

Well 'posted' - do you want me
to send you any religious papers?
Drop a line as soon as you
have a Brigade or are ordered
on duty - Need I say - Be careful
of your Spirit - the good Spirit is easily
grieved & when once gone - it is terribly
hard to recover his sensible presence -
If you see Mr. Farnell - Remember
me to him & tell him I will visit
in a few days

Your affectionate Brother

Rindley

Gen. O. V. Howard

Framington Oct. 20/61 408

My dear Brother
Perry wrote Sarah that your
Brigade was assigned & that you had
gone to Annapolis. but a letter from Mr.
Farnell dated afterward - the 16th - mentions
you & Warren & says nothing of Annapolis -
So I conclude that Perry was mistaken - I
took Gay to Leeds last Monday & Lizzie
& Grace came on to the cars & went as
far as Lewiston with us - Lizzie was
on her way to a Dentist to get relief
from the toothache - She is not quite
ready to come up here yet - The children
were well - Jamie left at home for 5 or 6
hours - I went to Bath & found Ella & baby
well - They came tomorrow & Abby Abel with
them - Charles went to Augusta Tues. I
saw him & Ellie in Brunswick - Charles
was perfectly yellow with jaundice - He
went to Dr. Briggs for medicine as soon
as he got to A - He spoke to Col. Goddard
about going in his Reg. & he said he
would like to have him - All the Meth-
odist ministers & Temperance Lecturers are
trying to raise a Reg. for New Gov. & I
guess they will succeed in getting a
Co. here - New Regiments are more prop-

Walter than old - Shepley is recruiting
pretty fast - I will now give you some
acct. of my lab. - I had about 180
hears today - the roads are very bad from
the frequent rains - My usual no. is over
200 - I preached a. m. on Rom: 13-12.
"So then every one of us shall give acct.
of himself unto God" - Individual account-
ability to God - In P. M. on Jer VIII. 20
"The Harvest is past - & I need to garner
some lessons from the closing Autumn to
awaken some souls to a sense of their
danger & to save them - I noticed also
how similar the state of the Jews was
to ours as a nation - We are nearly
of waiting - waiting - with nothing to break
the monotony but occasional disasters -
I have stood by the Gov.^{ment} praised & blessed
it - but I am fairly sick of its inefficiency
& so are the people - We feel that our
leaders are not the men for the crisis -
May God give us such soon! Our
meetings were solemn today - This eve. was
L. S. Concert - We always have a banquet of
flowers in our Church & I talked to the
children about the flowers in Christ's Gar-
den above - one little one having been recently
transplanted - We had a good, full interest -

King L. S. Concert - O that God would convert
souls among us - Some seem seriously in-
clined - Charles enlisted a boy of 17. who
very near, if not quite in the Kingdom -
Our winds are growing windy - the leaves
are almost all fallen & quite carpet our
side walks - the grass is crisp & frost-bitten
& November in Maine is at hand - Our
frosts held off wonderfully - till last week -
John H. O. is coming here to work in the
Depot at \$300 - per year - I think he does
not intend to bring his family - indeed, they
could hardly live on that salary - The war
changes nothing here & were it not for the
Newspapers & an occasional sour & grumbly
democrat, we should hardly know that it
exists - We are making up a package
of Locks & Playbills for the Soldiers - to be
sent to the Sanitary Com. - Sarah & her
family are well - She has got a Perry
on her parlor mantle-piece - Remember me
most kindly to Warren - Everybody rejoices
in his promotion & hopes he will accept
it - If his wife returns to Milton, she
must come up & make us & Sarah a
visit - We should enjoy it very much
indeed, & she could get plenty of war
news &c out of us. who keep pretty

Copy of
Genl. Parson's letter to
Genl. Williams
(Surveys in after)

Washington D.C.

Oct. 21st 1861

Sir

I

In my letter to Capt. J. B. Foye
Adj. Adjt. Genl. of August 14th 1861. Head
Qrs. near Alexandria, I used the words, "He
has gotten his leave extended without my recom-
mendation or approval." These words convey a
wrong impression. I did sign a request for
a four months leave for Capt. Savage in June
last, but he obtained upon that request with
others a leave of but two months, and as I now
know with permission to apply for an exten-
sion, with regard to that extension I made
no request.

II

In the letter of Gen. Washburn dated Aug. 23rd
1861 to the Secretary of War I am quoted to say
"His (meaning Capt. Savage) conduct with
regard to bounty, does not seem to be strictly
honorable". Upon the proof presented to me
I am happy to retract the charge. A state-
ment in writing from the principal claimant,
exonerates Capt. Savage completely.

As I feel that I have inadvertently done Capt.
Savage injustice, I cheerfully recommend a

reconsideration of his case.

Oct. 27. 1861

Very respectfully
O. O. Howard

Signed O. O. Howard

Brig. Genl. Wm.

To Brig. Genl. Williams

Apt. dist. Genl.

Army of the Potomac

Received by
Brig. Genl. Williams
Oct. 27. 1861
(initials)

Washington D.C.
Oct 22nd 1861

My dearest wife,

Capt. Willhouse & Swall talk to me about not writing oftener to my wife. They write every day. I don't think it best to write every day. Though I do like to get letters from you every day. I am still at 376 Hth St. but do not think I will remain idle long. The Board of examination has given away to Subordinate or Division boards. The officers on the Board at Arlington were Gen^l Blenker (German) President. Gen^l Montrose Graduate of West Point & Capt. Willhouse's Brigadier. Colonel now of Oliver Art. Brigadier Gen^l Stahel & Colonel Murphy. M. W. K. 15th ^{Regt}

and your husband. Gen^l Masten
was exchanged for Gen^l Wing
of Wisconsin, also an old Graduate
of West Point. This war brings
out every body who ever had
any pretension to a military
education. This morning we have
the sad news of Gen^l Baker's
death and the fear that
we have met with a defeat
again in the vicinity of
Tusburg. The enemy manage
in every encounter to outnumber
us. God has not yet seen fit to
withhold his hand from humbling
us. Neither will he I fear till
we learn to acknowledge him.
"The battle is not always to the
strong". Gen^l Baker is the
Senator from Oregon. You
will see all this before my letter
gets to you. I am glad you took
father's bond for father's sake.

I do not mind taking an interest
in the Government loan. I think
the very debt that is accumulating
will coming us unless there
comes a general break up which
nobody can account for. General
Garrison just came in & hindered
me just long enough to delay
your letter another day. Last
night Capt Sewall & I went to
a meeting of the Christian Young
Men's Association to consider
what could be done for the
religious wants of the Soldier. The
Secretary of the Boston Tract Society
Mr Wood was there & spoke
enthusiastically of the evident
manifestation of the presence of
God's Spirit in the different
regiments gathered about us.

This morning he came to me
& I accompanied him to the "War
Department building". I met the

Princed de Joinville and exchanging
a word with him about ^{Genl} Baker's
Baker's death. He says, "he little
died a Soldier's death fighting up
for his country." I think his death
must have been a little easier
in exposing himself and I love
feel especially to regret the more
one of our first men should be.

He sacrificed to so little purpose that
After I passed Dr Joinville, I met plan
Mr Bleim, who to my surprise
thrus up again in Washington.
He said he saw Charlie, just as
before he left Augusta. The
I am unassured of find enough to
do. I ought to look upon my present
privileges as mercies. During this first
rainy weather. I am under cover
I need ^{the} religious training & mind
I am getting. But it seems as though
if I am to have no action beyond
further than I have the last swa
month, I might as well be as friend

My darling wife & Children. I
joy exceedingly everything you
say about them. Grace, bless her
little heart. I wish she would often
tinge up into Mamma's lap & send
the messenger to papa. Papa loves
her very much. And the more
loving & good she is, the
more he loves to think about
her. Guy is so much of a man
that he can go to Farmington
alone. I want him to tell me
all about his visit. Describe
uncle Rowland's house, his horse,
his dog, his ~~coat~~, his wife, his
baby & what not. I want to
know too if Guy remembers the
Saviour. Tell him Jesus is father's
best friend. He comforts him
when far away from home.
Last Sunday Papa went to Church
and ate a bit of bread & drank a
swallow of wine with many
friends of Jesus. This was done in...

membrance of him. Mamma
must take the Bible & read
the account of Jesus' last
supper to Mary.

Aud Gennie. Mamma says he
comes to her so sweetly. I am
losing all those little luxuries
the little ways of a darling child.

We hear that Col. Cogswell is
missing & Lt. Col Ward has lost
a leg & that two hundred lives
are lost on our side and
also that we are beaten.

Give much love to Mother.
I hope she is well & happy.
Mr Farwell thinks very much
of Mrs Norton's as a boarding
place. But don't go any
sooner than you like. It is
doubtless very gratifying to
Mother to hear from me
as often as she does when
you & she are at the same

house and if she wants you
to stay I would not hurry. But
perhaps it will be better to be
at Farmington on some
accounts. Church close by - school
& Sunday schools good & convenient.
I have not heard from Perry
for some time. I saw an officer
from the Brigade yesterday but
I did not ask him. The Rev.
Mr. Hall, Epis. Clergyman invited
me & Capt. Willhouse to dine
tomorrow. He is a "sledge hammer"
to use one of his own favorite
expressions. The author of "Hall's
Commentaries". Mrs. French
seems to have commended
me especially to him.
But I do love old Dr
Gurley of the Presbyterian
Church so much that I
don't think I shall go any
where else, ^{habitually} while in Washington

Dr Gurley is much like his
blessed master in spirit. He
is rather a slow & heavy
speaker, but every word
tells & he is faithful to
speak out. Dr Hall is
an orator, very high church.
Says he does not believe in
"means" commonly so called
such as tracts & books - but
he does agree with us as to
personal labor & personal
contact with men.

Miss Guy & Mrs. Gamin, the
little trio, and let me
say a blessing - "The Grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God & the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with
each one of you forever."

Love to Charles
& father

Yours loving
John Edward
Otis

Shall go out tomorrow if to the coast.

Hoping to see you and Capt. S. Gray soon at Camp Howard, I am happy to remain a friend to you both.

Respects & respects to you.

Saml Sampson



Mrs Sampson
about Geo Campbell
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Camp Howard
Tuesday Morning Oct 20th 1864

Dear Jack -

Your letter with Capt. Small's came safely Saturday evening.

In regard to George we were not at all disappointed - in fact Charlie knew nothing of my writing - he has taken a man from his Company to look for him until he may be better.

I do not wonder you should forget the circumstances of Campbell's death, when you have so much to think of; but you will readily recall them, when I remind you it was to select his burial place, you and I took the little walk together one noon, to that beautiful little

Coming opposite Col. Ward's camp out-
I wrote a long letter to his wife, at the
time of his death giving her all the partic-
ulars of his sickness - and again after the
funeral, sending her a lock of his hair and
some pressed rose-leaves that had lain in
his room. I have since visited his grave
and took from it this little wild-flower and
spring which I pressed sometimes at some
convenient time I would send to his wife -
but it had really escaped me till Capt.
I made mention of him - I now enclose
them to you as his wife will appreciate them
much more coming from you. I know she will.
In the Hospital he was the last one on the
left hand side - stood very properly at the
post all the time - died you know of Ephraim
Loom and being delirious all the time, made
no mention of home, friends, living or dying.
But he was very quiet during his sickness
and we were happy in taking care of him.
Miss Bradley wrote to his Mother and

received an answer - but I had none from
his wife - I think she must have received
my letters as I directed as advised by
his friends.

Just now came a letter from Charles -
He was in Augusta still sick with jaundice
though getting better - had consulted a
Physician there. Had fifteen pounds - but
that his fare? If I wish you'd call
him back.

Charles and Miss Watson were happy
to be remembered you by both you and
Capt. S. and send their regards. We
were all delighted with Capt. Serrano's
picture. Is it perfect? Please tell him
how thankful we were, and also if he is sick
to send for me and I'll come on the
"Wings of the Wind". Of course you will
not think of being sick without sending
for me.

I am getting over a severe cold; this is the first
day I have been confined to my room -

Samuel G. Sewall
Augustus
answered.

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Augusta Oct. 22^d 1861

Dear Sir

I have tried to get the Gov.
Council to pay your order but they
say they cannot do so, as they will
be unable to get the account allowed
by the general Govt. This being the case
I am under the necessity of asking
you to send me the amount, as I
am getting quite short financially &
need it very much. I am sorry
to be obliged to ask this, as it would
have been much more agreeable to all
concerned if the Govt. would pay it
but I cannot afford to lose even
so small an amount.

By attending to this immediately
you will confer a great favor, as I
am about leaving home in the
eleventh Reg. & would like to have
the money to leave with my family.

Yours respectfully, Samuel G. Sewall

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The amt. of the order is Thirty $\frac{67}{100}$
Dollars (\$30.67) -

Washington D.C.
Oct. 25th 1861

My dearest wife

I have received a letter from you since I wrote, but got two, one from Abas. & another from Howland last night. The latter gave an account of Guy's visit & return & said that you had started to get rid of that troublesome bottle. I do hope you have done so & that you are now better. The news this morning is that Gen. Stonewall, formerly of the Ordnance, has withdrawn his forces to this side of the river. G. M. Smith has out maneuvered him up ^{opposite} Poolsville. Smith's plan probably devised in New York must be to cut off these forces on the right, whip them out, cut one

only line of Communication,
while ^{Godet} he holds the news by a
sufficient force to check the
advance of our centre. I will
delight me exceedingly if McClellan
will cut off Smith's communication
by a March plumb to the front.
"G.W." is the greatest traitor of
them all. He stayed in New York
till we knew our exact location
& then went to the enemy.

I am still at 376 "H" St. Genl
Perry said I should be assigned
to a command soon. How
soon I do not know. Last night
I hesitated whether to go to Dr Gurley's
lecture or to visit General Casey
I decided to visit, so I went to the
office & thence to the house of the General
but not finding him in, I went
to the house of Col Kingsbury, but
the Colonel & Mrs. Norton both out -
so I returned & stopped at the Church

of Dr Gurdy as I came past & heard
just what I needed. He impressed
me with this truth. "Count it
joy to suffer for Christ." That
privilege only belongs to this life.
Well I am not suffering. Only
a non-assignment has at times
harrassed my mind & heart, but
I believe I must wait on the
Lord. The principle that Dr
Gurdy enunciated removes the
possibility of real suffering, when
carried out. Hence the Spirit will
mourn above it. After lecture
I went to call on Mrs Vincent
found Mrs Paul. Mrs Hancock.
Mrs Hayes & Mrs Vincent together,
counseling & somewhat anxious &
unhappy. Mrs Vincent gave
me a description of meeting you
at the time you got my dispatch
from Maine. Mrs Hancock said
Mrs Hancock did not have any idea

How hard it was for her, a man
could not realize it or comprehend
a woman's feelings. Mrs Hays edg
I expected her husband to die in the
but he had not come nor sent a
word: and she was in the constant
She said she did not ~~mean~~ ^{think} that was
~~solid~~ but the man & nothing ^{old} ^{man}
would delight her more than the
to know that he had resigned.
I felt how poorly prepared we
were to meet such news & it was
new ground to grow poor did not
Baker. Yesterday I was one of the
the full brass to Genl Baker's
Poor man. I have seen a christian
of late mild, bloodthirsty. Drinking
profane. He is said to have uttered this
a terrible oath just before he was
Such are some of the ~~disgraces~~ ^{disgraces}. It
things said of a General after such a
death. May the Blessed Lord deliver us
"In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our

of our prosperity; in the hour
of death, and in the day of
judgment). Yesterday, Genl
Baker was brought to the
house of Mr Mott near us &
I went in to see his corpse. But the
lid was closed. I saw his hat like
my ^{old} Army hat. with a bullet hole just
at the base of the crown on one
side. I saw also his uniform coat
covered with dirt. I noticed one
cut with a bullet on the arm, but
he did not raise it up to look further.
The Soldiers who had taken his body
from the enemy (I believe it was they)
were near by in the room drawn up
in one line. Rev. Dr Sunderland
of this city preached his funeral
sermon. Much of it quoted on my
heart. It was much like a patriotic
speech & too little like a sermon.
His brother & son were present.
Nothing yesterday touched my heart

One of the men fell down in
a swoon during the exercises. I
believe I am coming to a perfect
imperturbability of temper. I rode
with, or opposite to Gen^l Draper
of California, two Colonels ahead
of me & two in advance of him.
The distance to the Cemetery must
be at least three miles. Col
Wilcox, the Senator, was one of
the pall bearers. I was introduced to
him & had a momentary
conversation. An immense
crowd of most uneducated
people came to see the procession.
Nobody seemed sorrowful, amongst
them. Some raised their hats as
we passed. I wondered where
so many people came from.
Washington is no criterion by which
to judge of our country. The passions
& appetites & sins of "Graz" small
men who run our government

upon the rocks. I have left
their sad impression here.
and I doubt not the Army
has called into its train, its
usual dirty brood of followers.
I doubt not the concomitants
of war. What a wail there
will be in Massachusetts over
the sad disaster at Ball's Bluff.

At home our people are
getting vexed & tired of waiting
to see the enemy finished.
but it cannot be done. They have
the largest army & the best officers.
Their people are all in the
war. Our best people are
almost all at home waiting
to be drafted. We will not
wake up till our communications
are cut off & this army is destroyed.
It is not the numbers but the
spirit that I complain of. We have
the numbers in the field, but the

Spirit. The enthusiasm is
at home. We want it here
God will help us when we stop
self-seeking - place-seeking & money-
making. When the pressure of
worry & deep sorrow is upon
us then will we turn to the
Lord & cry unto him, then will
we grasp the means he has
left us & go forth in His
strength. God bless you &
the little ones & comfort you
with His heavenly influence.
Rowland writes me a good
brotherly letter. I shall

telegraph Charles today I think
his letter by being sent to Anderson
reached me very late.

Much love to Mother & Father - kin
to little olive branches - Yrs own
Otis

Could not in fact do anything wait
wait & wait in my office for nobody
to come. I little overstate this however
for during one or two days I had several
callers who talked as tho' they might
enlist after cogitating a few days.

One man I enlisted has enlisted
also in the Cavalry - Another has
cut his foot & I did not get his father's
Consent - a miserable, drunken, Dava man
so he is lost as he was only 20. Another
from here said his father was willing
enlist at Muster but next day his
father was unwilling & he will come
up moping - So I have but 12 sure.
You see I have my petty trials even
in recruiting -

Maj. Eastman scratches out in my
acct. Every thing except transportation &
that only on Cars, Hays &c. However, I
think I am doing as well as any
one in my business - also have oppor-
tunity of seeing some one in a while.

If I cannot go with you as Commissioner
I can go I went before if you want me. I
should be entirely unwilling to remain in the 3rd Regt
to be back with them. I was in hopes to tell you

about a general prayer meeting we had a Poland's last night.
The prayer - June
Baker - together
& Reg. mother
Sister of Wilket
S. O'Brien's boy
An excellent
spirit of prayer
We are glad of the
opportunity &
glad that father
was there.
I write you a letter
I hope you
happy to hear
of the Orthodox
Prayer
Mr. Jewell
Mr. Baker came
was in a very
good mood & kind
manner of the
prayer - meeting
at Augusta
I hope to see
you. Mr. Jewell said
he knew you.

Amurpolis having heard thro'
Perry that you had a Brigade
there. You will not be likely to get
it. I came from Augusta via Bath.
Wiggin has now got 10 men & hopes
to get some more 1st of next month
when the Fishermen come in. I left
my office in Augusta in charge of
Dexter Howard. I have 6 men
down there boarding at a house
near the Masonic House - I have en-
listed in Augusta but quit a no
talk of it. The men we get now are
slow to make up their minds. I need
good deal of talking to - all the Regts.
come slowly except the Cavalry which
goes like the wind but is now about
full - Above 1000 at Augusta & nearly
all the horses. Some of the officers are
pious men. Crolley son of Jonathan P.
is Capt. of our Co. & was a particular
friend of mine in college. He is a religious
man - was in at the Methodist Prayer-meeting
with a lot of his men & took part the other

evening. He is not a great man but will not lack courage or enthusiasm. Has been practicing law. I found him in his tent studying tactics.

I almost was afraid they will appoint me an officer of the Cavalry & then that you will not get me.

What think you? Col. Woodard told me he would like much to have me & said he would speak to the Gov. about your letter. I told him that I had nothing to say & showed not worth the Gov. myself but if he chose to mention the matter he might.

The Gov. will probably tell him which I did not that I am to go on your staff & not wishing to have any vacancies they will conclude not to appoint me.

If they could only fill the vacancies I would not hesitate to urge the matter. Don't you think it might be done in the same way that the vacancies were made in our regt by appointing an adjutant & Dr. Mr. - Then you wrote to the Adj. Genl. I believe & got permission to have men commissioned for those places.

I came to Leeds in order to see some man of whom I had some hopes. I got the consent of Ezekiel Bates for Francis to go. He is 23 but his father is so "set" that he don't like to enlist. Saw others yesterday of whom there is some hope. Read some good letters from Mrs. Kim - guess I will make some extracts for publication.

I found Lizzie & Mary not well. They are getting better - the former of sore throat - Mary something similar to Louisa Bask but of very light form if that & he is about well. They are therefore seemed glad to see me. Mary sent for me to come in & see him once or twice - not being allowed to come out here. I found that he had a store & was carrying on quite a business on the lounge.

Mother has had a cold but seemed doubly a cheer to come for the sailing ones.

Dr. Briggs I think did much to shorten my cure of the jaundice. I shall return to Augusta Monday. Maj. Westman was to be away till Saturday so that I could not arrange to have Wadsworth come up & drill the men

Charles Sullivan says Abraham Lincoln is able to do anything.

Washington D.C.
Oct 2nd 1861

My dearest Lizzy.

I just write
you a line this morning to
tell you that I have received
my orders. My Brigade consists
of 4th Rhode Island
36 Penn.
45 Ditto

To Genl's Philadelphia Zouaves
I will at another time tell you
further. I telegraphed to Genl.

yesterday to get a commission
in Goldsboro's regiment. Genl
Williams said I could not get
him transferred unless he had
a commission. I shall do my
best to get him a commission.
I am to be stationed at Bladen.

being at present, under
Genl Casey. Throu Casey's
Christian father. I have got
Dr Palmer my old friend, know
the prospect of having Wm. H. Owen
my old Brigade Quartermaster &
friend. Much love & many
kisses to the children, &
send Abraham Lincoln for
long & grace to Ann who is
the President of the United
States. Bladensburg is
to the East bearing north
of Washington. The Lord
is very good to me &
mine Affectionately
Otis

quite well. We will be home in the
morning, tomorrow. Dexter Stowell
called here this afternoon to see Thomas B.,
but he had gone to Lewiston with his
wife. I can't see anything to hinder either
one of all these you saw when here from
enlisting. Someone left me the other morning
by saying "the hopes my husband
with the others would soon put down
the rebellion". Instead of answering quite
a quiet & hope so, I felt more like
answering emphatically, go and help them.
The "Circle" is at Mrs Turner's this evening.
I might have gone if Mother had been
here, but it may be best not to go
out in the evening yet. We are all
quite well now. It was so pleasant I
let Guy go out in the yard a little while
this morning. Give my best love to
Mr & Mrs Mulliken, Dr Briggs and wife
and all who speak of and remember me.
I hope you will get a commission
and presume there is no doubt you will.

In haste but with a great deal
of love from your sister
Lizzie

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Washington D.C.
Oct. 27th 1861.

My dear Brother
I shall
direct this to Leeds. I am
assigned to the 1st Brigade
Genl Casey's Division, a Christian
commander - a first rate
Brigade. & Everything just as I
could wish except as to yourself.
I want to ask your transfer. Genl
Williams said in answer, if the Governor
of Maine will only give him a
commission - it can easily be
arranged so that he can be
on your Staff. You can try
for a commission from him
in any new Regiment, but don't
worry if you can't get one. but
come back & I will try for you
in one of the Regiments of my Brigade

I will have you some how -

Direct: Brig. Genl. Cox

(comdg. 1st Brigade

Genl. Casey's Division

Washington

I shall occupy two posts one
at Bladensburg & the other at
Goodhope - My headquarters will
probably be at Goodhope on
the Potomac south east of Washington.
That point is not decided, will depend
on Orders.

I want to go to Church today.
I shall try to do so to Dr. Gurley's.
Am trying hard to get Owen for
Presbyterian Minister. I think I shall
succeed. Howard, Wood, Sewall
Owen & Dr. Nature will make
five graduates of Bowdoin on
my staff. I'm the children
for me - Much love to Father
& Mother. Tell Lizzie that
I rejoice for her sake that I

did not go on that expedition
from Annapolis. My Brigade
too is more satisfactory and also
my position.

Capt Sewall sends his regards
He wants you to come very
soon he says -

Very affectionately
Your brother
Otis -

Wednesday Evening

My dear Brother, this letter came directed
to you or me (C.H. or M.H.) also another
telling me of what his Brigade consists.

4th Rhode Island

36th Penn.

45th D.K.

5th Gostine Philadelphia Zouaves.

The spoke of having telegraphed to you, to
get a commission in Goddard's Regiment
you had received that when here, I
will enclose another letter I have re-
ceived. Mother went to Farmington
yesterday because Ellen's baby wasn't

W. H. Owens

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Washington, Oct. 28. 61

Dear Genl.

I heard Saturday with great pleasure that you had been assigned a Brigade - a first rate one - also that you were making efforts to have me appointed your Gr. Master - for which accept my thanks. You cannot desire the appointment to be made more than I to be with you. I thought some letters I have might assist matters a little & brought them to you. Some of Aaron Kin's statements are rather highly colored as you will perceive, but, in the main, correct, I believe. You will of course not present the letter if you think it not proper - Mr Barney is collector of New York, as perhaps you know, & has a good deal of influence I suppose. I had some other letters but they are mislaid.

My successor has been assigned & I suppose

will report in a day or two. So that,
this application failing, there remains
nothing for me but Company K of Richmond
Staples talks of recommending my name for
Capt. of Co. C. but I have no great faith in
that, nor is it altogether agreeable to me to be
thrust upon a Company that would probably
prefer some one else.

From all which considerations, I pray
you make every effort in my behalf con-
sistent with your judgment your inclina-
tions & your conveniences - I regret to be such
an incubus upon you & I hope to be
able to repay in some way your kindness
& trouble. I will endeavor to see you
this afternoon -

Very truly yours

W. H. Croswell

I would have gotten an additional letter
from Gen. Sedgwick but he ^{has} ~~is~~ in Washington
since Sat. - There is - or ought to be - however a strong
letter from him, now at the War Dept.

Bond. Coll. Oct. 28. 1861

My dear Brother:

You can't think how glad I was to get a letter from you - I didn't know how you were now where you were. I heard you had gone to Annapolis, then that you had a brigade in Virginia, then that you were on an examining board - & then that you would go on some detached duty, nobody knew where. I wrote mother inquiring about you but I have had only one letter from her this time and that about six six weeks ago - Mr Rowland has not written me since the middle of August except about half a page on business and this is the first letter I have had from you since Charles was sick - I hardly know whether I don't write letters worthy of answers to my mother and mother, or that they never answer.

Cum gratias - I hope to see you or in fact to say any thing - I tried to get Rowland to stop over one train here which would be about one hour but he says he don't like to stop in Brunswick - I haven't heard from father or mother for more than six weeks - I haven't heard from Lizzie except in your letter, besides learning that she had gone to Leeds - The Railroad has more business than they have the means of doing properly - Their most sanguine expectations are more than realized - They will soon have their old cars and engines fixed so as to carry more than now - The cars come into the same depot as the other R.R. I think Charles is doing better recruiting than any other officer who is recruiting for regiments now in the field, though he isn't doing much - I stay here three weeks more and then go home to thanksgiving, which is the 21st of Nov. On the Monday following I am going to Cumberland

be one at all, or that they have so much to do and so many others to write to that they can get no time for me. I am often quite blue in thinking of it. I love my mother and mother as well as any mother ~~can~~ does and I am anxious to hear from them, to know where they are and what they are doing. I don't know as I ought to write you in this way, but I can't help it.

I have but few friends in the world except my mother, nobody loves me except them and I often fear they don't care much for me. Rowland thinks I am a bad boy and is always making inquiries about me as though he could not trust me and when I am with him I feel like a criminal on trial. I have no one to cheer me or sympathize with me and I am getting gloomy and of a sour disposition. I have no one who cares for me here except my

Lavious - I do go to him and after I have prayed a long time I feel better. I hardly know what I could do if I had no Lavious to go to. Don't say anything to Rowland about what I have written.

There are a few of us yet in college who meet together a few times a week for prayer and conference. Five or six in my class meet weekly and about 20 meet in the college prayer-meetings. Christians are cold and those who are not Christians never go near the meetings. Remember us, Nettie, in your prayers. I have class of English little boys in the Baptist Sabbath School and they get their lessons well and recite them finely. I think they do very nicely, though their former teacher said they would not get their lessons. Charles passed through here one day and I saw him nearly an hour but it was while he was with Nettie. I had no time to ask about

Col. Gilmore returns with a good long
letter from you. the one dated Oct 25
and containing an account of Genl Baker's
funeral, and visit to Mrs Vincent. Mrs Hayes
I met at West Point. She is one who has
very warm friends, and very strong prejudices.
I cannot answer this letter. I only sit and
think. and have let the evening pass in
this way. When I get a little clearer
hearted, I wish I could be in
Washington a while. I am glad
you heard Dr Guileys lecture. I dont
know but he is right, think he is.
I dont think Grace or Fannie will have
the scarlet fever. We are all well now,
with the exception of Fannies cold.
Wednesday morning. I will add a few words this
morning. dearest. Fannishorning his morning nap.
Grace is out yard with Grand-pa, Guy stone,
by me sends three kisses. He is very busy with
sticks and tools. This is a very pleasant morning
I have promised to take a walk with the
children soon. Col Gilmore nearly ready to go
to the Depot. to meet Mother and mail this
letter. So good bye at present. Your own
Lizzie

Leeds. Ma. Oct 28. 1861.

My dearest Orie.

I am so happy that I can
write you that we are all very well. I do
think if I can only have my health I shall
consider it a great blessing. Fannie has
a slight cold but I even take good care of him
now myself. and I feel quite sure it will ac-
count to nothing. I have just put Guy and
Grace to bed, and as they are not asleep I
am very often interrupted by a question. Guy is
telling about "when he was at Papa Regiment"
he wants to know if those guns were Papa's
When Bush-hill was. Will Papa always wear
two rows of buttons. Uncle Charlie must be an officer
because he wears "cagle buttons." I never saw
such an observing boy. Charlies old coat has
the "State of Maine" button. He came to Leeds,
but he wrote you and I enclosed a note
last Thursday. from here. He went to Ayer's

this morning. I shall send you six shirts,
a pair new pants, and your cape the very
first chance I can. I know you need
them much. - Aunt Sarah heard we were
sick and came up here in the afternoon train
Saturday. She returned this Monday morning.
I am going to leave Isabella for a while.
She wishes to go to school this winter, but
will engage to come back to me at the
end of twelve weeks and stay till next
December next winter. As I have arranged
it, it is as well. I want six or eight weeks to
myself without much visiting and also to
be when I can sew and purchase what I
shall need for the children. Aunt Sarah is
perfectly delighted to have me go to her. She
lives next door to Adams and Fanny, Abner Alden.
I really think that is best. And Mother wants
another visit before March. Isabella remains
^{quite as usual}
~~about~~ ^{about} one month longer and is to come back
the very first of March. In doing as I have
planned I shall not have to hunt up
a new girl for at Aunt's quiet house. Ever

and Minnie will render me all the assistance
I shall need. I presume this will not
interfere or hinder my wanting the Fairwells
house. Rowland thinks it is March and
not Dec. that I could have this house.
He thinks the year begins then. I don't feel
that I can go to Farmington without Isabella.
It would take some time for Jamie to get acquaint-
ed with a new girl and I might have to
change more than once and in fact, I shouldn't
know where to look for one at all. Jamie got
acquainted with Aunt immediately. Isabella's seems my
division of living with me. She has a brother in the
12th Mass. Gen Banks' division. He wrote the Christian
letter I spoke of. Our mail came very late this
evening. No letters, the same as none
to me for there were none from you.

a note from Rowland. Ella and baby have
been home one week. Abby is with her.
Tuesday evening. Mother went to Farmington
this afternoon because Rowland wrote that
the baby was not very well, and she thought
she might do something for the little fellow.

Old Mr Bladensburg
Oct-29th 1861

Dearest Sister,

I received yours & Olaus' letter this morning & shall be considerably anxious till I hear from you again. I am afraid you don't set up to your principle in letting me know that you are sick as once. I am glad you were comfortable & hope by this time you & Guy are well. I don't like the sound of discharges from the ear, hope the dear little fellow will not suffer with sores in his head. Oh, you must tell Grace papa was delighted to get her first letter - and such a good & true letter "I Love papa". Her two very cheeks many times for that. I have just taken up my new quarters at Bladensburg, with three regiments here & one at Good Hope south of the city of Washington. The Maine Zouaves are detached from my command & will go to Genl Franklin near Alexandria tomorrow. I don't know what Regiment will take its place. The 4th Rhode Island is on the left of the road from ^{Washington to} Bladensburg & I am just on the right. The other two regts still further to the right. We look toward the village that was just up this

morning just before sundown. I have two well tents
 so I had them put together end to end - I have a little
 stove. I put it up & let the furnace run out to the front
 tonight. Capt Sewall & I put our beds close together
 so as to make one, so as to keep warm.



My hasty plan will give you some little
 idea of how we are - the road is ten rods from
 us & the village a half a mile - The Adjutant's
 tent & the Dr's wife be on the right -
 & the ladies on the left. I do hope
 your wife be well when this reaches you.

Direct to B. G. Hanson. 1st Brigade, Casey's
 Division, Washington D.C. Much love to
 Mother & father, a great deal of love
 to Guy, Grace, & Annie - You must
 all remember me in your prayers.
 I hear that the fault found with
 me is that I am too gentle, would
 you have thought so? God bless you
 I must bid you goodnight.

Affectionately
 O. H.

P.S. I am appointed

and the moment

Mr. Brick sends his best respects & says he is Connoisseur.

Mon. Bond has been in the
Bar-room drunk since I have
been writing. I heard him sul-
gizing you but he tells some
awful lies & keeps drunk every
night. He acknowledges this &
says he is sober sometimes.

My recruits are pious & all
are young men of good habits
with perhaps a single exception.

A letter from Col. Hooper to
his father but only good
news from the 3rd Regt. tonight.

If you already know that the
vacancy from my appointment as
aide can be filled - please telegraph
& charge to me the expense if you
will. I am happy to write that
the Lavinia has received news of
Lute & I hope to enjoy Christian Communion
with more than ever before. Your affectionate
Brother Charles -

Augusta Oct. 30, 1861

My dear Otis

I have just returned to
the Mansion House when I found from
a Methodist Prayer meeting when half
the house was filled with soldiers who
are now going forth to the war. Some
half doz. of them testified to a hope
in Christ. One officer was present
& spoke - an earnest man with his
heart full of the love of God. It did
me good to hear him & others speak
out of a full heart. I would like
to dwell upon the subjects & scenes of
the meeting but business must have
its place even tonight. You will be
glad to know that our soldiers rose
for prayer. I hope many others received
impressions which will not leave them
till they find peace in believing.

Mr. Eastman for whom I & many
others have been waiting a long time
came back tonight & I hope to get
some directions with regard to my men
and some of my acct. settled.

People complain of his slowness to do business. - I have now 19 men enlisted with a good prospect of several others this week - Have enlisted 4 since I wrote you.

I received your dispatch while at Leeds - It was sent up from here to me while away hunting up men. When I got back here Monday the Gov. was absent at Boston. He got back last night & I saw him to night. - He says all the places are filled in the Cavalry with perhaps one exception when a man may be excluded for Intemperance. In case this vacancy occurs he will appoint me provided I am satisfactory to the Company & the Col. and provided I will stand in the Company in case a Col vacancy is not made by my being appointed your aid - He is going to write to Washington to know whether the vacancy occurring by your making me your aid can be filled. If it can he will appoint me at any rate and I shall be all ready to join

you which I will be glad to do whenever you want me.

I do not dislike my present business but my pay is hardly enough considering that many of my expenses are not paid.

If I get a Commission in the Cavalry I get 14 dollars per month more pay than in the Infantry.

I wish you would see the Adj. Gen. & get the privilege of having the vacancy filled - if you think you can do anything to secure ^{this end} the Gov. will probably write tonight or tomorrow and if you think best you could state how that I have been with you all summer in the service - But you may think it advisable not to say or do anything about ^{it} if you do ^{think of} I shall not be dissatisfied - Perhaps you may think the Gov's letter sufficient. I told him I would serve as Lt. in the Co. provided he appointed me & afterwards found that the vacancy could not be filled. Brick, discharged from the 3^d

just how you are. I should
like to give you a description
of my quarters. I have changed
to a better position a little to
the north of the R. I. Regt. Dr
Pelham has arrived. George the
colored boy still cooks. John
who remains with me.
I think Charles will be highly
pleased with my Regiment.
Capt Hillhouse told his wife
the next day after I wrote you
He thinks he will have to
give up the field. He is still at
376 "H" St. The Dr. Gys
he is better today. Oh, he is
a man without guile -
Capt Jewell is working hard
at his duties - very capable
& industrious - Much love
to all - Many kisses to Guy
Grace & Annie. God bless &
comfort you all - affectionately
Otis

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Head Qu Camp Casey
Near Bladensburg
Oct. 31 1861

My dearest wife,

I will write
you a few lines tonight for
fear I will not have time
tomorrow. I am quite anxious
to hear from you & Guy again.
It takes me one day longer now
to get letters. However I shall
send to the Office once a day
in Washington. One of my
Regiments is ten miles from
this place. When I visit it, I
have a nice ride of twenty
miles. After inspecting two
here I went further this afternoon
& inspected that. When I got
back I found another Regiment
the New Hampshire 5th here &

attached to my Brigade in the
place of the former just removed.
I think I shall like the change.
First because this is a new England
regiment & next that it has
not been like the former Regt
raised in a City.

My Regiment now are
The Fourth Rhode Island Colored
Regiment.

The 5th New Hampshire Col. Regt.

The 36th Pennsylvania " Miller

& The 45th " " Welch

The officers of all but the N.H.
Regt. are strictly opposed to drinking
and Col. Rep said tonight that he
had expelled before starting all the
drunkards he had. The poor N.H. Regt.
came in tonight in the cars from
Baltimore. A treacherous Conductor
cut off their supply trains & their
arms in boxes & also their tents. so that
here they are sleeping on the ground

without tents. I do hope Charles
can get a Commission for I want
him now. I am doing duty
with a brigade but have not yet
got a Quartermaster or Commissary.
nor Aid. I have detailed a few
to act in these several capacities.

I got a long letter from ^{by} George
Randall from Fannett. He is
in great trouble from the abuse
of a villain, who is a relation of
Lincoln, the President. On account
of some contracts that Fannett
was too honest to give him, this
man who has become a delegate
to Congress, has come here to
do him harm. He wrote his letter
some time ago & to the 2nd
Maine. It was afterwards directed
to the 3rd & has just reached
me. I can't help returning
to the children & your own
dear self. You must tell me

Out no more
His name

Oct 31

Dutton

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Washington 31st Oct
[1861]

General,

My brother Mr
C. C. Dutton, - who bears this
note, has been visiting me
for a couple of weeks, - during
which time he has decided
to take an active part in
the war, - provided he can
do so in a capacity suited
to his education. Learning
that you have not as yet
selected all your staff of-
ficers, - I have urged him
to solicit from you the
position of volunteer aide
de Camp.

If upon acquaintance
with him you should deem
him suited to undertake

With the greatest respect, - & best
wishes for your future

I am Sir

Very truly your friend

Arthur H. Denton

2d Lt Engineers

the office, & should accordingly confer it upon him, you would place both him & myself under lasting obligations.

You will not attribute it to personal interest if I assure you that he is especially well qualified for the office, - possessing all the qualifications that a young man not regularly educated for a soldier can possess.

Possibly there may be difficulty about securing his commission, in case you favor him with the appointment. We will see to that hereafter.

It may be well to mention that he designs studying for the ministry at the close of the war.