very particular so long as nothing wrong is intended.

Capt Sewall is great company to me unites with me in morning & evening readings & prayers. Loves to talk about home & the dear ones he has left. Mrs Sewall says you bargained for a soldier when you married but she did'nt. She married a lawyer. Her arguments against his going reminds me of what trials you must have darling. 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 Carroll who inquired for you & wished to be remembered. Col Staples 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 I believe I have written since I sent the money.

I went to Arlington today & returned. Monday we will commence the said examination.

Guy & Grace & Jamie must all be asleep now if they are well (Friday evening 10.55 P.M.). They must have many sweet kisses when this letter arrives. Tell Guy Capt Sewall has got a little boy almost two years older than he is. His name is Joseph. He has'nt 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 & papa went & bought a fine horse, just the color of papa's "Chestnut". How is the rabbit does Jamie pull his ears & stand him up? What can papa send Gracie? He'll try tomorrow to find something.

Love to Mother & Father. The R.R. must be a good one, finished Sunday thro necessity! They seem to be good warriors on that route. Chas. has taken all the rest recruiting I learn.

Good night darling & God bless & keep you

Otis

1432 10/7/1861 *From:* M.J. Strickland

To: My dear Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1385

Richmond

Source: Bowdoin

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Richmond Oct 7th [1861]

My dear Otis

Mrs Birdland, a particular friend of mine, and her husband Henry's 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 Otis. He died the 24th of Sept. You doubtless know of my visit East. Had I known 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 heard. Your Mother does not write as often as she used to. I was with her when the news of that fight [Bull Run] came. She was very brave I thought. I wish you or Charles would write, and tell us of yourselves and Perry Lee. I hope this war will soon terminate, but everything is uncertain.

Lizzie [Strickland] 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.

Remember 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, as I have not time to write to both of you. May God keep you both in safety.

Your affectionate Aunt

M.J. Strickland [Martha Jane (Otis) Strickland, the younger sister of Otis' mother Eliza.]

Mrs. Martha J. Strickland

Oct. 7 1861

1429 10/5/1861

From: Thos. R. Tannatt
1st Lieut

To: Genl O.O. Howard
2nd Regt Maine
Volunteers

OOH-1386

4th Arty
Comdg Post
Fort Randall D.T.

Washington DT.

Source: Bowdoin

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Fort Randall D.T. [Dakota Territory]
October 5th 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 resigning, the outbreak at once decided me, and I am now left here alone, in command of two companies, my own A.A.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 Sutler has been nominally held by one J.B.S. Todd, recently elected delegate to congress. He is a poor inebriated, 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 proffers &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 Sutlers 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's 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 &c reporting me as disloyal, dishonest &c &c. I immediately sent 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 fort released from arrest, and that he has deposited several forged affidavits against me. To be thus set aside without investigation 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 support me in my course.

You know me Howard, too well to suppose I can now lay aside my commission without most bitter moments of anguish, 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 confidence 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 [CHECK ORIGINAL - Page 4 left edge glued] battle with your religious armour on, ever continue steadfast in the Lord is <> your better weapon.

I have lately thought it may be well <to> have me driven more closely to God for support, and after returning to my home in Massachusetts, I shall live to be rightly judged <by> my God despite mans devices.

Should my action pass unnoticed until the middle of this month, I must pen <the> bitter words of my resignation, and then faithfully perform present duty until I am relieved and my name stricken from the rolls. It will be no disgrace Howard, although <some> one who in this time breathe with the pulse of my country, and when the <> of honorable action is closed under <the> flag, will ever turn to it with a prayer <for> its success, and will never, never, be <found> its enemy. Please write me at once giving <me> your counsels, and do for me what you can <in> strict conformity to your duty. Above all pray for

Your Brother in Christ & arms
Thos. R. Tannatt
1st Lieut 4th Arty
Comdg Post

<Genl> O.O. Howard
2nd Regt Maine Volunteers
Washington DT.

My wife has been in Boston since early in May.

1431 10/6/1861 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dearest Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-1387

Leeds Me

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Me Oct 6 1861

My dearest Otis

This is a rainy day but Mother and Charlie have gone to Church. I have not been since I came here. I shall get to be quite heathenish 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 3d Maine. I hope you can keep John. Charlie visited his fathers family when at Skowhegan, 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 is telling me that something had been said about it. I do really hope it is. I know he has'nt been to Brunswick. Nettie keeps up and always has, her acquaintance with 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 to you 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 3d Maine. I sent it to Gen. Howard Washington merely. 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 Webb. 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 troubles him some. There is to be a "muster" 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 three pleasant rooms. I hope you will try to get my last letter before this. Did you see that G.W. Smith has (so the report) taken a Maj. Gen's commission in the rebel army? His native state Kentucky.

Guy has commenced reading every day. And 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 was told that some arrangement would probably be made to pay the coupons on the A and S Lawrence RR 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 Hight is the Lieut. Col. William Turner was thrown from his rig and hurt his eye, but it may not hinder him from going with his company if he can. He will not command a company I believe.

Grand mother is holding Jamie while I finish my letter. This morning Mother seems pretty well, gets a little confused when company comes in sometimes at the table. Sends love to you. Guy sends four kisses. Grace

is with Isabella. I read a beautiful Christian letter from Isabella's brother to her. She is a Christian and her influence will be good over the children. Vaughan died the 25 [Note] of Sept. and a Christian. The Lord was merciful to keep him here till he gave Him his heart. May He ever give you His blessing.

Yours
Lizzie

[Note: Otis' cousin Benjamin Vaughan Otis died 24 Sept 1861 at the age of 21.]

1433 10/7/1861

From: C. H. Strickland

To: Gen OO Howard

OOH-1388

Richmond

Source: Bowdoin

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Richmond Oct 7 1861

Gen OO Howard,

Dr Sir

The bearer Mr 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.

Mrs. Strickland has written you all the news. I have but a moment for writing this, and the pen is terrible. I should be much pleased to hear from you occasionally, as we are all very much interested in the efforts of our Eastern Army. Our State is doing its duty fully, but we shall need aid in Kentucky. I feel a little that the 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.

Truly yours

C.H. Strickland [Charles Henry Strickland, husband of Otis' aunt Martha Jane (Otis) Strickland.]

[Written by Otis on the back page]

C.H. Strickland

Richmond, Ind.

Oct 7, 1861

1434 10/7/1861 *From:* E Waite

To: Mrs O O Howard

OOH-1391

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

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Portland Oct 7 1861

Mrs O O Howard

Dear Niece

I recvd your letter of 3d 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 Barret the treasurer told me that he thought some arrangments 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 Uncle

E Waite

(All well)

1435 10/8/1861 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-1389

Farmington

Source: Bowdoin

[382]

Farmington Oct. 8. 1861

Dear Brother

I've been thinking that by depending on each other to do it, none of our friends have written you of Cousin Vaughans death. He died, I think, on Tues 26th ult. [Benjamin Vaughan Otis died Sept 24, 1861.] 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 Me. 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 Reg's now being raised here. Daggett went out as 2d 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 to Bath regularly next Monday & I may run down & see Ella & Davie. I am in hopes now that a house suitable for Lizzie will soon be vacated here. She seems 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 Sab. 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 long cold Autumnal rain-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 send me - or Sarah for me one of his Photographs. I want you to send yours also. Haven't you one in wh. 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 & Silas will let her alone 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.B. Carwell, left for Washington this morn. (I suppose) on P.O. business. He is an uncle of Mr Farwell & I hope you will meet him in W.

With kind regards to Judge Carroll & family & Mr Farwell if you see them.

Affly
Rowland

Charles writes me that Lizzie & Guy 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 & the officers of the Reg.?

[Written in another hand]
RB Howard
Oct 8, 1861

1436 10/8/1861 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-1390

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

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Leeds Oct. 8 1861

Dear Otis

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 Mr. Chapin a little Sabbath P.M.

Yesterday morning (Monday) it was very pleasant & I started for Wayne soon after Breakfast. I found that Mr Sewall 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 could get his parents consent. Yesterday I got none 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 could I have got another man - his brother-in-law to sign with him as he expected he would. But Mr. Sewall promised Nelke a Sergeantry & 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 firmer. He thinks very highly of you & desired me to give you his respects. He would not go any where else on any acct if we were going to be with the Regt.

I took tea with Mr. Sampson. They expressed the same regard for you as ever. Mr. S. said he tho't some of coming down to Augusta when you are there to get some place to accompany you either "to hold your horse 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 situation as he deserves. He would have enlisted in the Cavalry which he preferred had it not been for getting Walter Boothby 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. Perhaps if I got a commission then I could not go upon your staff.

I am not sorry that Hight is Lt. Col. He is very kind to me & perhaps may assist a little if I ask it a getting me a place or a getting me transferred if you call for me. And I think you will like the Cavalry in your Brigade 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 Rendezvousing yet - or for getting uniformed here in the state.

None of the other 3 officers had got any recruits at last accts. I have 10 names.

Mrs. Sampson, I must not forget, sent her love so did Mary & Mr. S.

Guy is going to Farmington tonight. Muster there tomorrow. Lizzie is going up - will stop with Laverna [See note] tonight so as to take the 6 ½ A.M. <train> extra. She will not probably return till next day. I come back tomorrow & go to Livermore 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 yr Br

C.H. Howard

P.S. Lizzie & Guy on the lounge, the latter reading. Jamie on the rug very happy as usual. Grace busy about her play near the Secretary

We always remember you at our family prayers. I hope you also pray for me. I do little for souls.

[Note: Laverna is probably Laverna (Bishop) Brewster. She was the wife of Arza Gilmore until he died in 1855.]

1437 10/8/1861 *From:* O.O. Howard

To: My darling boy [Guy Howard]

OOH-1392

Washington D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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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 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 & [Sketch of the ferry] 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 were seated in the body pews. I came in and sat down in a 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 3d 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? 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

1438 10/9/1861

From: Frank W. Haskell

To: Brig General Howard

OOH-1393

Head Quarters 3d Me.
Regt.
Camp Howard, Va

Washington, D.C.

Source: Bowdoin

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Head Quarters 3d Me. Regt.
Camp Howard, Va
October 9th 1861

Brig General Howard
Washington, D.C.
Sir:

Learning, as 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 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 Reg't. 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 Serg't Major of this Reg't.

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

[Written on the last page.]
J.L. Haskell
Oct. 4th