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Extract from letter sent from  
Camp Casey, Bladenburg, in  
Nov. 1861.

" after sermon the general  
(Howard) said he wished to say  
a few words, and went on to  
tell us that, as he had always  
done in other matters, so he  
wished to express his views on  
the subject of religion. He avowed  
himself a believer in the Christian  
religion, and a follower of the Re-  
deemer, and desired us to frown  
upon all wickedness, and seek  
to maintain the right. This is the  
substance of what was said, and  
I actually had hard work to  
keep from shedding tears, I was







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so glad to find him so noble  
a man."

This letter sent to his mother  
from Camp Casey by

Elias H. Marston

Co. D, 5th N.H. Vols

Afterwards Adjutant.

Now of 27 Maple av., Somerville,  
Mass.



See Edward A. Cross  
in our and the  
the W. H. Regh,  
was killed at  
in Highburg - his  
Regt. was with  
me at first  
Col. and  
Morton sent  
me on the car  
as I left - the  
J. O. and the  
June 2nd 1862 A.

Water W. H. sail  
 at V. H. H. C. O.  
 - two by 0 as 1000  
 all in 2, no else in 10 for work  
 - 1000



If the Battery should be called away unexpectedly, a letter directed to me, care of Mr. J. Shilling, Bookseller, Penn. Av. will come to hands.

I am my dear General

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> & aff<sup>n</sup> friend

Fredrick Robinson

Corp<sup>l</sup> Co. D. 5th Art.

Robinson



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Washington D.C. Nov. 1. 61.

My dear General

I called at your house in "H" Street a few days ago, but was informed that you left that very morning for your Brigade at Bladensburg. My object in doing so was briefly as follows.

My time in the army expires in about one year and nine months from this date. I have now served more than 8 years, been employed as Communicable Sergeant, Hospital Steward &c. and while stationed at Fort Brady Mich. had property to the amount of several thousands dollars under my immediate care, for a period of more than two years. I think the circumstances of the case, and the general character I have sustained as a soldier, justify me in making an application for the benefit of that portion of the act of Congress passed a few ~~years~~ ago, in relation to promotion from the ranks. I introduced the subject to Captain Griffin, a week or two ago, who said he would be happy to forward my interests in every possible way, but advised me nevertheless, to defer the application



tille the Battery went again into action, as in that  
case it would be more likely that my claim  
would be attended to by the authorities. In  
the mean time however he <sup>suggested</sup> ~~intended~~ the propriety  
of securing a few letters from those officers to whom I am  
personally known, to be used as enclosures with my application.  
I have already a very handsome note from Captain H.  
given to me on leaving his office in Virginia, and  
another from my old commander, Capt. H. Clarke 4<sup>th</sup>  
Regt. As an officer & gentleman, for whom I have  
always had the very highest respect, and who has known  
me at Fort Point for more than two years, I would re-  
quest your influence in my favor, by a line  
recognizing my general habits as a steady soldier  
and as a reliable man. As I never unfortunately  
had an opportunity of serving under you, your letter  
must be somewhat circumscribed from this fact;  
yet at the same time, the very high position you now  
holds, must necessarily secure attention to your recom-  
mendation at the War Department.

I also hope to get a letter from Brig Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Tradesworth of New York, who has already expressed  
a friendly sympathy in my case, and who I believe

is possessed of considerable influence with the present  
administration. With these and the endorsement  
of Capt. Griffin, I intend to submit my case to  
the proper authorities, and then let matters take  
their course. Be the ultimate event as it may, I  
shall remain satisfied.

There is one point however to which I would  
advent, and in doing so I hope you will not deem  
me guilty of anything approaching to either severity  
or flattery. I allude to the kindly interest you  
always have taken in the enlisted men of the  
army, and to myself among the number, Alas!  
my dear General, there is too little of what  
Shakespeare calls the "mills of human kindness"  
exhibited towards us by the unthinking many, for  
me to remain insensible of the many little services  
you performed for us at Fort Point. I am too  
poor and too dependent to offer any thing more  
substantial than my simple acknowledgments,  
but such as it is I give it heartily. The best  
wish I can give, is that neither you, nor any  
person connected with you, may ever know an  
hour of sorrow.



will never anything come up  
against you because you recom-  
mended him for a commission.

It is not known here that you did  
so, and I am glad.

Tuesday afternoon. I will add a few  
words but I have not much time  
for it is three o'clock already.

Charlie came in just now quite  
unexpectedly. Jamie don't seem quite  
well today but is bright and playful.  
His throat looks swollen. All the rest  
well. Grace went to sleep in my lap  
a short time ago. Guy and Grand-mother  
have been to ride at the hill on a  
errand. Your own, Lizzie.

Leeds, Me. Nov. 3, 1861.

My dearest Otis

I have brought my  
writing into the dining room,  
because Isabella and the children  
are very happy in my room, and if  
I should remain there, little Jamie  
would leave his play and  
think I must take him but is  
just as well off and happy if I am  
out of sight. No one here with me  
but Col. Gilmore, who sits in his large  
chair reading, and Mother who is seated  
on the lounge seems to have finished  
reading. I am writing after dinner  
a little past 4 o'clock but it is getting  
quite dark. Guy just ran out and  
back asked if I was writing with the  
pen he gave me. He heard me say  
a few days since that I was out



of pens. We have been speaking about  
the "Fleet" and hoping this severe  
storm does not reach them, commenced  
raining in the night and has rained  
incessantly all day. but I think the wind  
is not blowing as hard now. Since  
writing the above I have given the  
children their tea and put them to  
bed. they are all sleeping sweetly now  
at half past seven o'clock. Grace has  
seemed a little dull and asked me to  
rock her occasionally since last ~~Monday~~  
and Friday covered with rash, very nicely out  
all over. So I think I shall have to  
say she has had Scarlet fever. I must  
be over careful that they do not take  
cold. Her throat was quite red inside and  
I immediately got up an irritation on  
the out side with hot vinegar, salt  
and C. pepper and she has had no  
trouble with it. She and Guy have been  
very happy today I spent nearly all the

morning reading to them and hearing  
them say the Commandments &c.  
Grace has had read and reread, looked  
and relooked at what "Papa said about  
her letter", and has pointed out to her  
where Grace was written and read over  
and over again "I love Papa" and looked  
at your plan of your tent, and held  
it in her hands so long, that Guy "Wondered  
what makes Grace look at Papa's letter  
so much." Guy seems to think you are  
quite near home if you are this side  
of Washington, and he seems to think there  
are no secessionists near you, which gratifies  
him very much. His left ear is not quite  
well yet. Jamie is well. Oscar was  
here this evening and I did not know  
before that William Turner drinks, and  
pretty hard I should think, when he was  
trying to get men to enlist they would  
not go with him because they would see  
that he had been drinking. I hope there



Esplanade Dubuque Co Iowa Nov 3d. 1861  
 Friend Howard -

I write you a friendly line  
 & am quite certain I will be read in the same  
 spirit - Having read of your truly brilliant success  
 at the Bull Run battle, of your promotion &  
 the general upsurge tendency of fortune in this  
 singular war, I trust I can congratulate you  
 without a seeming impertinence - Permit me to  
 say then that I view with pleasure your success  
 & hope you will wear your Honors with a  
 grace becoming the true Soldier - I have a  
 Brother in Law in Company D 5th Regiment  
 Maine Volunteers, A. J. Beane, who enlisted in  
 the Ranks & is now Commissary of Company D as  
 he informs me - He is a man of good education,  
 honest, capable & can be trusted in any place -  
 I thank you it would not be too much for  
 me to say to you, that any favors you may  
 for him will only exhibit that goodness of  
 heart which I have so much reason to thank  
 you for while at the Point - I have thought  
 of taking a hand in this struggle & may  
 before it closes - We seem to be moving very  
 cautiously of late & I am glad to see it -

I would consider  
 a great favor, the reception of a letter from  
 you at this time - Be so kind as to grant  
 it - Renew my best wishes for your success  
 & safe return from the lines & untold fields,  
 safety & in health - Give my best respects to  
 all our claps in your lines - I am ever  
 sincerely, constantly with my Co & C -

Yours Truly  
 L. R. Browne



L. K. Brown  
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mouth, & a dimple in his  
chin - Isn't that a "little  
beauty" now? As to "what  
he wears," his apparel is  
about what young gentlemen  
of his age are usually arrayed  
in, with the addition of a little  
white sack, with a red border,  
of which the sleeves are too  
short already - You have  
the young man, as far as  
I can represent him, with  
pen & ink -

Rowland has come, & he  
& the baby keep up such a  
conversation, that I can't  
write - Please remember me  
to Capt. Sewall, & thank him  
for his part of the picture -  
Rowland will write some, I  
guess - With much love.

Ellen.

Farmington Nov. 3rd 1861

I need not tell you I am a Brig. Gen'l.  
before, and am at a loss as to  
the proper style of address - but  
I believe I shall still write, as  
my heart dictates -

My dear brother Otis.

I thank  
you a thousand times, for  
that perfect picture of  
yourself and me - (I beg his  
pardon) Capt. Sewall, which  
I received from Mr. Caswell  
the other day - It is just ex-  
actly like you, and I need  
not tell you, that Rowland  
and I both, value it as a  
treasure - For Rowland is  
preaching today to empty pews.



with perhaps a dozen persons scattered about, in remote corners. - for it is a rainy Sabbath, and Farmingtonians, as a general rule, are fair weather people -

We were hoping to have Lizzie near us, this winter, but I believe she has decided to spend the most of it at Auburn, with her Aunt. I have only seen her once, since she came to Maine - & I fear I shall not see her very often, while she is at Auburn, as we both love babies! I am hoping to have a visit from her though, before she goes there.

We were rather amused at your minute enquiries about your little nephew - a stranger would have known that you had had babies of your own! As to his

looks - people when they come to see him say - "very healthy looking child" - "guess he's a good baby" - "rather small, isn't he?" - Sometimes we only go so far as to call him "a nice baby" - but nobody says "what a pretty baby"! His father & mother call him a little beauty, and pretend they think he is - whether he is or not, I will leave you to judge. A little round head, on which a crop of yellow-white furze seems to be sprouting - we hope it will ripen into respectable hair, some of these years, but we may be disappointed - a good forehead (or so it seems to promise) & pretty eyes - blue, & large - the prettiest of all furzes. By way of nose - a cunning little



his parents & sisters at Houghton - they  
seemed glad to see me. This father told  
me to tell John to keep up good con-  
duct - be a good boy & give it to the  
rebels as they deserve.

Where is my saddle & bridle?  
Where is my valise & other property?  
My overcoat & blouse - I have not yet  
paid Hall - I think I paid for the bridle.  
Are you allowed 4 horses from Government  
now or you were while acting? I hope  
so that I may have one of the regulation  
saddles. I hear that that volunteer Lt.  
from Bangor will be rejected so that  
there will be a place for me in the Cavalry  
if the Gov. wanted only put me in there.  
He would do so speedily were it not  
for leaving the Co. ~~off~~ deficient in our  
officers when I go with you.

I trust the Lord will direct me  
in that I may go in the way best suited  
to His great purposes & that all things will  
work for the best. My regards to Capt.  
Swell - He must be very busy as well  
as yourself now - Don't you want me  
to come on without waiting - Of course you  
will make known your wishes & I am  
willing to comply - Very Affectionately E. H. Howard.

Augusta Nov. 4 1861

My dear brother

This beautiful morning waiting  
in my office I will write you this I have  
heard nothing farther about my commission.

It was a very rainy day yesterday - There  
was a dancing at <sup>Rev.</sup> Mr. McKensie's - Few ladies -  
Miss Lucie Brooks was there. By invitation  
of S. S. Brooks Esq. I went over & took tea  
with himself & brother Lot. Evening. I had  
never met with any of the family before.  
He took me over in the same chair with  
his lady Miss Madeworth of Augusta whom  
he is soon to marry I hear. They all  
seemed to esteem you very highly & Miss  
Lucie that she must be acquainted with  
me since I resembled you so much.  
Had a pleasant stay - Miss Leroy was  
there & young Mr. Vose.

Enjoyed the sermon yesterday - Communion  
at noon - Text of A. M. "Do this in remem-  
brance of me" - I thought of the poor Chris-  
tian soldiers who cannot keep this com-  
ment of our Lord - Text in P. M. "Be ready  
to give a reason for the hope that is  
in you with meekness &c." Horatio Howard

When we get 50 men they will be out on -  
I am glad to hear - They may go with them when they go.



attended Church with me in the afternoon.  
He is son of Capt Howard. I was named for  
his brother <sup>who died</sup> - He is an M.D. & has enlisted  
in the Cavalry - Of a fine fellow but  
not a Christian - Said his father, mother  
& brothers were. Hope he will soon become  
one - Says one pious man in his tent  
conducts prayer morning & evening. Baptist

The 11<sup>th</sup> Regt. attended Rev. Mr. Hoynes' Church  
last evening - They filled the house. He preached  
from the words - "The only name given among  
men whereby we must be saved"

He has begun to enlist for the Artillery.  
5 batteries are to be raised in this State.  
He will be a Lt. - His sermon was written  
but he spoke to them at its close <sup>exuberantly</sup>  
calling them "Comrades". He is quite an  
easy speaker.

Your last letter to Lizzie & the one to me or  
Lizzie - She mailed to me adding a note  
of her own. Your letters gave me great  
pleasure - I read them to the old gentleman  
Mr. Croix who met you he says of Mr. Braden's  
He boards at the Mountain House where I do.

He is a Christian man - Most of the Cavalry  
officers board there but they are not very  
congenial to me. Col. Goddard lately  
has remained a little cool. I guess the

Gov. has told him that I was to go  
with you if I got a Commission & so he  
does not want to give me one in his  
Regt.

Dexter Howard is a very fine young  
man & assists in the office attending  
here when I am absent. He is near  
now. His mother feels very badly to have  
him go. I have 20 acorns - Maj. Eastman  
has had me put under Mr. Wiggins  
because a Sgt. has no right to incur  
any expense without orders. Capt. Hight  
did not tell me so but allowed me  
to proceed as tho' an officer - regarding  
me under a recent order as an "Agent".  
I got Wiggins to voucher for one of my  
accounts. He rec'd the money & paid it  
over to me - part of what I have paid  
out - I hope to get the remainder in the  
same way - I have learned to know  
the meaning of the expression "red tape".

They call Maj. Eastman a "Slow Coach".  
The Ranger paper said you were assigned  
to a Brigade at Martinsburg. You wrote  
Bladenburg & Good Hope.

I am very glad John is with you  
Tell him I always think of him when  
I wind up his watch. I went to the



Boston Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1861

Brig Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I received your kind letter of Oct 21<sup>st</sup> in due course of mail for which you have many thanks.

At our Missionary meeting last evening I took the liberty to read it and if you could have seen the interest manifested I think you would have come to the same conclusion that I did which was that this one letter of yours was doing good in calling the attention to the work of Christ in the Army. I know you would have enjoyed the meeting very much for there was an earnest desire manifested to be better followers of our Lord & Master.

Dear Sir You have our thanks for the letter and our prayers for your success and would to God that more of our Officers were as earnest in the cause of Christ.

When you have time we should all be glad to hear from you again how the cause of our Master progresses.

I wish I might do something to repay you for your trouble but I don't know how. There is more than usual interest

W. W. 1st Regt  
Circumstances



in our meetings of late and the house of  
prayer is quite well filled

As is always the case the more we love  
Christ the more we love our fellow men so  
now they are looking around to see who they  
can get to attend

Last Saturday I sent by the Army Express  
a package of books & tracts to you

I have a class in the Sabbath School of  
12 boys between the ages of 14 and 16

I take up a collection in the class every  
Sabbath the money to be appropriated to  
some good object This year we had some  
5 or 6¢ in the box and last week they  
decided to buy books and tracts and  
send them to you to give to those you  
think best

This package goes from them and you  
can give them to those you think best  
either in the camp or hospital

Although they do not expect it I would  
be glad to have you if you have <sup>time</sup> send  
them a line telling them how the books  
were received and thus encouraging  
them to do good

They are all good boys, regular in  
their attendance and have their lessons

well generally but the one thing needful  
they lack They have not given their  
hearts to the Saviour

Their names are Henry P. Farley, Abel Ames,  
George Emerson, Edgar Sherman, Louis Breed,  
William P. Smith, Frederick Hatch, Seymour Perry,  
Victor Haskell, Thomas Bell, Horace Curtis  
and Frederick Bailey.

Thanking you again for your letter  
I am

Yours &c  
James A. Gilmore

# 142 Court St  
Boston



Samuel I. Smith

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1861

Augusta Me. Nov 7/61

Dear Sir

Your favor of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. enclosing  
check on New York for (\$31.00) thirty  
one dollars, came to hand last  
evening, for which accept my  
thanks. I have not at hand the  
minute of my account but en-  
close the order which you gave  
me on the Treas. of Maine which  
amounts to \$30.67 the balance  
\$3c5 I shall have to pay for exp.

I am expecting to leave with  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment on Monday morn-  
as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. in Co. F. We have in  
Col Caldwell a man of high  
character & one who altho new  
in military life gives promise  
of soon attaining to a high rank  
as an officer, he is a gentleman  
in every respect and commands



the unqualified respect of all  
who are connected with him,  
he is a strict temperance man  
and is most assiduous in his en-  
deavors to promote the best interests  
of all under his command.

Again thanking you for your prompt  
reply to my request,

I remain with very best  
wishes for your prosperity & success  
most respectfully,

Yours obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> J. Sewall

Brig Gen O. O. Howard



Head Quarters 8th Brigade  
Camp Sacket, Nov 7. 61

Dear General,

I saw my appointment in Saturday papers - Monday I went to the Adjutant General's Office to hurry up matters & found that the letter of notification had been sent to Genl. McClellan's Head Quarters to be sent to you. On enquiring there your whereabouts they informed me that you had gone down into Maryland some thirty miles.

From the fact of my not having heard from you I thought it possible that the letter had failed to reach you. Please inform me for it is important that I should accept as soon as possible & be looking after my bond.

Genl Sedgwick has sent back to Washington a quartermaster who was assigned to him & seems very much disinclined to give me up. So you will have to fight for me, I am afraid, if you want me.

Permit me to thank you again for your persistent & energetic efforts in my behalf, to which I undoubtedly owe my appointment.

My letters are usually addressed, now, "Head Quarters Sedgwick's Brigade, Alexandria, Va."

Brig Genl. O. O. Howard  
Comd'g — Brigade

Very truly & respectfully, yours  
W. H. Owen

W. H. Owen







about the same,

The Lord will take care  
of us. Yours Loving

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Leeds. Nov. 8. 1861.

Friday Evening

I must write you a few lines  
on your birth-day, Dearest. but I  
am not in the mood for letter  
writing. for I am a little tired, and  
consequently down hearted. Grace don't  
get over the scarlet. just as soon  
as Guy did, and Jamie is restless.  
his throat is some swollen yet. but  
I don't think it worse; there is a  
knot under his left ear, and under  
his right cheek it is swollen. I hope  
the worst is over with them both.  
But it is a treacherous disease. I am  
quite well, and Isabella is a great  
help, and willing to do anything for  
the children. I sat by Jamie Tuesday  
night and kept his mouth wet all  
the time, and Isabella the next



night, and last night I went  
to bed with him and slept about  
as usual. Grace is not quite as well  
to-day because she played so hard  
"hide and seek" yesterday afternoon.  
I am tired because I have held her  
a greater part of the day but it is  
evening now and they are both asleep  
and I can rest. It seems to be very  
sickly everywhere. Hannah Leonard who  
has been sick some time died last  
Wednesday. and I have to inform  
you of the sickness and death of  
our friend and neighbor Mrs Turner  
Oscar's Mother. she had a fever five  
days and passed peacefully away last  
night. Have I ever told you of the  
death of Grand-mother! she was  
buried the twelfth of Oct. I knew  
nothing of it till I went to Lewiston  
the following Monday. I wish I had  
gone to see her before her death, but

I didn't think I could leave or  
take Annie. and I couldn't see  
any way for me to go. unless they  
might have come for me.

If we all had been well I should  
have gone to Aunt Sarah's this week  
but I know not now when I can  
go. I shall not dare to take the  
children out for some time after  
they recover. if the Lord lends them  
to us longer. I have received your  
picture. I am so very happy to have  
it. I got it Tuesday evening so I had  
something to look at in the night while  
up with Annie. I am glad left Lowell  
is with yours.

Friday morning  
I slept so late this morning I  
have no time to write. I did  
not go to bed till very late. Grace  
is dressed and looking at the  
first snow that is falling. Bay  
is very well and so am I, Annie



Head Quarters 3<sup>rd</sup> Me Reg<sup>t</sup>  
 "Camp Howard" Va  
 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1861.

General-  
 Sir:

Although you have aided me greatly heretofore I would respectfully ask your consideration of this letter, hoping it will meet with your approval. On your recommendation Colonel Staples gave me an appointment as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut in "C" Co., but upon the petition of the Co that one of the Sergeants belonging to it should be commissioned, the Governor of Maine approved their selection - Colonel Staples promises me at an early day an appointment as above, but knowing that in whichever company the appointment is made it will create hard feeling, I think that an appointment in one of the new Regiments now forming in Maine would in many respects be preferable. If you have confidence in my ability, General, I would like a similar

Wm H. Allen  
 Nov 11. 1861



recommendation to the one you gave  
me before, to forward to the Governor  
of Maine under the endorsement of  
Colonel Staples & Major Burt - Hoping  
for an early reply, I am Gentl -

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servt

Frank W. Haskell

To:  
Brig. Genl. C. C. Howard  
Washington, D.C.



Entrance Port Royal, S.C.  
Nov 9th 1861.

Dear Cousins

You will learn the doing  
of this Expedition by the papers. Therefore  
I will say but little about it. We had a  
wreck time in getting here. Lost two Steamers  
& perhaps more. The Steamer which  
had my horse & saddle aboard. Has  
run into Charleston. The man & the  
Capt was a Baltimore Man. So you see  
I am afoot again. Well such is the fortune  
of War. We have not been paid  
off yet so I cannot do as I would like  
& send what I owe you. There were about  
90 horses lost & perhaps 20 men on that Steamboat.  
Gen Wright's Brigade landed the morning  
after the fort was abandoned. - One or two Regts  
landed same night. Our Brigade (Gen Vaden) are  
yet on ship board & I do not know why it  
is so. It may be that his Brigade will be taken  
to some other place. <sup>Part</sup> of Gen Stephens  
Brigade has landed. Those two Brigades are  
able to hold these two points with the 50 or  
60 Guns left by the Rebels. The Guns were

Wm. M. M. M.



not spiked & some of them left loaded -  
It is evident that they were not expecting  
a defeat. They left knapsacks & Blankets  
& Moccasins. Even the Officers left a few  
watches - It is a wonder that they did  
not do more Execution with their big Guns  
& especially their Rifle Cannon. They had just  
mounted 3 or 4 big Guns & one a Rifle on the back  
side of the Fort which showed that they were  
expecting us to land & attack <sup>them in the</sup> ~~over~~ their  
Mar. Our Pilot was on board one of  
the ships which had 3 Guns & he showed me  
the A/c of their firing. One Gun fired 43. 112nd  
Shots, 1 Gun 82. & 2 inch Shell & the other fired 80 Balls.  
In all 205 Shots. I went on shore the  
next day (Yesterday) but did not learn many  
particulars. Mostly Wounds & they not wide.  
The dead had mostly been buried & they  
were taking care of the wounded that  
had been frozen. The Woods were so near  
that the Rebel troops soon escaped & it is  
not now known whether they are on the Island  
or not. There is another fort at the  
other end of the Island - 15 miles distant -  
The Island took a point opposite this is where  
we expect to land & yet it may not be so.  
It is about 4 or 5 miles across from point  
to point. This is indeed a receipt &

one that has not cost much blood on  
our side (at least). South Carolina must  
feel this blow. Her papers which were found  
in Camp said we could not take these  
points. They knew all about our Expedition, every  
particular - Is it not too bad that we  
cannot make a move but they must  
know all about it. Men are all  
these Hell engineered Traitors? - They  
lay their strength & our weakness -  
Our Navy did well, being between  
my fires at a time - "More confidence  
than ever in the Navy -"

I will write to you as soon  
as possible - Will the Government pay  
for my horse & saddle?

Keep this will find you well &  
in active service -

Yours Truly,  
Wm Howard - J. M. Cowan Truly,  
J. M. Cowan



Head M<sup>r</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Casey's  
Division Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

My dearest wife

I am going to take time  
and give you a little more lengthy account  
of our expedition to the lower counties  
of Maryland than I did in my last letter.

I was sent for, to go to Washington on  
Saturday last a week ago. I rode in,  
in a heavy rain, went to Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Casey's Head Quarters & received orders  
to move my Brigade into the Lower  
Counties, Mr George & Calverly. I  
was instructed to report to Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Muney for further orders, which  
I did. Gen<sup>l</sup> Muney told me to  
take my Brigade to that Quarter,  
conduct with Union Men and  
do what I could to prevent an  
obstruction of the polls. I called  
to see Hillhouse. took a copy of ten



at Mrs Pools. sent John to buy  
an India rubber coat. returned to  
Camp. prepared the order of march  
and got ready for the next day.

It cleared off before morning. Sunday.  
but the "Eastern Branch" which flows  
between ~~here~~<sup>camp</sup> & Blacksburg had  
risen so much that it was ten  
rods across & when I attempted  
to cross over I had to swim my  
horse & get pretty coolly wet.

We managed to cross the infantry  
over the rail road bridge & back  
by a foot path bridge into the town.

A Squadron of Cavalry which  
was assigned the day before was  
with me. These with the wagons  
were able to ford the stream by  
ten A.M. We continued the march  
till Sun set making about 14  
miles, and Bivouaced at  
Centerville Md. without tents in  
an extensive piece of woods. The



roads were muddy & slippery with the  
clay & the troops were tired, but some  
of them made haste ~~with~~ <sup>at</sup> a widow  
ladies fence to make a fire to warm  
their feet. I immediately put an  
officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island in  
arrest. This had the desired effect.

I didnt hear any more of burning the  
fences. The 36<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regt  
Col. Miller. Started from Goodhope  
& joined us at Centerville. The  
next day his regiment with two companies  
of the N. Hampshire 5<sup>th</sup> ~~and~~ 30 Cavalry <sup>men</sup>  
were left at Upper Marlborough.

with orders to send two companies  
to Nottingham & vicinity <sup>one to</sup> Green Lane  
& one to Piscataway Piscataway -

At daylight <sup>on Monday</sup> we were up & making  
ready to march <sup>when</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Dykes with  
another Brigade ~~was~~ just ahead,  
& delayed us a little, but by 12 past  
Six A. M. the Brigade was in  
motion. In six miles we came to the



village of Upper Marlborough  
Quite a pretty little town about  
3 miles from the Patuxent. with  
a Court house one or two churches  
& one or two taverns. This place  
is full of that kind of secessionist  
"who cry peace when there is no peace  
I found <sup>a few</sup> ~~several~~ good union men  
here and left Col. Miller to  
consult with them. We passed  
on to the river Patuxent, found a  
part of the Bridge carried away.  
Delayed two hours for its repair.  
With advantage of the time to feed  
men & horses & then completed  
our march, making for the  
day the forced march of 27 miles.  
Before dark with the Cavalry I  
came upon a large & beautiful  
estate owned by Mr Thomas F.  
Graham. And you never saw  
such generous hospitality as I  
met at his hands. Mrs Graham  
had one child just the age & look of



little Gowie - on these long  
plantations a generous soul like  
Mrs Graham knows how to make  
me happy - Mrs Graham expected  
lunch fully in this with her husband. Capt  
Sewall, Dr Palmer & I stayed from  
Monday night till Friday morning at  
this delightful place - All the rest  
of the brigade besides what was left  
at Upper Marlborough ~~that~~ <sup>went</sup> to  
Mr Graham's woods, ~~that~~ Monday night.  
Tuesday I sent one regiment, Col  
Kodum's Rhode Island to the village  
of Lower Marlborough. Col Welch's  
13 miles to Prince Frederick &  
Major Wetherill of the Cavalry  
with a hundred of his own & 50  
of Col Welch's 45 Pennsylvania to  
St Leonard's, 26 miles. Wednesday  
morning every voting place in  
Pr. George & Calvert Counties was  
occupied by troops. We made  
several arrests. One man, Mr Sollen  
at Pr Frederick was <sup>formerly</sup> ~~a~~ member of



congress. He behaved in the most  
violent manner, threatening to kill  
any Union man he could get his  
to the right & left with his bowie  
knife. Col Welch arrested him &  
brought him with four more  
of a like stamp. to Lower  
Marlborough. Mr Sellers was taken  
ill with the gout & unable to  
move when I left Friday morning, but  
is under solemn promise to  
make his appearance at Washington  
as soon as he can. The others I  
released on their taking the "oath  
of allegiance" & promise never to  
fight against our forces, & also  
receiving their word of honor that  
they never had. Col. Miller brought  
in one in secession dress, whom  
he turned over to the Provost Marshall  
at Washington. On Thursday the  
forces were concentrated & Friday  
& Saturday returned to their old grounds.



Today I learned that the first Michigan  
Regt. was detached from me, so that  
I now have but four Regiments. We  
have had rather a sad day today  
two deceased from the 1st Mich.  
two from the 45<sup>th</sup> Penn. & one from  
the New Hampshire. Mrs Corroll  
in her carriage with her mother  
visited me tonight & asked  
me to go to Washington to  
dine with them tomorrow.

Last night I went in after  
dark to carry my report, went  
to see Genl Casey who commended  
me highly for my promptitude  
& faithfulness. I visited Mr & Mrs  
Harwell, & saw their sweet  
little daughter. I got several  
kisses, told Grace. She says "I got  
a pappa", "I got a pappa". Think  
Grace has? I hope Amy is not jealous  
of little sister because she loves  
Pappa, Pappa wants all the love



his children can spare him & that  
it isn't enough to keep him  
warm these cold nights in a  
tent. I went to a prayer meeting  
tonight in the New Hampshire  
Regiment. I do wish Charlie  
would get a commission so that  
I can appoint him my aid.

I have one aid a Mr Miles  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Regt. - an  
acting aid Mr Sudder of the  
45<sup>th</sup> Penn. Mastermarch Barker  
but Quinn has been appointed & I  
expect to get him. Commissary  
Lt. Balloch, & Surgeon Dr Palmer -  
Mr Hewell says I can have his  
horse the 1<sup>st</sup> of March or April  
as I choose. Should I engage it?  
Very much love to all, many  
kisses to the children. I do hope  
poor Jamie is over the scald fever -  
yours & his



Augusta Nov. 12 1861

My dear brother

I returned today to this city & found that the letter I wrote the day before I left was not mailed. I will send it with this.

I saw the Governor today, but he had not heard from Washington. I am convinced that it is of no use to wait for him. He has no intention of commissioning me in connection with one of the new Regts. He suggested today <sup>or he</sup> has before that I go out & get put in a vacancy of the 3<sup>d</sup> Maine & then get transferred. If there is any vacancy then & this can be done I hope it may be now. I do not think I better bother with the Gov. any longer here.

Couldn't you possibly get me a commission from the President? If you told him plainly you desire & the difficulty of my being appointed from any company I thought he might be willing to commission me in some way as Mr. Lowell. Perhaps it is not practicable. You will know. Rowland



To think you might take this Comm.  
~~letter~~ The recent order about ~~promotions~~  
promotions who do not act as such  
gives me a chance of a discharge  
from the 3<sup>d</sup> Me.

I neither desire to be discharged nor  
to go back from this duty unless it be  
to join you.

I am, however, very much hampered  
now that I am under Wiggins & cannot  
desert on my own hook.

I wish I might join you immediately,  
if I am going to do so. Is there a  
vacancy in your Regt, into which I could  
be transferred & then appointed, if I could  
get a commission in the 3<sup>d</sup> Me.? If so  
please to write me immediately also how  
soon to be relieved from this duty, & when  
the transfer is to be made.

I have been feeling some anxiety as to  
the children but Joshua came in  
from Leeds, Leith & Foll, & heard nothing  
but that Grace & Annie were doing well.

Mary & Lizzie had got well when I  
left. I have lots to tell you but hope  
to communicate it soon viva voce.

I wait an immediate reply.

Very Affectionately

C. H. Howard



When I was promoted I was  
separated from Maine Troop  
and perhaps the Governor thinks  
I have got enough - but  
surely Charles deserves a commission  
on his own account. There is  
now considerable sickness with  
us. Last night there were three  
deaths in the Brigade. Typhoid  
fever prevails to a sad extent.  
Are you knitting stockings?

Mrs Sewall gave me  
a flannel night gown yesterday  
so long that it drags on the  
ground. Much love to the children  
& many kisses from papa -  
also to Father & Mother. When  
are you going to Aunt Sarah's -  
Here are some pictures of  
papa's manufacture for Emily  
& Grace to study over -  
Affectionately Otho

Head Mrs 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  
Nov 7 15<sup>th</sup> 1861

My dearest wife

I wish to  
write you a few lines just to  
say that all is well with me.  
Yesterday I went over the  
river to my old Regiment. crossing  
by the ferry & returning by the  
long bridge making in all  
a distance of twenty seven  
miles. You can't think how  
the distances stretch out in  
this country. Monday morning  
by invitation I went in to  
Washington & took tea & staid  
all night coming out in the  
first train Tuesday morning.  
I found Mrs Carroll very well  
& anxiously enquiring about  
you & the children. She wants  
love & so does Mr C. Mrs Candell  
is expecting Susan. I think it  
will do me good even to see  
Susan. Mrs C. says her heart is



almost broken or the loss of you  
& his children. Poor child can  
never realize her privileges while  
she had them as she must  
now. Mrs Sampson sends  
her love & makes many inquiries  
about you & the children. She  
is now the only female with the  
3<sup>d</sup> Maine. Her tent close by  
her husband's. Keeps warm by  
one of our under ground furnaces,  
such as the soldiers improvise.

Col Stoper inquired about  
you, when I heard & how you  
did. I can't help feeling anxious  
about Fannie. as he can't talk  
& like when his little ears are sore -  
I hope Guy & Evelyn are all  
well. Papa can't tell how  
much he wishes to see them.  
Mrs Sampson said it was much  
worse & heard for Mrs Howard  
then for me. I told her it  
was as so, for Mrs Howard  
the children to console her

I heard that Charles had 42 men  
& when he gets 50 he is coming  
back. John Keen had this information  
just from home. I did not say  
anything to you about money  
this last month. I am sorry I  
neglected it. I sold one of my  
horns to Warren Woodman for  
which he gave me his note. I  
bought another of Capt ~~Stoper~~  
for which I paid the cash.  
I had also to buy my Epaulettes - &  
establish a new mess - all of which  
absorbed my last month's pay.  
At the end of the next, I was  
this month I shall make  
you a remittance. I saw your  
name in the papers. I have  
applied for Charlie to be  
detached & also of this to be, but  
I don't know as the War Depart-  
ment can grant me such a  
great favor. I have been  
in hopes the Governor of Maine  
would commission Charlie  
but he has not yet done so



Answered  
Wich

Answered

Camp Howard November 16<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Brig Gen. O. Howard  
N. Sir:

Perhaps you may be surprised at my writing to you, but judging of your character and rapid heartiness from personal observation, I have presumed to address you this letter.

In your position as Commander<sup>in</sup> of a Brigade I know there are many offices in your power to give, or at least it is in your power to recommend, and believing that you know me very well and are aware of the sort of qualifications I possess, I write this to ask you if you cannot assist me in obtaining some office, (such as Quarters Master of a Regiment) under your command. I have had some experience in the business and think I can perform all the duties faithfully and honestly which may be required.

I am not dissatisfied with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine, on the contrary I like the Regiment much, but I have come to the conclusion that there is no chance for further advancement in it for myself, and of course I am anxious to rise higher than my present



positions. Excuse me, Gen, if I have presumed  
too far on your generosity, or ~~or~~ have deviated  
from the line of Etiquette and respect due an  
officer in your position, as I really meant no in-  
fringement on military law and discipline.

If it is not in your power to do anything for  
me, I think I shall apply for a transfer to the  
Navy.

Should it be convenient for you, you would  
much oblige if you would do me the honor of visiting.  
Me your views on this subject

I am Sir

Most respectfully

Yours Truly

Fred Elliot

Brig. Gen O. O. Howard  
Candg Brig

My respects to Capt. Small and tell him I  
received the note I gave him -



Danbury Ct. Nov 18. 1861  
 My Dear Friend I've been thinking some  
 time of writing you, and see if you  
 could not assist me in getting some  
 situation, connected with the Army, or in  
 some capacity under your supervision  
 I am out of employment and have  
 been since the commencement of the hard  
 times, you are acquainted or partly so  
 with my abilities and honesty, any  
 thing you can do for me under the  
 circumstances will always be remembered  
 I enclose a stamp, please answer  
 Resp: Your Friend  
 W. F. D. Weeks

To  
 Brig: Gen. <sup>b</sup> O. O. Howard  
 U. S. Army  
 Washington  
 D. C.

P. S. Quartermaster clerkship or any other, I should  
 or any thing else you think could do.  
 W. F. D. W.

W. F. D. Weeks  
 Danbury Ct.  
 Conn.



or any thing else you think could do.  
 W.B.W.

W.B. Washington  
 W.B. Army  
 W.B. General

My dear friend  
 I am out of sulphur and have  
 been since the commencement of the last  
 year you are acquainted with  
 with my abilities and honesty and  
 thing you can do for me under the  
 circumstances. I am always to remember  
 I believe a stamp, please answer  
 Resp. your friend  
 W.B. Weeks

Received  
 of  
 W.B. Weeks



night of <sup>my</sup> leaving Hall'swell, was  
 taken with typhoid fever & died  
 within seven days. Delirious all  
 the time. He was a blunt, honest boy  
 I met him in perfect health only  
 a short time before he was  
 Department of Washington. He used  
 to drive a team of four horses &  
 government wagon. What shall  
 I say to Guy? I made a rough plan of  
 my quarters, with some of the  
 details - also a sketch of our  
 camp. I sent all to Uncle Rowland.  
 He must send them to Guy. Grace  
 can look at the pictures of paper  
 camp, boats & second &c. If  
 Uncle Rowland send them paper  
 must make some more.  
 Here is our little chubby boy. Fannie  
 who has forgotten his paper. Kiss  
 his little cheeks & lips for papa.  
 Guy & Grace can do it & they must  
 kiss mamma for papa too.  
 I still keep Charlie's place open, hoping  
 he may yet have a commission.

I went to Quantico today. I will Col Miller 36 p.m. Rest  
 today. He has to go nearly two miles further on to get a place to  
 make & Guy is a soldier and I shall be  
 away miles -  
 I have a letter  
 only last night and  
 otherwise well.  
 I hope you are  
 feeling better. My  
 darling - they  
 Mrs. Wm 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  
 Casey's Div<sup>n</sup> near Bladensburg  
 November 20<sup>th</sup> 1861  
 Lizzie.  
 I put off writing  
 you last night because I felt tired.  
 I know you must often write me when  
 you are tired & the thought makes  
 me feel ashamed to offer excuses  
 as a reason of delay. I have not  
 heard from you for a long time.  
 Some irregularity in the Post  
 Office department or my own change  
 of position has prevented me  
 from getting my letters. Yesterday  
 one of my Regiments the 48<sup>th</sup>  
 Pennsylvania was detached & sent  
 to Fort Monroe, and also yesterday  
 Genl Casey reviewed & drilled the  
 part of my Brigade left here. His  
 wife & daughter & another lady  
 accompanied him from  
 Washington. Mrs Casey has just  
 joined her husband. She is quite infirm



Her daughter is a young lady  
of 18 or 20 yrs. - His son - a lad of  
13 rode the general's horse out for  
him. I thought last night I  
should like to see my family  
here but on reflection  
concluded that you & the little  
ones are better there, as long  
at any rate as I have no  
society of remaining a day in  
position. I have taken the house  
which the Sick of Gen<sup>e</sup> Hooker's Div<sup>n</sup>  
has at last vacated. It is a  
nice two story gentleman's  
house. but had been with its  
surroundings been rendered very  
filthy. It has been cleaned &  
furnished - Capt Sewall & I  
occupy two rooms with folding  
doors between, for office & quarters.  
The Dr is a room up stairs, also Capt  
Barker & St. Balloch. Dr. Martin & a  
commissionary two rooms up stairs.  
St. Miles the aid has a little  
room down stairs. Lieut Miles

I appointed from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass. Regt.  
He is a fine looking officer  
about 21 or 22 yrs. with  
good military bearing. Merciful  
& a Christian. He appears &  
looks a good deal like Vincent.  
only taller with a deeper voice.  
I need not say I am highly pleased  
with him. Capt Barker is from  
Portland. 54 years of age. I wanted  
Mr H. Owen. but thought the  
Secretary of War ordered him to  
me. I have not been able to get him.  
But Capt Barker does very well  
Lives active & good hearted. His  
clerk is a civilian. Edwards of Portland  
cousin to John Edwards of the  
Army. I have been to see my old  
regiment since I wrote you. Mrs  
Simpson is full of kind messages.  
She is now the only lady, with  
her tent snuggled close to her  
husband's. Tell Mother that Benjamin  
Woodman, son of Ben Woodman that  
we saw at Cousin Henry Wright's the

Mother over to Charles, father & Mother  
My kind regards to Mother



Leeds. M. Nov. 21. 1861

Dearest

I wonder how soon you  
will take this out of your pocket—  
where I intend to put it. I dread  
to part with Charlie I want him  
to be with you, and I know he  
must go, but it will be another  
trial. I wrote the above last evening  
and have no time to write more this  
morning. May God bless and take  
care of you your own friend.







send quite a little present here  
of different things. So you saw the  
name of Mrs B. B. Howard in the  
papers. I am sorry, and am sorry it was  
put in when it did some good to even  
others to do something. I never should  
have dared then to have made the  
offer if I could have known it  
would be. Guy was very much amused  
at the "pictures of voting" you sent.  
He had put himself in the position  
of all of them, even to the man on his  
back, but thinks it would be pretty hard  
to keep that position, (his head and feet raised  
a little) He is writing or rather painting a  
letter to Susan. I haven't heard from  
West Point since I left. I must  
write to Mrs Belmont. I think Charlie  
will give you the next news after  
you get this letter, if he goes as soon  
as next Wednesday. You will find  
a note with the things if you broke  
sharp enough. I am glad Charlie  
has been home so long, but I haven't  
seen him much seems to me. He  
has been a sort of connecting link  
between us and now he is to be taken.

I shall feel about it - I want him to  
take care of you.  
I have written  
this since I came  
to my room  
Charlie has all day  
-ing downy. I am  
waiting and writing till  
midnight so I can  
take him to  
Sabbath. Charlie  
had a great  
visit at all others  
Sewalls, when he  
was at Bath.  
God night now.  
dearest, I am  
yours  
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I received your  
letter to Mrs Simpson, so I  
could mention it, and thank  
her for the wrapper she gave  
you. I can't help feeling very  
anxious about you while sur-  
rounding as you are with so  
many cases of Typhoid-fever.  
I don't want you to have it, so  
do please for my sake, dearest,  
take just as good care of yourself  
as you possibly can. All the children  
just recovering from sickness  
it seems some as it did last  
winter when we lived with  
the Carrolls, and I can't bear



to even think we may have any  
more sickness at present. and  
particularly you so far away  
and in a tent. Why do you not  
take quarters in some house  
near by? Guy says, "Why don't he-  
live in a house? I thought all  
Brig. Genl. did. Col. Sadgenick did"  
How much like Mrs. Carroll  
to visit you. You must give  
her my best love. As Susan  
is still with Mrs. J. J. Carroll  
I take it they are intending to  
visit Washington and take Susan  
with them. Fannie is better than  
when I last wrote. but I don't  
like to see Grace look so pale  
I fear her blood is poor, any time  
of day that I take off her boots and  
stockings I find her feet like ice.  
she seems happy when at play. a change  
may be of benefit to her. I would

like to go to Auburn Saturday but  
may not till Monday. you may  
direct all letters there after you  
receive this. Charlie and Delle  
were here to take Thanksgiving  
dinner with us to-day. also Roland's  
family. Warren Moore and daughter.  
I forgot to tell you that Fannie  
can walk. He is very happy about  
it. still remembers and likes  
Uncle Charlie little better than  
the rest. don't you think he inherited  
that from his mother: (?) Charlie goes  
to Augusta to-morrow. He will take <sup>to you</sup>  
your things I have to send. I never  
should think of a expect money if you  
did not speak of it. I have quite  
plenty now. I am always glad to have  
you speak of buying things for yourself  
as rather cost. My freight bill was  
little more than forty dollars. I  
think after I go to Auburn I shall



Leeds Nov. 22 1861

Friday Morn.

Dear Brother

I go to Augusta  
this morn and expect to  
go to Washington as soon as  
Wed. next.

I hear from the papers that  
Capt. Sampson is made Maj.  
There would be a vacancy in  
his co. and the Gov. said  
he would commission me  
in the Third Maine - Colonel  
C. C. also has resigned -

With I knew certainly that  
I could be transferred after  
getting a commission to some  
vacancy in your Brigade or  
if not transferred, could  
have the assurance that  
my place could be filled  
when appointed on your staff.



If you can arrange  
these matters with Col.  
Staples perhaps he will  
request a commission from  
Gov. W.

I expect to go directly  
to the Third Mr. and  
will do what I can.

You need not be  
troubled to get my  
transfer in my present  
capacity for I can be  
discharged from the  
3<sup>d</sup> according to a recent  
order about musicians,  
then I can re-enlist with  
you if for the best.

Affectionately

P.S. W. H. Howard  
children & all well  
very happy -  
W. H. H.



Head Quarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Me.  
Nov. 22, 1864.

After some hesitation  
I have concluded to accept the  
Colonelcy of the 14<sup>th</sup>. It is now more  
than half recruited, & will go into  
camp next week. It will be ready  
for the field about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan.

I should like very much to go into  
your Brigade, if you can so arrange  
it.

The appointment was very much  
as it came. I did not expect  
one of the new Regts. It is entirely  
very kind in the Governor; and I  
suspect I am quite as much indebted  
to you as him. I will endeavor  
that you shall not suffer thereby.

I have taken good care  
while in Maine that you should  
suffer nothing by the disappointment of  
others.

Any suggestion, I should be most happy  
to receive. Do you know of the right kind

W. B. F. V.  
C. B. F. V.



of a young man for Adjt. - Smart - will  
perform his duties &c. I have sufficient  
strength - but you know what I need.

The men will be good. The class

of men now enlisting are far better than the earlier enlistments. It will

be a fine Regt. & I should like to be

in the Brigade

Wm. C. Bryant. It will be ready

*F. S. McKern*

Mr. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Washington: I received your

Then give your address. Mine will be with

the 4<sup>th</sup> for ten days at least

one of the new paper.

very thing in the Government; and I

best I can give an honest answer

to you on this. I will endeavor

Thank you for these two cups on Thursday

1. New York - 2nd one.

the cutting of the shipwreck



of them gives the most satisfactory evidence  
of conversion. He is very intelligent & thoughtful  
& would not be led away by any excitement. This  
word suggests reminds me of what seems to me  
a very sad fact, that many of God's people in  
Portland & all the ministers of our denomination  
except Mr. Moore & Dr. Cantham, have turned coldly  
away from Mr. Hammond & have no sympathy  
with the meetings. Why I cannot tell satisfactorily.  
It is said by some that the Boston clergymen  
have by letters to Dr. Chickering prejudiced them  
him & others. The reason undoubtedly is found in  
the character of Mr. Hammond's preaching & the  
manner in which he labors, though to my  
mind it is no excuse at all for Christians  
who by objecting to these, excuse themselves from  
taking any interest in meetings where so  
evidently the Spirit of God is preparing the  
hearts of the unconverted, to receive the good  
Word of His truth. I can hardly give you a  
description of Mr. H's preaching - he fact he  
doesn't preach sermons - He talks, earnestly,  
but without method or arrangement - He opens  
a meeting perhaps with a short prayer, then takes  
the bible & reads a few verses & talks & spends  
perhaps 15 minutes in going over a dozen verses,  
then he may break out into a familiar hymn  
in which the children all join him & some  
of the congregation. Then a young convert

Revival letter from  
Frank Gilman

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Portland Nov. 23 1861.

Dear Howard

I started from home  
earlier than usual this afternoon to  
come down & write to you & greedily  
enough thought on my way that it  
was possible I should get a letter from  
you but hoped not for I wanted the  
credit of writing without a reminder.  
Sure enough the letter was waiting for  
me & found a welcome, so I am all  
charged for a long letter & really have  
any heart free of things new & old &  
some good things to tell you - but shall  
not succeed this afternoon in putting  
it upon paper - We are having such  
an unusual series of meetings in our  
Church that we hardly have recovered  
from our astonishment at being roused  
from sleep in such an unwonted man-  
ner & half of our members are not  
yet fully sensible of what is going on -  
some even are still sleeping. May God



Spirit won convince them that He is  
speaking to them as well as to sinners.  
You ask if I see or feel anything of the  
Revival. I know I see very much of it &  
hope I feel it. At any rate I found it  
a delightful labor for eight successive  
evenings since Friday of last week to be  
at our church from seven to ten, half of  
the time listening to preaching by Mr. H.  
& others & spending the remainder in talking  
simply & earnestly to those who come by  
fifties & even hundreds to the prayer  
& enquiring meetings. Our Harvard Whos  
were a mark of blessing not only to sinners  
but to our church members also, I cannot  
doubt that the Holy Spirit has been with  
us & that many true conversions attest this  
work. We cannot as yet measure it or  
say what has been done but I hope to  
give you hereafter the result in our own  
congregation - all the fruit of these  
precious meetings we shall not know.  
There have been many strangers, soldiers,  
sailors & others in who have received faithful

& affectionate words into their hearts followed  
by prayers that they might bring them to Christ.  
They have left us & hereafter we shall meet  
some of them I hope in heaven. I wish you  
could have been here with us. Thinking  
you might be at Bath Thursday I sent a  
message by Mr. Kirk, who preached for us  
last Sunday, for you to come up here  
but you did not receive it. Mr. Kirk entered  
warmly into our meetings & improved me  
as a very lovable man, I enjoyed his preaching  
very much. I wish you could even now  
come down for a day or two, for I hope we  
shall make some arrangement to keep up  
our evening preaching - this is not decided  
upon yet. Mr. Hammond strongly urges  
that we should procure preachers & keep  
them up. He leaves the first of the week  
preaching only twice more tonight & to-  
morrow night. I feel as if we must continue  
these prayer & enquiring meetings. I could  
fill sheets with telling you of instances  
of conversions & of interesting conversations &  
incidents. Some of my Sabbath school class  
have been very much interested & one



Written & signed  
By  
W. D. C.

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Head Quarters Sedgwick's Div.  
Nov. 24. 1861

Dear General:

Your kind letter  
was recd. several days since.  
I would have answered it im-  
mediately but understood from  
Mrs Sampson that you were ex-  
pected here on Thanksgiving day  
when I would see you personally.

We were disappointed in not  
seeing you when you were here  
before & had intended to have you  
to breakfast with us.

Gen. S. desired me to ask you to  
dine with us on Thanksgiving day  
but Mrs Sampson protested, so I  
did not send the invitation.

Please consider the invitation  
a standing one to yourself & staff



Whenever you come over here we shall expect you to make this your Head quarters -

I was somewhat surprised at your ill-success with Gen Van Olst with regard to my assignment - after what had transpired between you & the G. M. General - Though at first disposed to regret it on many accounts, yet, like everything else, it was undoubtedly for the best - One of the proofs of it is that my brother has lately been quite seriously ill & I was enabled to remove him from his narrow & comfortable quarters to my more commodious tent where he could receive every attention.

And in the course of the war it is very probable that by reason of my position I shall be able to render him still more important service -

Yet with all this I cannot

banish a regret at the overthrow of plans I had formed & confidently reckoned on - and I cannot help still hoping that the fortunes of war may, in some way, throw us together again.

You may be sure I shall never forget your kindness or what I owe to you & that I shall study to deserve & repay it -

I trust that your Gr. M. has turned out better than you expected & that you will suffer no inconvenience from your failure to obtain the man of your choice -

Present my kindest regards to Capt. Sewall -

Very truly your friend  
W. H. Owen



Augusta Nov. 25 1861

My Dear Brother

I bid adieu to home and the family Friday forenoon. We expect to go on with about 50 men starting Wed. A. M.

I saw Gov. Washburn & Mr. Blaine together in the Gov's room - They see no way to have me commissioned except either by the Gov. of some of the States where troops are home or else in the 3<sup>d</sup> Me. and then have that Regt transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Br. I hear from many sources that they would like to be transferred so I have written to Maj. Sampson at the suggestion of Col. Harding who rec'd a letter from Capt. Lewell - to see if I could have a commission in his old Co.

There are several uneasiness in the Regt. I am not sure that Col. Staples wishes to be in 1<sup>st</sup> Br. - I don't know about this but I saw Capt. Richmond Sat. and he says he would like very much to be transferred & he is confident all the officers would. All well at home.

In Haste Yr. affo. Br.

C. H. Howard







Seeds. Nov. 27. 1861.

My dearest Otis

I will write you a short letter this time for I have not time for a lengthy one.

I went to the "circle" this evening, with Col. Gilman and Mother at Mrs. Lathrops. Her baby waked during the evening, just the age of Sammie, and was brought out, they are about the same size, he was very happy but looked somewhat astonished to see so many people in his house. We returned about half past nine, talked a while in the dining room and I am now writing fifteen minutes before eleven. I went to Lewiston Monday <sup>by the train</sup> and returned in the afternoon train, went to Farmington



Tuesday afternoon took Grace with  
me. I went directly to Sarah's  
and I worked nearly all the evening,  
with a man to assist me, opening boxes  
and taking out things I needed.  
I wanted my sewing machine <sup>most</sup> and it was  
sent by itself. I returned this Wednesday  
morning leaving there quarter before  
nine so I had no time to see  
Ella as Bowland had gone to  
Portland to see Frank Gilman.  
Sarah is very comfortably fixed  
but Oh! dear, she has indeed got  
her hands full. I don't put  
my care to be so great since I  
have seen her, but truly I don't know  
how I say I am to leave the  
Farnells house. So I suppose I am.  
I mean by everybody, the people of  
Farmington. Matella goes away to  
school to-morrow. I shall miss  
her some at first. I did leave

Daniel at home, and she got along  
very nicely with him. I wanted  
all these journeys over before  
I lost her. I shall be here a  
while longer. Mother wants me to  
remain till after the first box  
is packed and sent to the soldiers.  
I wonder where they <sup>the things and packages</sup> are the most  
needed, most are directing to the  
"Maine Vol's" and I think that  
a very good way for them to get  
them, through the "Sanitary Com."  
I am too sleepy to write. Charlie  
did not leave Augustus Tuesday  
waiting for Major Eastman to get  
back from New Haven. I don't like  
to hear you have a cold. I don't  
know why, but I do really see no  
way but that you will join some  
expedition by water south. Why are  
you at Bladensburg, not guarding the R.R.?  
Good night now darling. Best love from  
your Linnie.



Boston Nov 28. 1861

Genl. O. O. Howard

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Dear Sir

I received your welcome letter today and went at once to the "Army Express" to see about the books

They told me to send the enclosed receipt to you and if upon calling sending it to the Office the General could not be found they would pay me for it. Please to send once more and if it can not be found if you will let me know it I will send another lot like it.

I am sorry this has troubled you so much and now hope the books may be found.

The boys will be disappointed to learn that you have not received them.

We are all glad to hear from you as <sup>the soldier</sup> it seems nearer to us in this way than when we hear by print.

Again I thank you for your trouble and may the Holy Spirit be with you while away and restore you safely to your home when this war is over.

Yours in love of Christ  
James L. Wilmore  
142 Court Street



J. J. Gilman  
142 Corn St. Boston



was highly praised by those who heard it  
but I have only glanced at it & do not  
know what it is. I enclosed a hymn  
sung tonight & was intending to put in a  
clip from Saturday's courier about Mr. H.  
but do not see it now. I have not long  
for a letter, for but for "your goodself"  
the mercantile letters have it, & it is  
very soon.

Good night

Yours affectionately  
J. W. Hulme

Good news, was it not, from the  
"Expedition" that we had letters from the  
fleet enclosing "pieces of the insolent  
rebel flag that floated over Fort  
Wagner & Murrells - Evidence if you  
can such inexcusable mutiny as I  
can find no reason for finding or making.  
My kind regards to your family.

Farmington Nov. 29/61

Dear Bro. Otis I send this letter because ~~882~~  
will give you a better idea of the work of  
Grace in progress in Portland than anything  
I can write in the time at my disposal.  
I went down to P. Yers. & returned Sunday  
& witnessed repetitions of that Sunday night  
scene - Dr. Kirk preached as if his inspira-  
tion was direct from the throne - & the  
evening meetings were such as never have  
delighted your heart - I did not know  
how low - eviled, backslidden I was till  
I got there - I tried to converse with  
niggers some & would have staid  
longer had not my duties here recalled  
me - I saw proud fashionable women  
weeping like children - Dr. Kirk & indeed  
we all would kneel right down in the  
pews & pray with the distressed souls -  
I had Charles good bye on the train -  
Lizzie was up <sup>on</sup> Tuesday but stopped  
at Sarah's & took into her goods  
stored there - Ella & baby are well -  
Thank <sup>you</sup> for your letter & the plan  
of your Encampment - I am well



Writes me that he has seen you  
since you wrote - Charles will be  
with you tomorrow - He must go out  
to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg. with his men & be  
careful to redeem all his promises  
to them & do all they could reasonably  
expect - His Christian <sup>reputation</sup> ~~character~~ would  
be involved in their disappointment &  
I should feel personally grieved if Col.  
Aples & he do not do well by them.

The purpose of sermon making  
merely my missing was now. But

I hope I will hear from you often -  
How about your Staff - Send a list -  
Give much Christian love to Maj. Small -  
Tell him it seems now in Portland  
as it did in Bath in 1858 -

Yrs. aff. Brother  
Rowland

with us through the week, will it not be  
delightful. It seems to me that he must  
have great effect upon a class of people who  
will not come to hear Mr. Hammond. He made  
a most stirring address tonight, compared prayer  
with steam, & believed that we had not just begun  
to see its effects as when Watts observed the  
lifting of the kettle cover & that we should  
yet see it on the arm that should move  
the world - Can't you come down this  
week Howard & witness for yourself these  
precious meetings; I should be delighted  
to have you stop with us, as I know my  
brother would, & I think you would find  
such a field for a few evenings later on  
would do you heart good - do come the  
ministers I know will welcome you - I  
will tell you then perhaps of my visit to  
Washington - It was a very pleasant  
journey - Was disappointed in calling at  
Gen. Howard's quarters to find that he was  
out of town, having gone to Bladenburg. I was  
counting upon being here considerably for the  
pleasure of my visit, but was fortunate in finding  
more pleasant friends - You will smile at  
receiving with this mail another production  
of Mr. Walker's, it was published yesterday &  
I thought you would not be unwilling to read  
it. The author pinned it on his own responsibility - It